	Dates for your Diary: Monday 4 th – Sunday 10 th September 2023
Tue, 5 Sep	Feast day Mass for St. Teresa of Kolkata (Founder of Missionaries of Charity), 9.00am
Wed, 6 Sep	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 7 Sep	Requiem Mass for Mississippi Riggs, 11.00am
Thu, 7 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 7 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Fri, 8 Sep	Day 1 - St. Mary's School Centennial Celebrations, 12.30pm - 4pm, St. Mary's School
Fri, 8 Sep	Novena to Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni, 6.30pm, Church
Fri, 8 Sep	Feast day Mass in celebration of Our Blessed Mother Mary's Birthday, 7.00pm
Sat, 9 Sep	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am - 10.00am, Whare Iti
Sat, 9 Sep	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Friends of the Parish **
Sat, 9 Sep	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Friendly Flower Group **
Sat, 9 Sept	Day 2 - School Centennial Celebrations, BACK TO THE FUTURE GALA, 10am-2pm, School
Sat, 9 Sep	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iti
Sat, 9 Sep	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 9 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 9 Sep	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm - 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 9 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 9 Sep	School Centennial Celebrations - Mix & Mingle Social event, 6pm-11pm, Avondale RSA
Sun, 10 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am - 10am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 10 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 10 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10am Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 10 Sep	Day 3 - School Centennial Celebrations, Mass of Thanksgiving, 10.00am (ONE MASS ONLY)

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Sunday:

8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Monday

No 9.00am Mass and no Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday - Saturday:

Mass: 9 00am

Daily Rosary:

Tue - Sat, 8.20am | Sun, 7.45am

Friday Adoration (after 9.00am Mass)

9.30am - 10.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9am Mass (other times by appointment)



Sat 9 Sep 2023

Friends of the Parish

Sat 16 Sep 2023

Tongan Community

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### Flower Arrangement Roster

### Sat 9 Sep 2023

Friendly Flower Group

### Sat 16 Sep 2023

Samoan Community



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# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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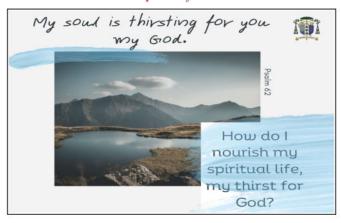
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## ~ TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 SEP 23 ~

**Readings:** Jeremiah 20: 7-9 | Ps 63 | Romans 12: 1-2 | Matthew 16: 21-27

# Gospel Reflection



Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan". In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Excerpt from Loyola Press - Sunday Connection - Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

# ~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

**Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Our 9.00am Mass on Tuesday joins in celebrating the Feast day of St. Teresa who founded the Missionaries of Charity. The Missionaries of Charity cordially invite you to join them at Mass and then for morning tea in the foyer afterwards.

School Centennial Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Please note that there is one Mass only on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. This Mass replaces the 8.30am, 10.30am and 6pm Masses.

Novena and Rosary
Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni

Rosary and Novena will be on Zoom everyday from Wednesday 30 August to Thursday 7 September 2023 at 7 pm Meeting ID: 826 7050 8083 Passcode: MotherMary



### **Zoom Meeting**

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82670508083?pwd=VFVqZUNZQW9GVUJ2cjh NVEdIaHJ5Zz09

Feast Day Celebrations

Friday 8 September 2023 at St Mary's Church, Avondale Rosary and Novena at 6.30pm

Holy Mass at 7pm will be celebrated by Pa Peter Tipene
Do join us after to share Mother Mary's b'day cake,
tea and coffee in the church fover.

Vailankanni Novena - 30<sup>th</sup> Aug to 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023: Online Novena started on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August and will continue each night to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Zoom details to follow. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September Mass will be at 7.00pm, preceded by Rosary and Novena Prayer here at St. Mary's Avondale. Supper to follow.

Social Justice Week begins on this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>
September, with the focus on peace and responding to conflict. The National Liturgy Office has relevant information here: <a href="https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/social-justice-week-3/">https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/social-justice-week-3/</a>
Substantial resources are available to download from Caritas

Aotearoa

NZ here:

www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

Māori Language Week starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The week's theme is "Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – Making the Language Stronger" and making Māori stronger in your Miha/Mass is something the National Liturgy Office is keen for your parish and school to try. The National Liturgy Office has prepared resources including incorporating responses at Mass in Te Reo Māori. Go here for the resources: <a href="www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori-11-17-hepetema-2023/">www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori-11-17-hepetema-2023/</a>

Masterclass 16<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm: Auckland Catholic Ministries to Young People is excited to bring you our third Masterclass of 2023. Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai! Keep an eye on our socials as we announce our awesome workshop presenters! If you're a youth or young adult leader, you NEED to be at Masterclass. Due to venue space, registrations are limited, so don't miss out on this fantastic formation opportunity. We can't wait to have you join us! Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact felicitym@cda.org.nz with any queries.

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry: <a href="www.facebook.com/AKCYM">www.facebook.com/AKCYM</a>
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2023 marks 50 years since Sr. Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. G.I.F.T (Grow in Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. Sunday 17 September, 11am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. RSVP by 11 Sept to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush from Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and Celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer, please email: <a href="mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz">louisar@cda.org.nz</a>



Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

### Amen

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Maria Rajesh | Rudolf Thomsen

### RECENT DEATHS

We pray for the loved ones of those who have died recently, especially:

Mississippi Riggs – A Requiem Mass for Sippi will be held here at St. Mary's on Thursday 7th September at 11am.

Sr. Doreen Hannan rsj



# Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

### Are you getting married?

Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/

Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 30 hours to complete. This is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on 021 02247442

# ~ TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 10 SEPT 2023 ~

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Please note that as there is only ONE Mass next Sunday 10th September 2023 at 10.00am, the Roster timetable will be published in next Sunday's Parish newsletter for the following Sunday 17th September. Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the School Centennial Mass next Sunday will be contacted separately by Pa Peter.