



Liturgy of the Word for families 29th Sunday Ordinary Time, Diocesan Opening of the Synod; *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*

Light candles. (Do this deliberately as part of your prayer. Candles remind us of the presence of Christ the light.)

SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Welcome! Today is the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is also the opening of the Synod in our Diocese. Every one of the baptized is called to be part of the synod; a synodal Church, in which our focus is on journeying together; Communion, Participation and Mission. We are called to be part of the synodal process, to listen to others, to join discussions where we have the opportunity to, and to contribute to the dialogue. We gather now In love and friendship to pray this liturgy. At the end of this liturgy, we will be sent to be workers in the vineyard by serving others and caring for the poor. Let us take a few moments of silence to prepare.



Let's sing

- **Kids** Praise is Ringing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSBR-r9B_g4&list=PL9l7yJ9SvsjskAzuagHzXhuzfx5jWTae3
- **Youth** In all Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmN3cKStVOo>
- **Adults** Gather us in <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y94LRdZzRnc>

READER: E te Atua, life-giving God, you long for your children to have life, and have it to the full. We turn to you seeking wholeness in our lives.

You are the way
You draw us to yourself
All life comes from you

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy
(All) Christ have mercy
(All) Lord have mercy

Focus on the Synod that we are called to participate in

Watch – What is a Synod <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQWf6ry7Ty8>

Litany of Prayer for the synod

R For the Church. That we may journey as companions, side by side one another on the same road.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

For listening ears. That our hearts and minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For the gift of speaking out. That we be encouraged in this Synod journey to speak with courage and boldness, integrating freedom, truth, and love.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission that is entrusted to us.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For true dialogue in the Church and in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, and mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons and peoples.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For the unity of Christians. That dialogue between Christians of different denominations, united by one Baptism, may radiate with new brightness on this Synodal journey.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For the exercise of authority and participation in the People of God. That the Synodal roots of the Church will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned through a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit

R For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

All: Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit.

COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER: In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for.
(Allow silence, 1 minute)

Ever-living God, grant that we may always try to want and do what you want us to do. May we serve you with a sincere heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11 Good News Bible

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Reader 1 The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

Reader 2 If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Reader 1 Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days;

Reader 2 through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Reader 1 Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

Silence – Let’s be quiet for a few moments and let God’s Word find a place to rest inside us.

Discussion

Family - what are some of the hard or difficult things we have faced in life?
- how is God still with us when we face difficulty?

Adults / Youth

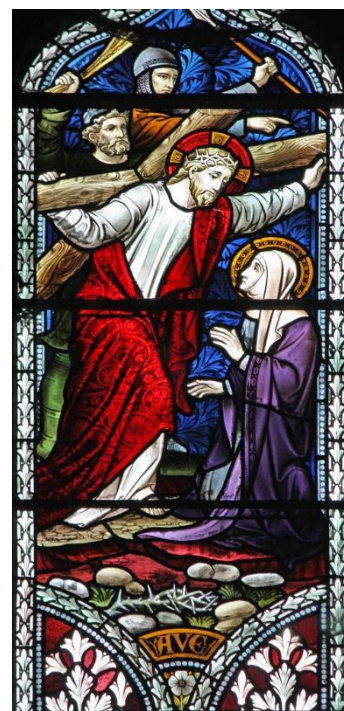
- how do we, or might we, encounter God in times of suffering?
- how might we be different if we never faced any difficulty in life?

PSALM: Psalm 33 Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YBlkagngKI>

Youth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFW9UR7Qkd4>

Adults <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzR-a-bzDos>



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/paulew/4482271849>

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16 GNB

Reader 1 A reading from the book of Hebrews

Reader 2 Brothers and sisters:

Reader 1 Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Reader 2 For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God — Jesus, the Son of God.

Reader 1 Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses.

Reader 2 On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin.

Reader 1 Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace.

Reader 2 There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.

Reader 1 Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God



Statue: Our Lady of the Southern Cross Springfield

Silence -*Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

Discussion

- Jesus can feel sympathy for our weaknesses. What do I see as my weaknesses?

- Jesus does not judge me for my weaknesses but loves me in them. What do I learn from this?

GOSPEL: Mark: 10:35-45

Reader 1: Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

All: Ki tōu wairua anō hoki - And also with you

Reader: 1 The Gospel according to Mark

Reader: 2 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him,

Reader: 1 "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

Reader: 2 He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

Reader: 1 They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Reader: 2 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

Reader: 1 They said to him, "We can."

Reader: 2 Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

Reader: 1 When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

Reader: 2 Jesus summoned them and said to them,

Reader: 1 "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you.

Reader: 2 Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

Reader: 1 For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reader 2 Ko te rongopai a te Ariki - The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading -. **Silence.**

Think about the reading - Let some words repeat in your mind.

→→→ **Kids Homily**– Douglas Talks: Putting Others First

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol8QMgKvXdA>

→→→ **Adults / Youth Homily / Discussion**

- Sometimes people get bullied. Are there times it's ok to put yourself last, and other times when it is not a good idea. When and why?



Prayer of the Faithful: *As God's people, one of our responsibilities, after we have listened to the readings, is to pray for the needs of the whole world.*

Let's think about and pray for the needs of others.

Prayer of the Faithful

For the Church – that we walk together in the journey that Pope Francis is calling us to through the synod, listening to one another and seeking to hear what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For our country's national and local leaders - that they act with wisdom, and strive to act for the good of society and the good of our Common Home.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For people those imprisoned without trial, and political prisoners – that they will be treated with dignity, freed from violence, and that those who have committed no crime have their freedom restored.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For people discriminated against, who suffer because of their race, religion or gender – that we try to make our society a more just place to live, where all are valued.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For ourselves - that we give thanks for people who are different race or religion to me, and that I try to recognise the face of Christ in every person I meet.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

Other Petitions ...

Concluding Prayer

Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that you are merciful and your will is to save. Grant to us your people the desire to serve as Jesus did, in the cause of the eternal mission ... We make our prayer through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READER: And now let us pray together as Jesus taught us: Choose Māori or English

The Lord's Prayer in Māori at this link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturg-prayer/te-reo-in-the-liturg/>

Scroll down and open the button – ko to inoi a te Ariki (Words will show on the screen).

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Reader

- *Let's join Pope Francis as he prays for the Church* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBixEvT3w5w>
- *And let's pray together this Prayer, Adsumus Sancte Spiritus: Prayer of Invocation to the Holy Spirit.*
Note: Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with this prayer (simplified).

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



READER - Discussion:

What can we do to support and contribute to the Synod

- in our own family,
- in our parish,
- in our Diocese?

Reader:

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation.
Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.
Let us go in peace, loving and serving God by caring for our planet and for one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG:

Jesus we lift your name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIDWPbolkbo&list=PLKjqoEdkULctFCoRGJO4LFUuSIBQEOtVB&index=6>
WYD 2013 Anthem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6HzhQikXO8&list=PLYTVLGHlRjA5sMRgoXICeFD--dJwD8y2u&index=1>
We are many Parts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqDeqofK8bY>

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Further resources to help us study and understand the Synod.

- The Diocese of Auckland: for more information on what the Synod is and how to participate <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>
- This document, VADEMECUM FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY, gives purpose, background and aim. <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>
- Fr Timothy Radcliffe – synodality makes us dare to listen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGrc72hcQIE>
- A video by Austen Ivereigh on Pope Francis vision for a synodal Church <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S06cHBL9k90&t=2046s>