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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Lord of History

18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Mission Sunday**

#### Reflection

It is actually quite ironic in relation to our current day elections, as held this weekend and electing a party and hence leader.... that in today's first reading Isaiah reminds Israel, that the Lord rules not only over them but over all nations and is the only God. These claims must have seemed absurd to his hearers because in their day a god's rank is reckoned by the nation-status of its people compared to others. The biblical Prophets insist that the Babylonians are merely the instrument the Lord uses to punish Israel for its infidelity.

In our Second Reading today this letter written in AD50-51, is the earliest writing in the New Testament. Paul reminds the Thessalonians to claim the Gospel and how Baptism can expand their existence. These individual lives are now intertwined in Christ, in with the members of their communities as well as other Christian communities, and their gifts are faith, love, and hope. These gifts require effort. Faith must be demonstrated by action; labour is a love which is often inconvenient and fraught with difficulties. The hope that Christ lives and will return needs constant nourishment.

In the parables from the GOSPEL past three Sundays, Jesus tells the religious leaders that they are in danger of losing the Kingdom of God. Angered by his warning, the Pharisees plot to trap him in speech and discredit him. For me, the key words of the Gospel here are where Jesus after receiving the coin says give to Caesar what is his and to God his...the things of God—that's what Jesus knows and wants to talk about. There are some key similarities in the readings and Gospel today which can be referenced to making the right decisions for our country by our modern-day leadership and our elected Government.

Have a blessed week St Marks Community of Pakuranga as we pray for our elected Government leaders that they can make the right decisions for our beautiful country of Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Paul Oliver**

**That All May Be One**

Jubilee Year 1971–2021



## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

### St Mark's Young Adults

The young adults had their 1st pastoral session in person last Sunday with Fr Sherwin! The session has been recorded and uploaded in the St Mark's YouTube Channel. Give it a stream and send in questions you may have regarding the topic or anything about the church in general! Fr Sherwin will be doing an online podcast to answer them. Email your questions at [youngadults@stmark.org.nz](mailto:youngadults@stmark.org.nz) Hope to see many of you at the next event - details to be announced in our Facebook page

### Children's Liturgy

Will start on the **18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

## EDUCATION

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms will take place every **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 11.00am**. If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Mannix at the office.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For parents with children aged 3-9 years. 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 more information, please email [stmarksatrium@gmail.com](mailto: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)

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## ALTAR

### Anniversary Mass

Will be on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 7.00pm**  
For all those who celebrated their anniversary in September & October 2020.

### All Souls Day

We will have a special Mass on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 @ 9.00am & 7.00pm** for All Soul's, after which, we will bless the Columbarium.  
Our Lady Star of the Sea will celebrate **Mass @ 9.15am**

### Communion to the Sick

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

### 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/>

### Music Ministry

We need a Musician, Choir or Organist for the **8.30am Mass on Christmas** morning, if you are available, please contact Evie at the Parish office

### Communion Ministers & Altar Servers - 6.30pm

#### Mass

Please contact the office if you are available to serve at the above Mass

#### Mass Co-ordinators

Needed for the 5.30pm, 10.30am & 6.30pm Mass. Please contact the office if you are available.

### Rosters

These can be found on the **Church App** <https://pakurangacatholic.churchapps.co.nz/admin/Links/> or Parish Website <https://stmarkspakuranga.org.nz/altar/> and are available in the church foyer.

## SOCIAL

### NZCatholic

The 18 -31October issue is out now. 600<sup>th</sup> Issue. Some headlines are: Pope issues new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. Former NZ seminary rector farewelled. Extraordinary form ordinations in Auckland. Christchurch ordinations after many delays. **Available in the Church foyer @ \$4.00**



SVDP needs tin fruit, tin tomatoes, bread spreads, soup, milo, tea, coffee & biscuits.

**Christmas Cards for Sale @ 10 for \$5.00**  
Thank you for your continued support.



"Invite you to our Fellowship meeting on **Tuesday, 27 October 2020 @ 7:30pm** at St Anne's Parish, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa, Auckland. **Speaker:** Ingrid D'Sousa. **Topic:** The Gift of Knowledge. Romans 11:33-36. Come & share a cuppa, friendship, and encouragement. **Phone Grace 09 577 3479.**"

## missionnz

Parishioners are reminded that today is Mission Sunday. The second collection is the major fundraiser

for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Please give generously today

*"Here I am, send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

Today many people, especially children, are victims of poverty. This not only affect their health conditions, but also their education, social integration, and even their faith development. The missionary work of the Church is an effort to make human life regain value and dignity.

Poverty in a developing country shortens the lives of many. Today, in our MISSION-NZ Newsletter, you will read the story of children like Zyrhrie who is affected by malnutrition but as assisted by missionaries, lay and religious. You can support the missionary work of the Church in more needy places outside New Zealand. Your gift of prayers and financial help will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in countries like the Philippines. Your one-off gift TODAY or your regular monthly gift made through MISSION-NZ is very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in the Philippines and around the world... [www.mission-nz/donate](http://www.mission-nz/donate) (09) 489 659

### Christmas Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause over the years. With this year being such a crazy one, it has been difficult obtaining boxes. I will be getting a small supply of boxes this week and if you would like them please text me your name and the number of boxes you would like and I will have them in the Parish Centre before and after 10.30am Mass next Sunday. You can also "pack a box online" by going to [samaritanspurse.org.au](http://samaritanspurse.org.au) Then click on Operation Christmas Child. If this year you would rather donate to our own community, could you please donate goods to SVDP food bank. Thank you! [Megan 021 901 379](tel:021901379)

### Jubilee Souvenirs

We now have some memorabilia items to celebrate and commemorate our Parish's 50th Golden Jubilee Year! Please see what we have so far, you can place your order via the following google form link:

<https://forms.gle/KQeWxrgP2WaVqG1NA>



Please use **NAME+JUB50** as reference for online payments – please see bank details under **Finance**



Small Notebook - \$10	T-Shirts - \$20
Large Notebook - \$12	Mugs - \$10
Glass Mugs - \$15	Tote Bags - \$5
Key Rings & Fridge Magnets - \$4 or 3 for \$10	
Large Corner Desk \$120	
Small Desk \$100	
Computer Desk Stand \$50	

### Vehicle for Sale

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/motors/cars/mazda/listing/2801641483?bof=2f3dkH6>



Year: 2006 (2006-02)  
Make: MAZDA  
Model: DEMIO  
Colour: Blue  
Body Style: Hatchback  
Plate: LZS908  
Vehicle Type: Passenger Car/Van  
Seats: 5  
Fuel Type: Petrol  
Transmission: 5-gear manual

## **FINANCES**

**We need your help...Please support us via:**

**Direct Debit: BNZ : Acc No.: 02-0100-0120982-04**

**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:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - **\$2,960.60**

There will be collection during Mass. Gifting envelopes can still be placed into the boxes in the Church Foyer.

**Gifting Envelopes for 2020**

Please collect these from the Church Foyer – advise the Parish Office if you have moved onto Direct Debit

## **OTHERS**

### Parish Business Directory

Can be found on the Parish website under News & Events and Parish App

**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



