

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 Sep	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)



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

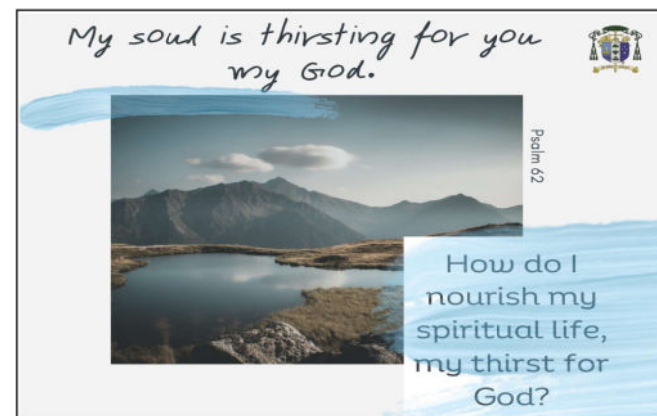
Goal / Whainga

*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga
Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*

~ 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)

Thank You
To Our Volunteers
Church Cleaning Roster

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

**BISHOP STEVE LOWE  
AND  
THE G.I.F.T FAMILY  
INVITE YOU TO  
Celebrate  
50 Years of G.I.F.T**

17 SEPTEMBER, 2023  
**11.00 AM MASS**  
Followed by a light lunch

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, TELFORD AVE, BALMORAL  
RSVP 11/09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

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**~ 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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10.00am, the Roste timetable will be published in next Sunday's Parish newsletter for the following Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the School Centennial Mass next Sunday will be contacted separately by Pa Peter.