

Bulletin 5th September

Dear Parishioners

I hope and pray you are all well and peaceful in this time.

We can each have a range of emotions – it is good to acknowledge them and place them before our Lord. God is with us.

Fr Trevor and I are at home. Fr Peter is caught “south of the border” and negotiating on how to get back.

Apart from exercise we are not far from home if you want to ring one of us.

In this **Sundays Gospel** we witness Jesus healing the Deaf Mute – Jesus makes “*the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak*”. Just as you can’t speak if you cannot hear – I pray we can truly hear Gods word in the Scriptures anew. To hear the Gospel as if we have never heard it before.

- This Month has been designated as a **Season of Creation** for us to reflect and act for the care of our world – our home. Our world is given to us by God. We are the Kaitiaki – Guardians.
- The Annual **Social Justice week** is from the 12 – 18 September.

“A Gospel of Encounter – be the Church”

We are called as church to be a people of encounter rather than separation and isolation.

You can visit the Caritas website:

www.caritas.org.nz

As we hopefully progress down through the Covid Alert levels we have to follow Government regulations. These may differ from previous. We will only be able to gather when and if we can all do this safely.

Please remember Anne Jackson who died at Jane Mander this week. Sympathy to Peter and their family.

All Blessings

Fr Chris M s.m.

Resources for your Prayerful Sustenance:

If you are reading this you are at our Parish website:

There are many resources at the **Auckland Diocese** website:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

(click on box below Bishops Crest)

I do recommend you visit: **Living the Word**

www.livingtheword.org.nz

This is a wonderful resource for your reflection on the Scripture Readings for each Sunday.

I also post items to our Parish **Facebook page:**

Catholic Parish of Whangarei – St Francis Xavier