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**March Newsletter**

***When: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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 Month February Deaf Mass was postponed because of bad weather some other churches were also canceled off for safety reasons.**



**Next Mass Good Shepherd Catholic Church Balmoral (GSC) on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Interpreters be provided.**



We went to Ash Wednesday service, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church Balmoral. The Priest invited me to come to the front and teach NZSL "Peace with you".



Next GSC Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

#### Gospel reading: John 4: 5-42



In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar. This town is near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip. So Jesus sat down beside the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to that well to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink of water." <sup>8</sup> (This happened while Jesus' followers went to town to buy some food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman answered, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink! You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman!" (Jews are not friends with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "You don't know about the thing God gives. And you don't know who I am that asked you for a drink. If you knew these things, you would have asked me and I would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said, "Sir, where will you get that living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than Jacob our father? Jacob is the one that gave us this well. He drank from it himself. Also, his sons and all his animals drank water from this well." <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Every person that drinks this water will be thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But the person that drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. That water I give will become like a spring of water flowing inside that person. That water will bring that person life forever." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty again. And I will not have to come back here to get more water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered, "But I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> Really you have had five husbands. But the man you live with now is not your husband. You told me the truth." <sup>19</sup> The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain. But you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said, "Believe me, woman! The time is coming when you will not have to be in Jerusalem or on that mountain to worship the Father (God). <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship something that you don't understand. We Jews understand

what we worship. Salvation comes from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That time is now here. And those are the kind of people the Father wants to be his worshipers.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit. So the people that worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming.” (Messiah is the One called Christ.) “When the Messiah comes, he will explain everything to us.”<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus said, “That person is talking to you now. I am the Messiah.”<sup>27</sup> At that time Jesus’ followers came back from town. They were surprised because they saw Jesus talking with a woman. But none of them asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her



water jar and went back to town. She told the people in town,<sup>29</sup> “A man told me everything I have ever done. Come see him. Maybe he is the Christ.”<sup>30</sup> So the people left the town and went to see Jesus.<sup>31</sup> While the woman was in town, Jesus’ followers were begging him, “Teacher, eat something!”<sup>32</sup> But Jesus answered, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”<sup>33</sup> So the followers asked themselves, “Did somebody already bring Jesus some food?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “My food is to do what the One (God) who sent me wants me to do. My food is to finish the work that he gave me to

do.”<sup>35</sup> “When you plant, you always say, ‘Four more months to wait before we gather the grain.’ But I tell you, open your eyes. Look at the people. They are like fields ready for harvesting now.”<sup>36</sup> Even now, the person that harvests the crop is being paid. He is gathering crops for eternal life. So now the person that plants can be happy together with the person that harvests.<sup>37</sup> It is true when we say, ‘One person plants, but another person harvests the crop.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to harvest a crop that you did not work for. Other people did the work, and you get the profit from their work.”<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritan people in that town believed in Jesus. They believed because of what the woman had told them about Jesus. She had told them, “He (Jesus) told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> The Samaritans went to Jesus. They begged Jesus to stay with them. So Jesus stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> Many more people believed because of the things Jesus said.<sup>42</sup> The people said to the woman, “First we believed in Jesus because of what you told us. But now we believe because we heard him ourselves. We know now that he really is the one that will save the world.”

**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.*



Happy Birthday to dear **Tristan Sundram!**  
Happy Birthday to dear **Peter Webb!**  
Happy Birthday to dear **Prasadinie Cadelis!**  
Happy Birthday to dear **Melissa Kupa!**  
Happy Birthday to dear **Filisika Taki!**

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

BLESSINGS AND LOVE FROM TRISTAN

