



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

OFFICE OF THE PASTORAL WORKER TO THE CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY
TE KAIHAUTU KATORIKA KI NGA TANGATA TURIA ME O RATOU WHANAU

June Newsletter



Our Signed Mass will be held on

10 June 2018 at 12pm

**Pompallier Diocesan Centre,
30 New Street, St Mary Bay,
Auckland**

Bring an offering of money for during the mass.

After our Deaf Mass, please join us for a shared lunch. (Please bring a plate of food to share – no cake) Bring your gold coins, we have raffles available.

Celebrant: Father John Fitzmaurice

Interpreter: Felicity Crowe

Raffle: Lourdes Shear

Please bring an item (Dry food or can) to donate on 10th June for St Dominic's Catholic Parish. Would be much appreciated, thank you.



Our Integrated Mass will be held on

17th June 2018 at 9.30am

**St Dominic's Catholic Parish,
32 Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay
NZSL interpreters are provided.**

Please try to be there early to get your seat in the front rows, please let me know if you are coming so I can save the right numbers of the seats, thank you.

After Mass there is a shared morning tea. We are helping Mary provide service during morning tea. Your hands would be great help! Please try to not bring any food that need cooking/heating in the oven, thank you.



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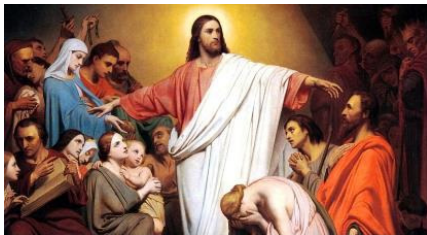
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Gospel reading:

Mark 3: 20 - 35

Jesus went home with his disciples and a large crowd followed, but because of the crowd Jesus and his disciples had no time to eat. When Jesus' family heard about this, they went to bring Jesus home because they believed Jesus was mad.

The scribes (writers) came from Jerusalem and said, "Beelzebul, the Devil, is inside Jesus. This Devil gives Jesus the power to throw out other devils." So Jesus spoke to them and told them a parable: "How can the Devil throw out the Devil? If a country fights itself, that country will collapse. If a family fights itself, that family cannot live. So if a Devil fights itself and he is divided, he cannot live. He is finished. If people want to enter a strong man's house and steal his things, first they must tie up the strong man. Then they can steal his things.



I tell you the truth: all the swearing and all the sins that people do, they will be forgiven. But if a person swears against the Holy spirit, that person will never be forgiven. That person has an eternal sin. "Jesus said this because people were saying, 'He (Jesus) has an evil spirit inside him.'

Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and they asked someone to let Jesus know they had arrived. A crowd was sitting around Jesus then someone said to Jesus then someone said to Jesus, "Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside waiting for you." Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are brothers?" He looked at the people sitting round him and he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Any person that obeys God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."



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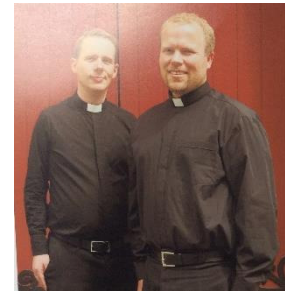
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Our News:



On Sunday 13th May we had our Signed Mass. It was lovely to see you all. Wow it turned out massive number of people attending. It was lovely to see you all, thank you for warmly welcoming the TBC

(Titirangi Baptists Church) Deaf community who joined with us. Also thank you for bringing your mother with you for Mother's Day. I am sure your mother had wonderful day with us. Thank you, Fr Brendan, who was happy to do the service for us replacing Fr John. Fr John had several masses over the weekend at his parish in Howick. Fr Brendan brought two men from the seminary (priest school), Rev Tony King-Archer will ordained (become) a deacon and Rev Anthony Trenwith will be ordained as a priest. Hopefully we will see more of them in the future, they are both keen to learn our Deaf culture and language in Mass. The Mass service went well with wonderful people who did the readings – Carol Brady, Carol Cotter and Randine. Thank you, Fr Brendan, for an amazing homily.



Did you seen the wonderful video from Bishop Pat Dunn sharing a message for Catholic Deaf community, he joined the celebration of NZSL week! We are hoping to see more of interpreters with Bishop Pat Dunn in future videos.

Thank you everyone for bringing such a yummy shared lunch. I wanted to say thank you to some of you that helped with the kitchen duties. You are such a blessing!



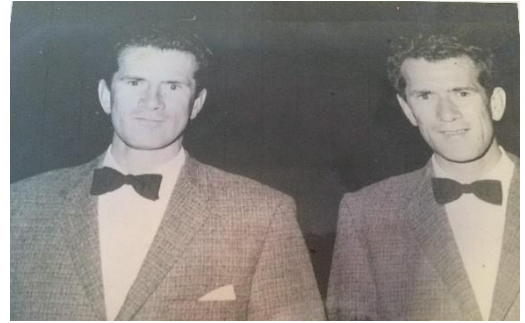


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Ron Lewis passed away peacefully on 1st May. His Vigil and funeral services were beautiful, I loved to hear what a wonderful and unique man Ron was, who loved to flirt, laugh and was quite clever! We miss Ron. Rest in Peace Ron Lewis.



Please pray for his lovely brother Roy Lewis through this time of grief.

Last things I want to say....

Please warmly welcome to our Assistant Deaf Pastoral worker, his name is Eric Matthews who started on 1st May. We are very lucky to have him in our team. I am looking forward to this work journey with Eric as team member and achieving many things for the Catholic Deaf Community in the future.



Happy Birthday to dear **Patricia Turner!**
Happy Birthday to dear **June Whiting!**
Happy Birthday to dear **Sr Sian Owen!**
Happy Birthday to dear **Linda Simpson!**
Happy Birthday to dear **Stacey Cuff!**

And all our other friends and family who have June celebrations. May God Bless you and keep you always in God's tender, loving care.
Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Blessings and Love,

Rachel Marr



Deaf Pastoral worker to the Catholic Deaf Community

God Bless,

Eric Matthews



Assistant Deaf Pastoral Worker to the Catholic Deaf Community