

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3 July:

1. Isaiah 66:10-14 2. Galatians 6:14-18 **Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20**

Needed: More Than 12

The first reading today gives a vivid image of God as Mother. With so many images of a masculine God throughout the Old and New Testaments, it is important not to pass over this one. Isaiah is proclaiming God's words of comfort to the Jews who have just returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon. Jerusalem is portrayed as a nursing mother, and that image is then assigned to God who will comfort, feed, and delight in Her children in the same way that a mother delights in her nursing. Because this reading is seemingly unrelated to the Gospel of the day, it often gets overlooked. You would do well to call it to others' attention.

Reflections on the Readings:

Twice in the Gospel of Luke Jesus sends disciples out to spread his mission by curing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God, a realm of peace, justice, and compassion for all. The first time, in the chapter before this reading, Jesus sent out his 12 apostles. In the passage today, he sends out a larger group of 72 others. It seems Jesus realizes that he needs more than 12 helpers in this work! It's likely that this larger group of 72 included women as well as men. In chapter 8, Luke mentions by name several women who accompanied Jesus in his ministry throughout the cities and villages of Galilee, including Mary Magdalen, Joanna, and Susanna, "and many others, who provided for them out of their resources" (Lk 8:2-3).

When Jesus sends out the 72, they are sent out in pairs. In the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's letters, there are references to married couples who work and travel together as missionaries. All of these references suggest Jesus didn't limit his calling to men only. Jesus' instructions were practical for missionaries of his day when the early Christians relied on the hospitality and generosity of others who wanted to hear about Jesus' teachings. He did not want them slowed down by hauling their material possessions, and he challenged them to stretch themselves to trust in God's care for them provided through others. He also gave them advice about what to do when they were not received well, the proverbial "shake the dust from your feet" which Jesus demonstrated in last week's reading.

Although we may not be full-time Christian missionaries today, all of Jesus' instructions for how to conduct ourselves in our daily lives can still be relevant and offer guidance for our work and personal relationships.

Questions:

Does it change how you think of this passage if you imagine Jesus sending out both women and men as "laborers for the harvest"? How so?

What might you be invited to let go of to lighten your load and free you up for easier movement in your life's work right now?

Where/when have you offered your skills, gifts, or time, only to have them rejected?

What was it like to try to shake the dust from your feet and move on?



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PETERS PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: This name is for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. There are donation envelopes in the Church foyers or you can donate through the Parish bank account 020342 0050016 16. Please enter your name in the Reference & Peters Pence in the Code. Thank you.

URGENT!! WE NEED MORE BLANKETS: Firstly thank you for your kind donations of blankets which were passed onto the St Vincent de Paul support centre. Demand has been so high and they are desperately short of blankets again. Please can you help?

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF PRIESTS: You are invited to the Ordination of Deacon Adam Kirkeby on **Sat, 6 August at 11.00am** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton. All are most welcome.

Transport to Ordination: If you are interested in car-pooling and/or transportation by bus (if sufficient numbers), please advise the parish office—so interest/numbers can be gauged and/or car-pooling arranged.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

The RCICCA is a journey of initiation that has been designed especially for Children over the age of 8 years that have not been baptised in the Catholic church and are seeking to 'Become Catholic'. Family sessions will take place on a Tuesday evening beginning on **16 August** at STM church centre. If you have a child that is expressing their interest in being baptised and learning more about Jesus and the church then please contact Heidi at pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

MOVIE NIGHT – FATHER STU: Thurs, 7 July, Tivoli Cinema, Papamoa at 6.30pm . Parish and School come together for a night out to watch Father Stu. A movie following the life of Fr Stuart Long, a boxer-turned-priest who inspired countless people during his journey from self-destruction to redemption.

NB - this movie has strong use of language. Tickets will be a deal at \$20 - Ticket sales are now open – purchase a ticket after the 10am & 5pm Sunday Masses at STM, or at the parish office or pay by direct credit by emailing kirsty@kaylee.co.nz and Kirsty will provide details.



RCIA Inquiry sessions for RCIA have begun on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** in the St Thomas More church centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mount Maunganui.

This inquiry period is for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith, and sharing in the journey with others to 'Become Catholic'. Please express your interest by contacting Heidi Nield (RCIA co ordinator) 575 4807 Ext 6 or Email: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

NZ CATHOLIC: Dioceses publish synod syntheses ahead of national hui. Legion of Mary centenary celebrated. Family forgave man who took their children's lives. Build pro-life society after Roe decision in US. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/91476705-1cb0-41a7-a8b4-bafd07b995b2>

AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN DAY FOR 2023 ENROLMENTS: Two sessions 8.45am-10.45am and 11.40am to 1.40pm on **Thurs, 28 July 2022**. **Enrolments for 2023 open on 27 June to 24 August**. Bookings for Open Day are essential. Book online at www.aquinas.school.nz

SET FREE CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: 9-11 September 2022—Year 10-13
Registrations are open for Set Free Catholic Youth Festival 2022. This festival is open to all high school youth Years 10-13. Set Free is a unique opportunity for young people to encounter Jesus in a unique and personal way. This year's camp will take place at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. Early bird registrations remain open until the end of July at a cost of \$125 per student. Partial and full sponsorship is available for requiring assistance. Please visit cdh-youth.squarespace.com

ALPHA GOES DIGITAL - Join us now! - Starts Mon, 22 Aug, 8pm
"Alpha is a free, easy-to-use tool to help engage people in your community with the gospel. It creates a space for people to connect with others online to watch a series of episodes and explore the Christian faith together."
(Alpha-Online) Alpha has transformed many lives to Jesus and it's about people coming together, who are real, ready to relate, and rely on the Holy Spirit. It has reached many countries in different languages. www.alphacourse.info or email: mjb.baird@gmail.com

FLATMATE WANTED to share fully furnished house with mature female. Available short term 1 to 1 Dec. Rent \$280 per week plus water/power. Location is Judea, top of the Summit. Please contact Lyn 027 368 1631.

NEW WEBSITE: www.allsaintsbythesea.nz
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Meeting will be held on **Thurs, 21 July**. Trading table, raffle & a talk by Brother Barry Burns who has recently returned to NZ from Kiribati where he has been taking care of the 3 preschools we have been supporting these last 3 years. Morning tea will follow. Please try and attend.

DIVINE RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE—TAUPO 18-19 July 2022:
Registrations have now closed early due to number of registrations—you will be placed on a "wait list". Do you want your parish to come alive? Come be the guest of the Parish of Tongariro Catholic at the DR OPEN HOUSE, Tongariro Catholic, St. Patrick's Church, 88 Acacia Bay Rd, Taupō NZ. Cost: \$45 per person, including dinner, lunch and refreshments. You can also visit the web-site: divinerenovation.org/events The link for registration is www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse
The short promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-6qaxDWP7U>

HEAVEN COME CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL: 5-7 August 2022
Ngaruawahia: Heaven Come is a weekend for young Adults ages 18-35 to encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and grow together as a community. This year, our theme is "A Chosen Instrument" which focuses on our mission as disciples of Jesus. Our 2022 ministry team include keynote speakers Mark Lysaght (Director of NET Ministries) and Ramona Cortes, with worship led by The Stations. Early Bird Special rooms and rates for married couples are also available. Please visit: cdh-youth.squarespace.com

READINGS FOR 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 July:
1. Deuteronomy 30:10-14 2. Colossians 1:15-20 **Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
9.30am Wednesday & Saturday, STM, Mount
ROSARY After 9am Mass at STM, Mount
ADORATION & BENEDICTION at STM Church each **Sunday, 3pm to 4pm.**

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every **Wed at 6pm**, starts outside STM Church.
<https://public-rosary.wixsite.com/nz-prays>

If you would like a Mass offered, please contact parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

Mon	
Tues	Holy Souls
Wed	Peter & Nancy O'Meeghan RIP
Thurs	Eric & Phyllis Drew RIP
Fri	
Sat	
Sun	
Sun 5pm	Pro populo—for the parishioners