



# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 12 September 2021

## Daily Mass Readings:

**Sunday 12** Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Response** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**Monday 13** 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday 14** Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday 15** Heb 5:7-9, Jn 19:2-27

**Thursday 16** 1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday 17** 1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday 18** 1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15



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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.*

### 'DO WE GO JESUS' WAY?'

*Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Welcome! Today is the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the second Sunday of the Season of Creation, Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o te reo Māori - Māori Language Week. Pope Francis has said, 'every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in lifestyles and models of production and consumption.'*

*When Jesus tells us today that we have to follow him in taking up the crosses that come our way, do we accept that as disciples of Jesus today? Rings very true for all of us in these unprecedented times! Fr Bill*

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

Cardinal John has written to us on Tuesday afternoon 7 Sep following the announcement from the Prime Minister that we would be moving to Level 2 as of Wednesday morning 8 Sep. He is very grateful for all that we are doing to keep safe in the community. He also notes that we have seen how easily a church gathering can become a spreader event and the distress this can cause in the community.

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. Fr Bill and his dad received their second vaccination last weekend and are now fully vaccinated. The staff working there are doing a fantastic job amid the conditions that are required. If parishioners would like to help provide morning or afternoon tea for the team who usually number 8-10 people for 11/12 Sep or 18/19 Sep 23/24/25 Sep please contact Fr Bill 3886953 for more details. They will be with us right through until early December.

Please find attached once again a lovely reflection from Fr James Lyons who put this together earlier last year and a lovely opportunity to revisit again.

**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.

Each September the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand set aside Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue. **Social Justice Week 2021** takes place from 12 to 18 Sept. The theme this year is A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church / He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu: Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi. The theme was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti.

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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. 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/>

"The Archdiocese is seeking applications for four roles, the Manager Property and Support Services, Board and Committee Secretary, Consultant Catholic Secondary Colleges and Administrative Assistant CSES. Please refer to the Archdiocese website under vacancies for further information. [https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw\\_community/vacancies/](https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/vacancies/) We will accept all applications up to Friday, 17 Sept 2021.

**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>

**St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is seeking a Part-Time Parish Manager** to work collaboratively with the Parish's office team, parish leadership and volunteers. For more information or to apply online visit <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

Season of Creation (from the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 Sept to St Francis Day on 4 Oct), reflection sheet for week 2 available here: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-2.pdf>

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

**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.

*FR DON MORRISON RIP – passed away at the Home of Compassion in Silverstream on Sunday 15 August the Feast of the Assumption. Due to COVID Fr Don's funeral had been postponed until last Friday 3 Sep where Cardinal John was able to celebrate a Requiem Mass at the Richmond Funeral Home in Carterton with 10 people. Fr Don himself was an assistant priest at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie 1964- end 1966. Even back in those early years when I was at St Patrick's Primary School in Kilbirnie I remember Fr Don very well. He brought life and energy to the parish in so many ways and loved visiting. It was Fr Don's wish to be buried in Featherston where he had served the community for just over 30 years. – Fr Bill*

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 especially Margaret Guidera RIP, Fr Don Morrison RIP, Sr Monica Landy CSB RIP and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including Ray Quirke (anniv), Beverly Faye, Mary Dysart, Beverly Thurlow and Fr Brendan Kenny.



We should all be feeling pleased that the team of NZ's responses to the lockdown weeks have seen a lessening of the Covid Delta spread and enabled most of us to get to Level 2 even if it does have a few extra requirements and suggestions for the good of all: *face coverings, scanning or recording attendance, keeping your distance, gatherings of a limited size, having vaccinations, staying home if unwell.*



### Pray, Reflect, Meditate

While we cannot yet use our church buildings we should keep in mind that the Church is more than the buildings, it's the people. Perhaps never more so than when we cannot gather to worship as a community.



For those missing attendance at Mass, various on-line options are available, but the challenge is to make efforts to participate not merely "to watch". Some people prefer to pray on zoom or face time, others to pray with family or quietly alone. What is important is to make sure we do reflect, pray, meditate. In addition of course, to keeping up contact and care for others.

Maybe you have a designated sacred space in your home.

### My Mask (a reflection)

Holy God, you see me and you hear me.

Through my mask, you see if I smile or if I scowl.

Through my mask, you hear me if I whisper a brief prayer or mutter a muffled curse.

My friends don't see or hear or know; nor do my family; nor my colleagues.

But you do.

This mask takes away power – the power of clear communication but also the possibility to infect. But it also grants a freedom to be with. My smiles, my thoughts, my mumbles, though – these I know, but they are a greater mystery to others now.

But not to you, Lord. You see past my mask, you hear through it, you know.

But your mask, Lord, what about your mask? Who can see through your mask? Hear through it?

I cannot.

I cannot see if you smile or if you scowl.

I cannot hear if you whisper an answer to my prayer or brush off my curse.

I cannot sense if you are pleased with me or if you are waiting for me to do much better.

Can we all take off our masks, Lord? Put them away?

When the disease that moves us to mask our faces for safety fades away, will our eyes and our ears be stronger, better able to see and to hear the smiles and the frowns, the cries and the whispers of those who fill our lives? Who make our lives worth living?

Will we see, Lord, that what we think of as your mask is really also our own, our inability to find you in the rush of our lives, our failure to see you in all the wonders you show us, our incapacity to hear your gentle voice in the tumult that surrounds us.

Can we know, Lord, that we put on many masks so we can cope, avoid, pretend, be acceptable? (What scar did the Phantom's mask hide? "Who was that masked man?")

Help us, Lord, to move beyond our masks. You are here for us to see and to hear. Help us. Let us take off our masks.

- Fr. Edward Schmidt S.J.

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*May the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord,  
my Rock and my Redeemer.  
Psalm 19:14*

**Some possible sites of interest:**

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<https://gratefulness.org/>

<https://cac.org/>

<https://foodforfaith.org.nz/podcast/>

<https://chchcatholic.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Sunday-Prayer-at-Home-2020.pdf>

*When we aren't sure, God,  
**help us be calm;**  
when information comes  
from all sides, correct and not,  
**help us to discern;**  
when fear makes it hard to breathe,  
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,  
**slow us down, God;**  
help us to reach out with our hearts,  
when we can't touch with our hands;  
**help us to be socially connected,**  
when we have to be socially distant;  
**help us to love as perfectly as we can,**  
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."*

*For the doctors, we pray,  
for the nurses, we pray,  
for the technicians and caregivers, we pray,  
for the researchers and theorists, we pray,  
for the epidemiologists and investigators, we pray,  
for those who are sick, we pray*

*for those who are grieving, we pray,  
for all who are affected all around the world, we pray,  
for safety, we pray,  
for health, we pray,  
for wholeness, we pray.*

*May we feed the hungry,  
give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked and house those without homes;  
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,  
and may we do all that we can to heal  
the sick—  
in spite of the epidemic,  
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,  
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,  
in the name of the Healer,  
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,  
we pray.*

*May it be so.*

**Amen**

*Adapted from Rev. Richard Bott*

## Act of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that you desire to make your home with me and that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."



REJOICE  
IN HOPE,  
BE PATIENT  
IN TRIBULATION,  
BE CONSTANT  
IN PRAYER.

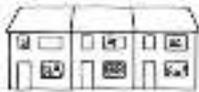
ROMANS 12:12

FOR ALL THE LAW IS  
FULFILLED IN ONE  
WORD, EVEN IN THIS;  
THOU SHALT LOVE THY  
NEIGHBOUR AS  
THYSELF.  
GALATIANS 5:14

# BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



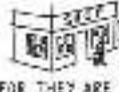
FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCITY THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



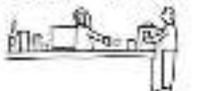
FOR THEY ARE THE BOMBERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL NURSES, THE AMBULANCE DRIVERS, THE EDUCATORS, THE SERVICES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE DEVIL, AND THE ENEMY OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEM

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY MAKE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELM AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS, THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



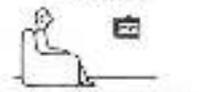
FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED



FOR WHEN THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE, ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT, MAY YOU KNOW CALM, AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

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## 20 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



What are our actions for the Season of Creation?



*Celebrate the diversity and richness of New Zealand.*



We're just coming to the end of Tonga Language Week  
**Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga.**

**This year's theme:**

***Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Ako Lelei,***  
*meaning enriching Aotearoa with holistic education.*

Catch up on some of the news and events  
**[NZ Tonga Language Week Facebook page](#)**

This coming week is Maori Language Week,

***Te wiki o te reo Maori - Kia Kaha te Reo Māori –***  
*Let's make the Māori language strong.*

Much information available online and the Facebook page.

