

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Christ, the Son of God*

19th September 2021

Te Whare Karakia o Hato, Maaka, Pakuranga

Your Parish
Your Home

Reflection

A Prayer for the Earth

By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of Your creatures.

You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of Your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in Your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards Your infinite light.

We thank You for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis published this prayer in his Laudato Si encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator

All Parish activities are suspended until restrictions are lifted.

The Church in Times of Lockdown

Auckland urban area in Lockdown level 4, requires us to significantly adapt how we are Church. Our Church buildings are closed but we are the Living Church. We are still active, still bringing the Kingdom of God to life.

Level 4 means that we are at home. We are to stay in our bubbles.

There are no public gatherings in Levels 4 and 3 including Mass. In the Diocese of Auckland there will be no Masses during alert levels 4 and 3 lockdowns. When Auckland went into Lockdown Level 4 in August 2020 the New Zealand Catholic Bishops wrote to faith communities. These instructions are to be followed at this time.

A reminder that I formally give you **dispensation** from the **obligation** to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

(cc 87 #1, 1247).

+ Bishop Patrick Dunn
24 March 2020



The **priests** are still **praying Mass**, privately without a physically present Congregation. They are **praying for all people** and with all people.

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish During Lockdown & Delta Levels

Level 3

There will be **NO** Weekday or Sunday Mass. **The church will be locked** – there will be **NO** access. – **The same as Level 4**

Level 2

1. The limit of parishioners in the church at any time is 50
2. There will be NO Holy Water in the font.
3. The church will be open for private prayer
4. Weekday Mass is limited to 50 parishioners – this will be on a first come first serve basis
5. There will be **NO Sunday Mass**

Weekday Mass

Limit of 50 persons ONLY

This is on a first come first serve basis

All Parishioners are to **SCAN** or **SIGN** in when entering the Church

MASKS are to be worn for the entire duration of the Mass and when inside the Church

NO shaking hands at the Sign of Peace
No physical contact – bow instead

NO Blood of Christ at Communion

NO receiving Communion on the tongue
Only to be received on the palm of your hand and to be consumed once you have returned to your seat

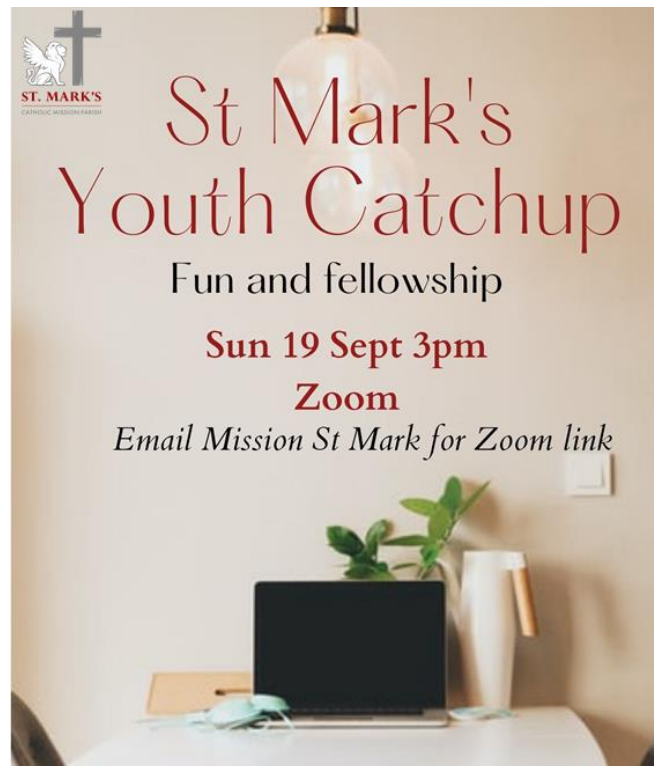
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults

A Journey Through the Bible

Will continue once restrictions have been lifted.

For queries & updates on events, email mission@stmark.org.nz



CYAC Vocations Series:

Young Religious Panel

Monday, 20th September @ 6.15pm

The Catholic Young Adults Community continue their Vocations Series this week! Tune in to hear a panel of young adults share their experience of living out their callings to religious life. Bring your questions!

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicYoungAdultsCommunity>

Livin' in Lockdown #5 // Social Media

Wednesday, 22nd September @ 7.00pm

Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth & young adults on Facebook Live. <http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

Blessed

A Women's Morning with Emily Wilson

Saturday, 25th September @ 11.00am

Young women (13-35) join in this beautiful event where we will hear from international Catholic speaker and musician, Emily Wilson! Emily will be speaking about overcoming self-criticism, cultivating gratitude, and creating space to listen to the voice of God. Make sure you put this event into your calendar, invite your friends to join in sisterhood, and bring your questions for the Q & A!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4272295096201837>

Life Teen Summer Camp Launch

Join teens from all over Auckland for the launch of Auckland's first LifeTeen Summer Camp 2022. Find out everything you need to know about the best Summer Camp ever! If you're age 13 to 17 years old and interested in going to the camp, contact Erica Lim – 022 619 1602.

Search <https://lifeteen.nz/>

Life Teen Summer Camp Auckland

14-18 January 2022 at YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. *WELCOME HOME to your home away from home!* Are you ready to dive deeper into your relationship with Christ, and become a Summer Missionary? If you are 18+ and would like to apply as a Summer Missionary or know more email summercamp@cda.org.nz or go to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/ltscak22/>

Kids Korner

Is a weekly resource, for families. A journey through the Bible, stories, prayers and song, including recipes and fun activities. All centred around the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Can be accessed at any time, on the [Website](#)

EVANGILISATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (C.G.S.)

Will resume once restrictions have been lifted.

ST Marks Prayer-watch

Join us in praying for our Parish! Contact Mike Lobo on 09 390 0048 to register your hour in the Watch.

RCIA

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults



Baptism



Confirmation



The Eucharist

Do you know anyone who has questions about the Catholic faith? And wants to know more?

Contact: Mannix – 027 248 4232 - Parish Office

Email: mannix@stmark.org.nz

Catholic Enquiry Evening will be reschedule once restrictions have been lifted. Date to be advised.

Daily Reflections

Bishops Pat on Facebook [Bishop Pat](#)

Bishops Michael on Facebook [Bishop Michael](#)

Fr Craig Dunford on YouTube [YouTube](#)

Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day

Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives and this situation [YouTube](#)

The Season of Creation

Is celebrated worldwide in the month of September ending with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4th October. This year the global Christian family will participate in initiatives of **prayer, sustainability, and advocacy to care for our common home**. This year's Season of Creation symbol is **Abraham's tent**.

Come join as a diocese in prayer as we pray -

The Stations of Creation 7 – 8pm Friday, 24th September [YouTube](#) and [Bishop Pat](#) Facebook.

Behind the Scenes of The Chosen:

An evening with Actor Noah James

From the beginning of our first COVID lockdown, many people have experienced a powerful encounter with Jesus, through the TV series, The Chosen. With more than 100 million views worldwide, this series have become an international phenomenon. You're invited to join us for an incredible evening with actor Noah James, who plays the apostle Andrew, as he

gives us a behind-the-scenes look at The Chosen and answers YOUR questions.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/874550270119673>

An Evening with Fr Rob Galea

Saturday, 18th September @ 8.00pm

Join us for a night of formation, music and Q & A with internationally acclaimed speaker and Musician. Join us on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82124381475>

Weekend Worship

Saturday, 25th September @ 8.00pm

Come together for a night of spirit-filled praise and worship, led by some of our very talented musicians. This event is family friendly, and people of all ages are welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

ALTAR

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12. 17-20

The godless say:

“Let us lie in wait for the righteous one, who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; who reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. Let us see if his words are true; and let us test what will happen at the end of his life. For if the righteous one is God’s child, God will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 54: 1-2. 3-6

The Lord upholds my life

1. Save me O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. **R**
2. For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. **R**
3. But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. With a freewill

offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, for it is good. **R**

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4: 3

Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality of hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your own pleasures.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Community Prayer

Heavenly Father help us build a loving caring Christ-like community that sets aside differences and accepts all people.

Inspire us by **The Holy Spirit**, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, here in our homes and in our neighbourhood of Pakuranga.

Mary our Mother make us truly a missionary community that experiences Jesus in the service of others. AMEN

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mass Live Streaming

Sunday @ 10.30am

Monday – Saturday @ 9.00am on St Mark's FB Page: St Mark Pakuranga & YouTube—
subscribe to St Mark Pakuranga: For YouTube, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/c/SaintMarkPak...>

Mass on Shine TV

Sundays @ 2.00pm on Shine TV Channel 25 & Sky TV channel 201

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers/>

Holy Hour for our Country – Live Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, 19th September @ 7pm

An hour of Eucharistic Adoration and intercessory prayer for our Nation, led by Bishop Michael - Live from Bishop Michael's Facebook Page.

Sacrament of Baptism



Date of next Baptism

Date to be advised.

For more information, contact Mannix.

Baptism will only take place once restrictions have been lifted.

**SOCIAL SERVICES, EVENTS &
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper Sept. 20 - Oct. 3, 2020 • No. 188

Please click on link below to access the Digital Issue – 2 – 15 September 2021

Some headlines are: More discussion called for over hate speech law proposal. [Catholic reaction to Auckland terrorist attack](#). Search for 19th century 'True Vine' poster. [Youth hyped up for Life Teen summer camp](#).

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

Covid Pfizer Vaccine

Unichem Highland Park

14 Highland Park Drive, Highland Park **by Appointment only - Phone: 09 535 8298**

Email: highlandpark@unichem.co.nz

Unichem Pakuranga Pharmacy

11-13 Cortina Place, Pakuranga **Can now book online at** <https://app.bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>



SVDP foodbank needs **canned** foods, baked beans, tuna, tomatoes, corn beans soup, jams and bread spreads. Pasta, rice etc. Your generosity is appreciated. **Cheques are no longer accepted.** You may use direct debit to: ASB Acc No.: **12-3056-0661768-00** Include your name in the Reference.

Link Up

'Love your neighbor as yourself'

Mark 12:31

Do you know anyone in St Mark's Parish who would **WELCOME** a call during lockdown?

Do you have friends or family whom you've always wanted to call?

Call Now

Lockdown? **No problem, at St Mark's**

WE LINK UP!



Art Catalogue

While away from the Parish, God inspired Fr Sherwin to paint and sketch, a talent he didn't know he had! Please click on the following link to view: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H7zxd_1oIFD2iqiTCNfG4NMbZC5yFDKu/view?usp=sharing

1. You can use this link <https://forms.gle/rniPNPAnk15RWLT48> to place bids for the **auctioned** artworks. We will look to update on the bidding status on a fortnightly basis.
2. For the **non-auctioned** artworks in the art catalogue, these are sold on a **first come first serve** basis so please email mission@stmark.org.nz if you would like to buy the original piece.
3. If you **missed out on the original**, printings of **all** the artworks in A4 or A3 size will also be available for purchase. Please email mission@stmark.org.nz if you are interested.

All proceeds will go to the St Mark's Youth & Young Adults Ministry for their upcoming Retreats to, LifeTeen Summer Camp and Hearts Aflame 2022. Enjoy the art pieces and make your choices. Thank you, Fr Sherwin, for your support! & for your faithful service to the people of God.



Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can assist you in having the baby of your dreams. If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our teachers can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. For more information or to make an appointment, call your local Billings LIFE teacher: Rebecca McGinty on 0211491320 or visit www.billingslife.org.nz

TEMPORALITIES

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

Gifting Envelopes & Tax Receipts

Contact Priscilla @ accounts@stmark.org.nz

OTHERS

Resources in times of Lockdown

The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

CDA Connect

New issue out now!

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Parent Pondering

Parents reflecting on the role of Christian parenting – CDA Pastoral Services – access anytime [Website](#)

Rejoice | Auckland Catholic Festival 2021

Saturday, 16 October The Festival will only go ahead if we are back at Covid Level 1.

Current of Grace Conference 2021

Friday, 1st October @ 7.00pm – Sunday, 3rd October 2021 finish @ 12.30pm

St Patrick's College, Silverstream, 207

Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. **Registrations close on Friday, 17th September 2021.** Please see notice board for more details.

Divine Renovation Aotearoa Conference

Taupō 19-21 October 2021 The conference is open to anyone wanting to find out more about how the Divine Renovation model can transform parishes of all sizes, and for those who have already adopted the DR model and want to continue to learn and connect with others. We particularly invite parish priests and their parish pastoral councils to come and see what this model has to offer the life of their parish. Find out

more, and register: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/divine-renovation-conference>

Ngā Tapuwae - Sacred Footsteps

From 6th January to 9th January Auckland Diocese will offer the opportunity for your parish to come, to share and to learn more of our Catholic heritage. Travel with us as we explore, and experience and live sacred places Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries lived. Don't delay, bring your group together, hire a van and we'll see you there. www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae - Sacred Footsteps
From 6th January to 9th January 2022



www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz / Ngā Tapuwae
or Contact Deacon Stephen Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz

MISSION MAP

Vacancies

Part time Accountant

The Accountant role reports to the Financial Controller and in this role you will be responsible for managing the financial functions contained within the role responsibility to ensure all financial reporting requirements and imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information to ensure the Diocese fully meets statutory requirements and achieves strategic goals. This is a permanent part-time role for 24 hours per week.

Part-time Credit Controller & Administration

This part time role of 20 hours per week is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work.

Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school

parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management.

To view the full adverts and position descriptions, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close on 29 September 2021.

Scan in with the NZ COVID Tracer app
Matawaitia te QR Code



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334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga, Auckland

Scanning protects what you love
Tiaki ōku taonga

Covid19.govt.nz
Te Kōwhiriatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Mā tātau katoa e ārai atu te COVID-19



Daylight Saving
Sunday
26th September 2021

Remember to move your clocks
one hour ahead on Saturday,
25th September 2021



Rosters – 25th & 26th September 2021

	Music	Data Projector	Altar Servers	Recording	Flowers
5.30pm	Nicole Tan	Luca Edwards	Patrick Malden Ceana Francis Martina Taboada	Nadine Ensil Jenna Ensil Barbara Murray	
8.30am	Disciples Choir	Andrew Jurgens	Ethan Karl Michael McGinty Ryan Smeath	Cecil Danganan Genevieve Tham	
10.30am	Gospel Choir	Janinne Eeson	Mario Furivai Sarah Gulla Sebastian Veitoyaki	Cleaning Paul & Theresa Siao Don Santosa	
6.30pm	Ella Donald	Sharnel De Silva	Joshua Erntzsen Lucas Kato Justine Ubaldo	Gerard De Silva Don Rey Vargas Joseph Abasolo	

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their **Wedding Anniversary in September 2021**

If you are attending the Anniversary Mass, please call Yasmina – 021 295 5674

Melinda & Joseph Bonifacio, Vivianne & Paulo Barros, Annie & Ian D'Cruz, Rosanne & Malinda Gamamedaliyanage Don, Marie Louise & Paul McElwee, Kamini & Colin Pillay, Mary & Withana Pituwala, Renee & Neesham Rughoonandan, Genevieve & Patrick Sih, Cecilia Wong & Paul Wong, Celeste & Owen Ybanez, Stephen & Selvie Dorairaj, Simon & Diane Miller

In the Celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayers, remember:-

Recently Deceased

Feliciano Samonte, Lauro Enriquez, Lito Gurango, Reynaldo Largo, Louie Rodriguez, Cesar Reyes, Ryan Kevin Reyes, Felicitas Carbonel, John Utama, Rogelio Macapawa, Visitacion Marquez, Samuel Jurgens, Cecilia Dorairaj, Manolito Lumasac, Herculano Victor VI Basanez, Virgilio Hondanero Supremo, Nona Flutey, Gregorio Dangayo, Myrna Diaz, Gonzalo Ibarra

Anniversary of Death

Anastasia Roache, Cristina Santos, S. Francis, Leticia & Lucio Tapia, Maria Dolores Lopez, Fr Gramme Blackburn, Nemesio Fernandez, Leonisa Blancada, Yashkhourana

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

Cynthia & Arturo Subijano, Celia Greenhead, Serena, Harvey, Clementine, Cyrus, Christine Hann, Kim Lauderan, Hosea Marie Pe, Daniel Lyn, Albert & Josephine William, Jennifer, Michare, John Lee, Kate, Lawrence, Reza, Joyce, Rahena, Alma, Anthony Ramirez Bangayan, Marvin Diaz, Fia Kahapang, Pablo See, Elizebio Kolbe Jr, Armie Peralta, Philip Back, Isobel Morais, Brendon Stark, Patrick Sullivan, Juliana Chan, Theresa Chun, John Wong, Dr George & Avelina Ruiz, Gerry Tvrdeich, Isabel Roughton, Maria Morande, Valerie Heng, Fan Stephen, Mary Joy Melitante-Labra, Athol Munro, Julian Chan, Peter, Juliana Chan, Maria Vulutich, Mildred & Patrick Costas, Grant & Vanessa van Dyke, Evan Isaacs, Marieta Tamayo, Joyce Tamayo, Jolina Estrada, Ida Silveira, Elsie Erceg, Patrick Hallis, Fr Patrick Yoh, Regina Ong, Maria Rogina Roque, James Kang, Valentine Ganich, Maria Nguyen, Fr Sherwin Lapaan, Sarah Thom, Maryann Xu, Eugelibertus Walyudi Loka, Belinda Rowe, Christine Mullane, Henrico Ikatlo, Amanda Nanai, Elizabeth McCann, Ross Gemmell, Mark & Rowena McKenzie, Joseph Chen, Beverley Handisides, Georgina Fitzgerald, Irene Vas, Maria Hsieh, Arthur Sinajou, Alejandriana Sinajou, Lyan Lopez, Jean Galema, Erick Kwong, Rachel Hammond, Greg Hayes, Matt Jones, George & Annette Peterson, Lyn Visser, Matt Joue, Ann & Peter McPhillips, Gertrude Moran, Lawrence Javis, Joan P. Ah-Wa, Barbara, Mulfide Mary R, Mehmet Rende

Mass Times
Tues—Sat: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.00pm
Sat Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday:
 8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm

Confession – On request &
Sat: 9.30am & 4.30– 5.15pm

Liturgy of the Word
Monday: 9.00am

ROSARY
 Tues—Friday @ 8.30am
 Saturday @ 8.00am

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
 Tues—Friday @ 9.30am

Exposition & Holy Hour
1st Friday of the month
 7.30pm—9.00am Saturday
 Wednesday: 9.30am – 12pm
 Saturday: 8.00am – 9.00am



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MORNING TEA

**In the Parish Centre after the
 8.30am & 10.30am Mass
 ALL WELCOME**

ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

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