



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 30th JUNE 2024

Clutching at Grace

(Mark 5: 21 - 43)

But when Jesus had sent them all out, he took the child's father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child's room. He clasped the girl's hand and said, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up." At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, "Give her something to eat."

Mark 5: 40 - 43

A man with a dying child; a woman desperately ill for a dozen years. Listening to these intertwined stories of miraculous healing, we know why the crowds were astounded. These two people found themselves in circumstances of great misery, and no one was able to help until Jesus arrived on the scene. Jairus, an official of the local assembly, took a risk in presenting himself to Jesus, who'd already been labelled a subversive for breaking Sabbath rest. But when your little girl is dying, you take chances. Jairus gambled on Jesus.

The bleeding woman was, if anything, more desperate still. She'd lived more than a decade ritually unclean, unable to be touched by her family, unable to participate in the life of the community. Her energy was constantly drained away, and she lived like a ghost, pale and unseen. Like Jairus, she clutched at grace when it came her way in the person of Jesus. If she paid any price for taking the risk, it was worth the hope of healing. People who dare to clutch at grace are not disappointed.

When have you seen grace save someone, when everything else failed?

From: Resourcing Catholic Parishes for Faith, Liturgy and Life

Blessings

Fr Bruce

NEWSLETTER numbers will be reduced as a trial to cut costs. Please put your copy back on the pile near the door on your way out of the church if you have already finished reading it.



CURRENT OF GRACE WELLINGTON will host the Wellington Prayer event Saturday 27th July 2024 from 1:00 - 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. All are welcome. Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS LUNCH Sunday, 21 July at 1pm at Guy House, Speldhurst Country Estate. It will be a shared lunch with a planned menu so we need definite numbers. All members and those who are interested in joining a family group are welcome. Register your with your family group co-ordinator or Tony and Leonie Strawbridge, 06 2225030 or tonyleonie@gmail.com. More details to follow.



TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB At noon in the Parish Centre for a shared lunch and shared fellowship. Warm and cosy.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions are collected twice a week from the locked box in the side chapel.

They are given to the Prayer Chain in complete privacy.

You can use the language with which they feel comfortable because we have people in the Prayer Chain able to translate it.

The Prayer Intentions will then be destroyed.

MEN'S 1-DAY RETREAT at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17th August 8:30am - 5pm with Brendan Woodnutt. Theme: **'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'** For information contact Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

***** <u>Collections - May 2024</u> *****	
Automatic payments	\$5053.00
Envelopes	\$1616.00
Cash	\$1860.70
Seminary	\$ 238.00
	\$8769.70

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

With July almost upon us, just the monthly reminder that next weekend will be the Vinnies cash collection day at both Masses to help with our purchases of food supplies. Also on our calendar: * **Friday Friendship Group** between 11:30 – 2pm @ Vinnies Centre, Prouse Street. Meeting new faces, coffee/tea/games, conversation. * **Support meeting** for those who have lost loved ones: first Saturday of each month 10:30–12 noon at Vinnies Centre, all welcome. * **Vinnies Conference** meetings 1st and 3rd Thursday each month: 1:30pm at Vinnies Centre. If you would like to join us, you are welcome to contact one of us anytime.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11



BABY ASSIST

Bridget will be away until the end of August. However, please keep the donations coming. They can be left in the box in the church foyer or at the Vinnies centre. If you need to refer someone for assistance, or have any messages related to Baby Assist, please leave a message on the Vinnies phone 021 090 62653. Thank you for all your generosity.

- Bernie** 021 406 427
- John** 027 626 4792
- Kilian** 022 695 0056
- Bridget** 021 482 178

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2024

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

FROM THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

catholic.org.nz/assets/Towards-October-2024-Synod-Consultation-May-15.pdf

This is a reader friendly summary of the latest Synod conversations on the Spirit that has gone to Rome for the October meeting.

WELCOM READERSHIP SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Wellington is conducting a survey over the next few weeks among WelCom readers within the Archdiocese of Wellington. The survey is intended to gauge readers' views about how they may prefer to receive news and information from the Archdiocese and how the Archdiocese can generally improve its communications with parishioners.

The SurveyMonkey website link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR>.

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 SYNOD CONSULTATION

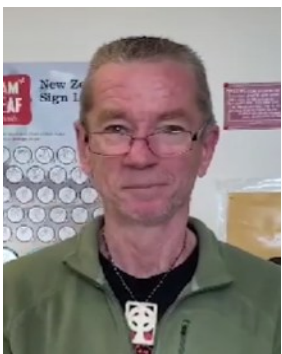
A new consultation document prepared by the New Zealand Bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome.

This document, titled Towards October 2024, follows the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference being asked to establish a consultation process to discern responses to specific questions related to the Vatican's Synodal Church in Mission report. That report was published after the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome last October.

National Catholic lay organisations, agencies of the bishops conference, religious, diocesan bodies, educational institutions, young people's groups, parish groups and groups involved in previous synodal processes took part in the consultation, between February and April this year.

Copies of Towards October 2024 can now be downloaded from our website:

synod@wn.catholic.org.nz



CHAPLAIN FOR THE DEAF David Loving-Molloy will be here on 21st July for the 9:30 Mass, which will be signed in parts. As chaplain for the Catholic Deaf Communities, David provides New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreted Masses monthly in the Palmerston North and Wellington Dioceses.



May the souls of our beloved dead and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Norah Shaughnessy

Suzanne Aubert says...

God gives us life in order that we may live; his grace that we may live well; and heaven for having lived well.

Reflection:

There is really no excuse for me, is there? How can I fail to go to heaven when so much is done for me? It seems to me gross ingratitude to fail to spend eternity with my generous God. It's extraordinary when I think of it. First I am given life, then all I need to live as a follower of Jesus, and finally I am rewarded for using the means given me. So why do I make such heavy weather of it?

Maybe I'm just thick or, like the disciples, hard of heart and slow to believe in the miracle of God's love. Maybe the gift is so great I cannot comprehend it.



Prayer:

Lord, teach me to appreciate the wonderful gift of life God has given me.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 1st July	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 2nd	9:30am	Holy Mass
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 3rd	9:30am	Holy Mass, St Thomas, Apostle
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 4th	9:30am	Holy Mass, St Elizabeth of Portugal
	7:00pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition
Friday, 5th	11:10am	Exposition, St Anthony Zaccaria
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 6th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
		St Mary Goretti, Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, 7th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

BOOKINGS
Please book the venues of your events/activities at the foyer of the Church. Those who have booked will have priority. Please follow the **Guidelines for Use**.
Clean the kitchen, close the windows, turn off the water heater, etc.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(30/6/2024) **1st Reading:** Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24 **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Psalm Response: *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

(7/7/2024) **1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5 **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6