



# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 19 September 2021

## Daily Mass Readings:

**Sunday 19** Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Response** *The Lord upholds my life*

**Monday 20** Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday 21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday 22** Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday 23** Haggi 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday 24** Haggi 1:15-2:9; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday 25** Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45



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### Holy Trinity Parish Vision

*We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.*

### ‘AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM ‘

*We, parents particularly, all know how defenseless and fragile children are. That is why God loves children very much, as Jesus showed us in his whole life. Jesus tells us even how we have to become like children, not that we have to become childish but that like children we must be spontaneous, open and simple. Children do not ask for their due; they expect things from others and they accept everything as a gift. In the same way we must be open to the gifts of God and of people.*

*Fr Bill*

### Wellington at Alert Level



**All Parish buildings remain closed.  
There will be no Masses,  
Liturgies or parish gatherings until  
further notice.**

Cardinal John says that we do not know how long we will be in Level 2 or whether the restrictions in this level might be relaxed a little or at a later date. **He advises the following instructions apply in parishes until Tues 21 Sept:**

- *There are to be no public Masses or other liturgical events or in-person parish gatherings in the Archdiocese.*
- *Churches are to be closed except for funerals, as it is difficult to monitor contact tracing, social distancing, mask wearing, and numbers.*
- *Funerals can take place with a maximum of 50 people in total, with the required social distancing, contact tracing, and wearing of masks. Funerals can take place in a church, and meetings with the family can take place with observance of the Level 2 requirements. The funeral director's instructions must be followed.*

The vaccination centre Holy Cross Church hall continues to be a busy place at the weekends. The staff working there are doing a fantastic job. **If parishioners would like to help provide morning or afternoon tea at the weekends for the team who usually number 8-10 people please contact the parish office 3886953 for more details.** Thank you very much to those who have volunteered so far – we have September covered but are looking for people from October onwards. We ask to you bring finger food that **does not have to be heated.** They will be with us every weekend right through until 10 December.



**CATHOLIC** – Do you have a friend or a partner who would like to know more about the catholic faith? For further information contact Margaret 021 344 356, or Fr Bill 3886953. We look forward to seeing you. A gathering of all interested persons will take place once we return to Level 1.



**Proclaimers of the Word training sessions.** Training sessions will held after each Mass on **9 and 10 October.** Please mark in your dairy and be prepared to stay for a session after Mass.





**Gascoigne Educational Scholarship.** This scholarship is open to all ages groups who are present members of Holy Trinity Parish and are planning to study for 2021 and beyond at a tertiary level and who meet the qualifying criteria which are included in the terms and conditions.

For an application form (including terms and conditions) email the parish office

[holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz) or download a copy from the website <http://www.holytrinity.parish.nz/> **Closing date: 31 October 2021**

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## A Message of Support from Your Vinnies.



While we are all grateful to move to Level 2+ lockdown in Wellington, your Vinnies realise that this doesn't necessarily mean that everything is ok and returns to 'normal' in the instant. Some may have extra expenses as children return to school or associated with new work requirements (for example mask wearing). Our new responsibilities are still designed to keep our community safe, for which we are grateful. And your Vinnies is still able to help you or others whom you may know need help - a phone call, deliveries of some extra food support or something else you think we might be able to help with, please don't hesitate to contact us. All our members operate within the strictest privacy standards, are police vetted for your peace of mind, and genuinely want to help where they can. Contact details are: Holy Trinity Parish Office: or Andrew Bridgman 027 596 7665.

We will then refer your need to one of our members most able to help as soon as possible.

**The Compassion Soup Kitchen** Serving takeaway meals between 12pm and 1pm every day. This year, we are serving on average 230 meals a day which is both a significant increase from our usual 60-100 meals a day, and an increase from the 120 meals a day we served during 2020 lockdown. We have had great support from the community and city council. Visit the Sisters of Compassion facebook page to hear about the Compassion Soup Kitchen lockdown mahi: <https://fb.watch/7B4WeBLSZI/>

**Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal** Sept is our annual appeal month but because of current COVID-19 restrictions, St Vincent de Paul Society have had to make the tough call to cancel the Vinnies Annual Street Appeal. For the last 120 years, with the generosity of our community, we have provided meals for those that need it most. During lockdown, we have been serving 200-230 meals a day, seven days a week a day so your support is more important than ever. You can help us feed Wellingtonians doing it tough by donating to our appeal online <https://soupkitchen.org.nz/donate/donate-money/>

**Click the link to view the latest digital issue**

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/0c7dd53b-b640-42c7-9b20-ac28de9d0386>

**Get one. Give one.**

Chris from St Aidans has sent this to Fr Bill.

When you get your Covid-19 vaccine, give \$10 so that one of the world's most vulnerable can get theirs.

Let's pass our gratitude on. Because Covid-19 won't be over until it's over for everyone.

For more information and to donate: <https://Chir/givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>

**2022 Applications for Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarships are open** Tertiary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and Palmerston North entering their third year of study are invited to apply for a scholarship. Each student selected receives \$3,000 towards their studies. Applications close 1 Oct 2021. Visit <https://compassion.org.nz/latest-news/suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-2022>



**Global Synod – For a Synodal Church Pope Francis** is asking every baptised person to be involved in a global Synod, “*For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission*”. Every diocese in the world will celebrate the opening of the Synod on Sunday 17 October. In Wellington, the opening Mass will be at St Teresa’s Pro-Cathedral, Karori. Parishes all over the Archdiocese will join in prayer for the Synod that weekend. In the following weeks, each one of us is invited to prayerfully reflect on the Synod materials and submit a response – both individually or with others. Watch this space or visit [www.wn.catholic.org.nz](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz) for more information about how you can participate.

Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. Pope Francis: Laudato Si’ paragraph 217

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening): The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 20 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session or \$90/series. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/> For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz) Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

**PARISH COMMUNICATION** Some people may be missing out on parish information. If you know of any family or friends who don't receive our emailed newsletter or don't have the parish app please encourage them to sign up. These are two quick and effective ways to communicate to you any developments regarding many aspects of parish life.

Let us pray for all those who are unwell especially *Msgr John Carde, Malia Foliaki, Agnes Connolly, Lily Paese, Jonathan Hunt, Warren Stevenson and John Cairns-Cowan* and those recovering at home including *Eddie Wilkins*. And we pray for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

We also pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



We're fortunate that **Covid Level 2** is going well even with a few potential risky situations (outside of Wellington) during the week. The majority of the team of New Zealand certainly seems to be prepared to go the distance and support each other in keeping as safe as possible and expecting others to do the same.



There has been recent comment from the Government, the Ministry of Health, the Bishops Conference and the media regarding the damage caused by the spreading of misinformation about regarding many aspects of Covid-19. We're reminded to be wary, to check with reliable sources (ie experts in the field) if concerned and report the spreading of these behaviours.



We are all still encouraged to: wear face coverings when out and about, scan or record attendance, keep 2 metres distance if possible from people we don't know, not gather in large groups, have the vaccinations, stay home if unwell and of course, be kind and helpful.

**Having the two vaccinations can help make us and other people safer.**

**If you wish to book a vaccination, go to:**  
<https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/> OR phone 0800 28 29 26

In days there are spaces available at HC Hall – a message will be sent out by Parish App.  
 Information re vaccinations is at: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/> OR [www.VaccinateGreaterWellington.nz](http://www.VaccinateGreaterWellington.nz)



**'Let's journey for each other' is an informative YouTube video re vaccinations.**

- [Te Reo Māori Kuki 'Āirani | Cook Islands Māori \(external link\)](#)
- [Gagana Samoa | Samoan \(external link\)](#)
- [Lea Faka Tonga | Tongan \(external link\)](#)



"I appreciate your enthusiasm for the new system, Dr Jones ... but let's just stick with calling it 'Book My Vaccine'."

Our wellbeing and that of our families and friends is important:

- ❖ Taha tinana – physical wellbeing
- ❖ Taha hinengaro – mental wellbeing
- ❖ Taha wairua – spiritual wellbeing
- ❖ Taha whanau – family wellbeing

While the return to our new “new normal” may be in sight some of us may still feel anxious or stressed. It’s okay to ask for help or for a bit of a chat. In addition to friends or family, a reminder of a few agencies:

- ❖ Free call or text 1737 for counsellor support
- ❖ Mental Health – call or text 1737 anytime
- ❖ Lifeline – 0800 543 354 or free text 4357
- ❖ Family Violence – 0800 456 450
- ❖ Alcohol or Drug – 0800 787 797
- ❖ Youthline 0800 376 633 Or freetext 234
- ❖ Samaritans – 0800 726 666
- ❖ Seniorline 0800 725 463
- ❖ Pacific Communities – 0800 652 535 (0800 OLA LELEI)

Others at:

<http://https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/mental-wellbeing/>



## SOME LITTLE PRAYERS AND REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Loving God,  
we seek your presence in the silence beyond words  
looking to you for comfort, strength, protection and reassurance  
breathing with gratitude, holding on to hope, trusting with faith  
that you are still God in the midst of the turmoil  
and that your love reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Be present with us now.

*(Time for silent reflection)*

**Amen**

All shall be well, all shall be well... For there is a Force of love moving through the universe That holds us fast and will never let us go."

Saint Julian of Norwich ( c.a. 1342-1416)



God, whose power is at its best in weakness:  
You have entrusted us, in our frailty, with the awesome privilege of being your presence in our world.

You say to each of us: *Go, you are sent.*  
In naming and sending, you honour our ability to serve.

Yet we know our need of you, even as we travel in the echo of your voice: *Go, you are sent.*

Bless us as we set out and, as you have done for so many, strengthen our weariness; steady our trembling.  
May we never forget that you are with us and joyfully answer your call: *Go, you are sent.*

We go, gifting your mercy, proclaiming your truth and celebrating your goodness;  
our words and actions revealing your face to all we meet.  
Blessed are you, God of the journey. **AMEN.**

*"Let us be kind,  
and we will give happiness;  
for nothing gives more happiness  
than kindness.  
Let us be kind,  
and we will be happy ourselves,  
and we will become Saints  
in imitating Him who spent his  
life on earth 'going about doing good.'"*

Mother Mary Joseph Aubert

**St. Alphonsus Liguori's  
Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**5 KEYS to PRAYER**

- QUALITY**  
The quality of your prayer is more important than the quantity and length.
- SINCERITY**  
Be sincere when talking to the Lord. Speak from your heart.
- CONCENTRATION**  
Train yourself to concentrate and try your best to ignore distractions.
- PREPARATION**  
Prepare your mind and heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present.
- LOCATION**  
Look for a suitable and silent place to say your prayers.

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*Mā Te Atua tātou katoa e manaaki – may God keep all of us in His care.*

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,  
giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.  
the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.  
From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.  
From Psalm 104: 10-13*



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*Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. The hand that blesses is an instrument of God's love and a reflection of the closeness of Jesus Christ, who came to accompany us on the journey of life. Water poured over the body of a child in Baptism is a sign of new life. Encountering God does not mean fleeing from this world or turning our back on nature. Laudato Si', 235*

How might God be inviting us to be aware of our use of water – both wise and wasteful? How aware are we of the gifts that water provides us in our lives in NZ? How can we be more mindful in our use of water? How might we help those countries that don't have access to safe water supplies?

