

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

February Newsletter

When: Sunday 12 February 2022

Where: Pompallier Centre, 30 New Street, Saint Mary's Bay, Auckland.

Time: 12PM

Celebrate: Monsignor Bernard Kiely

Interpreters: Felicity Crowe and Rosie Elder

Bring a plate of yummy healthy lunch to share after Mass.

Everyone is welcome.

Or you can go home after Mass. It is up to you all.

If you are sick, please stay home.

Last December 2022 two members of our Deaf Catholic family passed away. June Whiting passed away on 12 December 2022. June was 97 old and leaves behind a large family. There were some Deaf people at her funeral, it was a beautiful service at a chapel on the North Shore. RIP dear June.

Few week later on 23 December 2022 our dear friend Sister Mary Dominic (Sister Dom) passed away, she was 88 years of age. Her funeral at St Dominic's Parish Church was well attended by her family, her religious family – the Dominican sisters and the Deaf Catholic Community. Sister Dom had strong ties with the Deaf Community, she was a teacher at St Dominic's school in Fielding. She was very loved by the many Deaf Catholics that knew her. RIP Sister Dom.

After our December monthly Mass, the Auckland Catholic Deaf community had our annual Christmas lunch. The Diocese provided yummy food, including chicken, ham on the bone, salads, and pavlova. We had great time. There was a Christmas elf, wonder who that was?? Everyone received a Christmas gift. I hope you have enjoyed your Christmas holidays, it's a shame about all the rainy weather we have had. I am back at work now.

Father Michael Depcik joined us on zoom on 18 December 2022. This was our last session him with him for the year. We talked about Christmas, and the real story about Santa Claus and St Nicholas.

Will zoom on 19th February at 12pm.

Please contact Tristan for zoom link.

Ash Wednesday, 22 February, Good Shephard Catholic Church Balmoral at 9.30am. Please come early to grab a seat. Interpreters will be there.

Gospel reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

God's Wisdom

We teach wisdom to people who are mature. But this wisdom we teach is not from this world. It is the wisdom of the rulers of this world. Those rulers are losing their power. But we speak God's secret wisdom. This wisdom has been hidden *from people*. God planned this wisdom for our glory. He planned it before the world began, None of the rulers of this world understood this wisdom. If they had understood it, then they would not have killed the Lord of glory on a cross. But like it is written *in the Scriptures**:

“No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no person has imagined,
what God has prepared for those people
who love him,”

Isaiah 64: 4

But God has shown us these things through the Spirit.*

The Spirit* knows all things. The Spirit even knows the deep secrets of God.

Please remember in your prayers:

- *Many families and our precious Deaf community are struggling with money and making their money buy what they need. Even food is so expensive. We pray the Lord will provide a way for everyone that is suffering. Let's support each other and look out for each other.*
- *Remember all that are sick or have friends or family in Hospital over this hot summer season. Pray for fast healing and that God will comfort their hearts at his time.*
- *Also, people that are grieving or feeling alone are worried, Pray Gods Peace be with you and guard your heart.*

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