



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

His Voice that speaks of Peace

9 August 2020

Reflection

Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters." He said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples while walking toward them on the water. Through the chaos that the apostles were experiencing through the rough storms, they did not believe it was him, insisting in terror that the figure in front of them was a ghost.

Despite their disbelief and disorder, "Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It's me! Do not be afraid.'"

He meets them where they are, in the storm, in their troubles, in their turmoil. He assures the apostles that He is right alongside them, while they might not see it at first, He was there all along. Jesus was not going to abandon them, nor was He going to let the rough weather cause any harm unto them.

Here, Jesus is reminding us to have courage, to trust that He is right beside us in all the chaos and the struggles we encounter in life. We often question His presence, when things don't go to *our* plan, we have a tendency to conclude that Jesus had deserted us. But we must have courage, for He will never forsake us. We must not be afraid.

Jesus then calms the sea, His power over the raging waters showing the lengths He would go to in order to protect His people. Jesus' love for us is infinite; there is nothing He wouldn't do to protect us.

Finally, He brings Peter onto the water, He walks with him despite how impossible the action may seem. We see that with Christ, all is feasible. When we hit a roadblock and feel like nothing is going right, we must have courage and have faith in Him. For the impossible is possible if we accept the hand Jesus is holding out for us.

And much like Peter, we can walk on water with Him.

Thusharini Pushpakumar

That All May Be One

Jubilee Year 1971–2021

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

St Mark's Young Adults

We invite all young adults to join us for fellowship after the **10:30am mass on Sunday 9th August at the Lyons Den!** Come along to hear the planned events for the group while having a good lunch with better company

Inviting all young adults 18-35, married, dating or single, to come along to our August gathering. The theme is on Virtuous Friendship and we have invited a guest speaker! Save the date on Sunday 23rd August in the Lyons Den from 2:30 to 5:30pm. See the young adults' notice board for more details of our upcoming events. Hope to see you there!

AT THE TABLE

Calling all Teens Aged 13-18 for the next two events continuing our [LifeTeen](#) series on Racism. We are addressing this topic to shed light onto the darkness just as Jesus did. The radical beauty of the Gospel is that we are ALL called to have a seat at the table of equality and dignity. We are called to live out this truth here on earth, as a reflection of what heaven will be like.

Venue:- Parish Hall—Dinner will be provided

Dates: [Saturday 15 August @ 6.45pm – 9pm](#)
[Saturday 5 September @ 6.45pm – 9pm](#)

Contact [Emma— 021 025 05851](#)

Children's Liturgy

Volunteers needed—please contact Mannix in the Parish Office.

EDUCATION

Sacraments of : Confirmation and 1st Communion— 30 August 2020 @12:30 PM

Preparation Course for 1st Communion

[9 Aug – Children's Session @4:00 – 5:00 PM](#)

[16 Aug – Children's Session @4:00 – 5:00 PM](#)

[23 Aug –Confirmation and 1st Communion](#)

[Rehearsal @ 4:00 – 5:00 PM \(Parents & Children\)](#)

Please contact Mannix

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For parents with children aged 3-9. Come and experience life in St. Mark's atrium where adults and children listen, contemplate, and enjoy God's presence in a specially prepared space for the religious life of children. For information, please email stmarksatrium@gmail.com or contact [Mary Anne @ 021 0266 9912](#)



You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. (John 15:16)

If you or anyone you know have been coming to Mass or visiting our Parish for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment.

Start of the enquiry period will be on the 12 August 2020 @ 7.00pm in the Parish Hall

Contact: Mannix – 027 248 4232 - Parish Office
Rosemary Palmer – 534 5499

Email: mannix@stmark.org.nz

SOCIAL

Communion to the Sick

For those who are sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office

Choral Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[Saturday, 15 August 2020 @7.00am](#). Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. All welcome. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/211864553465535/> .

Mass will continue to be live streamed

[Tue—Sat @ 9.00am & Sat Vigil @ 5.30pm & Sun 10.30am](#) on St Mark's FB Page: St Mark Pakuranga & YouTube—subscribe to St Mark Pakuranga—:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9W-OJU2AH4>

Mass on Shine TV

Sunday Mass @ 2.00pm on Shine TV Free-to-air Channel 25, Sky Chanel 201 is ongoing. On Sunday **Bishop Pat** will post a short **message** to the Diocese through the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

Diocesan Clergy Assembly—11 & 12 August

There will be no Mass on these days as both Fr Sherwin & Fr Jude will be away. There will be Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

Meet every Thursday @ 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please feel free to join us in praise and worship.

We will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting on the 10 September 2020. Further information to follow—watch this space.

Contact - [Mike Lobo @ 09 39 000 48](#)

Mothers Prayer Group

Meet to pray specifically for children, grandchildren & the gift of Motherhood. Please join us on [Tuesday, 11 August @ 1.30pm—2.30pm](#) in the Church

Coast to Coast Rosary

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held on [Sat, 15th August at 3 pm](#). Please lead or join a group in your parish or community. For information call [Clare 022 1912 886](#) or go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

St Vincent De Paul

In July 36 Food parcels were delivered and reached 138 people (58 Adults & 80 Children) in our community. We thank you for your continued support. Urgently need household furniture and household goods—please contact [Anthony—09 270 4088](#)

Social Justice Election Forum

7:00pm Tuesday 18 August 2020 St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby hosted by the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission. This is your chance to ask representatives of all the major Parties where they stand on important issues. All welcome. For further information contact Theresa Fepuleai theresafeps@yahoo.com or Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz

New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation

Auckland Community Day, [Saturday 5th September 2020](#) @ St Mary's Catholic church hall, 52 East Street, Papakura. [10am to 3pm](#) - Christian meditation and the Christian tradition - Presented by Nick Polaschek—

How does our

Christian meditation fit into the Christian tradition?

Nick Polaschek is a Christian meditator from Wellington, practising in the Roman Catholic tradition. Please bring your own lunch. Please bring a koha. There will be two periods of meditation. People new to meditation are most welcome. For more information contact Vincent Maire on 027 276-6032 or vincentmaire12@gmail.com

FINANCES

We need your help... [Please support us via:](#)

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ST MARK PARISH APP! - To download:

Step 1: Download **ChurchApps NZ**
Step 2: Search "St Mark" and it will pop up with our parish
Step 3: Choose your Groups to get alerts of events, rosters
Step 4: Stay updated and connected to St. Mark's

Collection: 1 & 2 August 2020 \$3,694.40

OTHER

NZ Catholic

The August 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Priests shouldn't promote political parties. Auckland's Mercy Spirituality Centre closes. Vatican instruction gives guidance on parish reforms. St Paul a model for ecumenical dialogue . *Is available for purchase in the foyer @ \$4.00*

Rosters

Please collect from the Church Foyer or can be found on the [Church App or Website](#)

Gifting envelopes for 2020

Please collect these from the Church Foyer

Cultural Food Festival

The North East Asia Food Festival will be held on **Sunday, 23 August** and will include cuisines from [China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korean, & Japan](#). If you would like to contribute towards this fundraising event, contact Alice—[027 583 0966](#) or Adelyn—[021 187 9001](#) Please bring cash money.

Collection of Original Homemade Recipes for St Mark's 50th Jubilee Yearbook.

We are compiling **Original Homemade Recipes** from [parishioners for our 50th Jubilee Yearbook](#). If you have any good recipes, please submit it to the Parish Office. Recipes should preferably be in Word format or similar with pictures please. [Closing date for submissions is 30 September 2020](#). We will then compile a book for sale, all proceeds going to the Parish Fund. [We are also looking for sponsors who would like to advertise in this 50th Jubilee Yearbook](#). Thank you.

Support our Parish Trades People, Professional and Businesses

If you would like to promote your Trade, Profession or Business, please inform the office as we are creating a Parish directory to support Parishioners talents, skills and business

A Families Valuable Item

Please could the "replica of the Philippine Jeepney" - Pictured below— be returned to the Parish Office as this was loaned for the Cultural Food Festival, and has gone missing.



With Praise and Thanksgiving to God
You are invited to the

Sacred Ordination to Diaconate

of

Chani Thomas Park

Diocese of Auckland

&

Isaac Francis Dominic Fransen

Diocese of Hamilton

11am Saturday

19/09/2020

Sacred Heart Church,
16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

Rosters—15 & 16 August 2020

5.30 pm	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm
Music			
Gospel Choir	Cheryl & Choir	St Francis	Ella Donald
Data Projectionist			
Hayden Kwan	Janice Encabo	Alex Tabaco	Arielle Bautista
Altar Servers			
Jacob Tiigley	Shreyas Vangala	Cyprus Causer	Regina Sutjahjo
Ethan Tigley	Cady Lim	Derek Eugenio	Jeffrey Gualanes
	Dillon Vaoga	Victoria Chiremje	
		Jacob Manuyag	
Recording		Cleaning	
Brian Treacy	Michael Cheng		
Suze Xu	Bardo & Vivian Li		
Rosa Chow	Elsa Hyland		
Brian Nobbs	Betty Osuyos		
Malcolm Martis	Allie Misa		
		Flowers	
		Wendell & Peryll Angac	

Wedding Anniversary—August 2020

Wishing all couples celebrating their anniversary this month a happy and blessed year ahead

Colin & Marjorie Crisp, Nera & Rukshan Fernando, Christine & Jason Gustilo, Andrea & Justin Petch, Bede & Pam Sturrock, Zosimo & Jesley Cruz, Philip & Grace Heng, Johannes & Loreta Klaessens, Neil & Rosemary Grant, Keith & Jan Woollerton

In the celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayer, remember:

Recently Deceased

Nicholas Champion, Alfredo Tapia, Vivienne Jun, Jaide Dionela, Chan Siu Ying, Basilisa Palmiano

Anniversary of Death

Antonio Mangalino, Romeo Siscar, Fe Jimouz, Tangata Kimiora, Eliza Mascarenhas, Jocelyn, Tan Koh Hong, Margaret Soh Suet Hung, Christine Emily, Cortez Aguilar, Sergio Vasquez, Li-wen Meng Sung, Bernarda Montano, Agnes David, Krugar Hillary, Mary Tissong, May Chong, Don Rey, Jesus Loremas, Perla Loremas, Marie Perry, Ray Green

For the Sick : Please notify the office once the name can be removed.

Andrew George, Terri Champion, Melissa Champion, Maria Hsieh, Arthur Sinajou, Alejandriana Sinajou, Lyan Lopez, Jean Galema, Peter Hubely, Erick Kwong, Rachel Hammond, Greg Hayes, Gerard & Marylon Tangee, Matt Jones, Chan Sui Ying, Marie Mascarenhas, Annette Peterson, Anneka & Peter Wolfkamp, Lyn Visser, Matt Joue, Janet Lopez, Ann McPhillips, Peter McPhillips, Joseph Weiss, Gertrude Moran, Lucy Chen, Lawrence Javis, Isabel Morais, Joan P. Ah-Wa, Barbara, Mulfide Mary R, Mehmet Rende

ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

To promote a loving, caring, Christ-like community which accepts all people.
And is inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread
The Good News of Jesus Christ.

MORNING TEA

In the Parish Centre after
the 10.30am Mass

ALL WELCOME

Sunday Readings

Kings 19: 9, 11-13
Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

Psalm: 84: 9-14

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water

Liturgy of the Word

Monday : 9.00am

ROSARY

Tues—Friday @ 8.30am

Saturday @ 8.00am

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tues—Friday @ 9.30am

Mass Times

Tues—Sat: 9.00am

Wednesday : 7.00pm

Sat Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am

10.30am

6.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Saturday : 9.30am

4.30– 5.15pm

And on request

Exposition & Holy Hour



Wednesday :

9.30am - 12.00pm

Saturday:

8.00am—9.00am

1st Friday of the month

7.30pm—9.00am Saturday