



St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

10 JUNE 2018



1st Reading:

GENESIS 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

CORINTHIANS 4: 13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

MARK 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

**With the Lord
there is mercy and
fullness of
redemption.**

Ps 129

Situating today's gospel reading in Mark's ongoing narrative can help us understand how Mark puts incidents together to convey the drama of the public life of Jesus. Its beginning in Galilee leaves us in no doubt that Jesus caused quite a stir: he taught with authority; crowds gathered where he was staying; he healed the sick and pronounced the forgiveness of sins; and he began to meet opposition. We are reminded of Mark's sub-text: Who is this man? In today's reading, that question confronts Jesus in two very different forms.

The reaction of the family of Jesus gives us a moving glimpse of his situation after leaving home and becoming a vagabond preacher. Following a very traditional way of life, his family were understandably concerned at what they heard, fearing that Jesus may have become unbalanced. But the mission Jesus is initiating aims to open up a world far beyond human loyalties and expectations. As the months that are follow will show, his teaching, his miracles, and the final witness of his death, are all undertaken to inaugurate nothing less than the new family of God, which he called 'the Kingdom'. This incident also helps us to know Mary, the courageous woman who is our model as she makes the journey of life in the darkness of faith. Several times the Gospels remember Mary 'pondering', 'wondering at what has been said',

trusting in 'whatever he says to do'. Jesus' departure from the family home would not have been without pain and anxiety for her. Here we see her seeking to understand her son's mysterious mission along with the troubled family. Though it is not something that Mark adverts to as he recalls this moment, Mary is surely the greatest of all those who 'do the will of God'.

The scribes brought a very different challenge. Their vicious attack seems to be an expression of frustration, such as would be expected later in Jesus' ministry – perhaps it is introduced here to underline the sub-text, that we should take with us as we set out to follow Mark's gospel story, Who is this man? Jesus found it easy to point out the inconsistency of his frustrated adversaries' accusation that he is an agent of 'the Prince of demons'. However, what are we to make of the declaration that 'a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven'? Christian faith tells us that there is no possible sin that is beyond the forgiveness of God. The meaning of Jesus teaching is simple enough: Those who, like these scribes, choose to be blind to the working of the Holy Spirit can never find forgiveness so long as they choose not to be open to God's truth.

Fr John Thornhill sm

WELCOME VISITORS, to St Francis of Assisi, Thames. Whether you are here for the first time or visit periodically you are most welcome. Please join us in the Parish Centre for morning tea after Mass.





To “go in peace” means to bring the blessings of God into our daily lives, in daily activities, our homes, workplaces, “among the occupation of the earthly city”.

Pope Francis

How do you bring the blessings of God into your daily activities?

One day, I would like to turn on the News and hear,

There's Peace on Earth.



The **Hamilton Night Shelter Manager** will talk about setting up and running a shelter for those without homes at a **PUBLIC MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS IN THE THAMES COMMUNITY**

Where: CIVIC CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM

When: 7pm THURSDAY 21st JUNE

Are you concerned about how people without homes are faring in this cold winter here in Thames?

What is involved in setting up some practical help for people in this situation?

Come and hear what happens in the city of Hamilton.

What might be possible in a smaller town like Thames.

Come with your ideas and suggestions
Supper to follow and shared conversation.

St Francis School News

• Volunteers required to assist with:



- ⇒ Hearing reading & key words
- ⇒ Other reading support

MUSIC NIGHT

(NEXT DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

in the parish Centre
A fun evening of music and singing.

Whatever instrument you have (or use one of ours) come along and join us for a great night.

Contact Murray Pharaoh 027 4398787

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection

Loose \$101

Pledge \$489.20

TOTAL \$590.20



RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames
02—0100—0120990 — 008

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE ONE COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your gift to the Parish through **Auto Payment?**

This is a way to show a strong commitment to your Parish. AP's continually support even when you are away on holiday.

House Blessing

See Fr Albert.

BOOK YOURS NOW!



Reflection Day at Mary Mackillop
Centre, Mission Bay.

SPIRITUALITY of ELDERING
Tuesday 17th July 10am –2pm
Facilitated by Sr Lyndall Brown

This reflection day will offer
ways to discover the rich-
ness of life when we age
with grace.

Reflection around growing
contemplatively, learning
the art of letting go & the
wisdom of years.



Sr. Lyndall Brown

*Anyone interested, please contact Sr Paula for
transport options. 07 868 6310 / 021 2068062*



Sacramental Programme

commencing after Mass today.

Sessions

10 June, 1 July, 5 Aug, 12 Aug

For more information, call
Mary Hamilton 027 503 5505,
Eric Hamilton 021 509906 or
Sr Paula 021 2068062

WORDSEARCH



FAMILY
LAW
HOUSE
CROWD
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BROTHER
CIRCLE
MOTHER
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JESUS
DISCIPLES
TEACHERS
DIVIDED
KINGDOM
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IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

The Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago offers many opportunities to study Christian Theology, both on-campus and by distance.

We are offering a range of papers in Semester 2. For further details on each paper go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago685430.html>. Second semester starts on 09 July and new enrolments are due by 25 June.

To enrol go to www.otago.ac.nz.

Enquires welcome to theology@otago.ac.nz or phone 03 479 8901.

½ day Anniversary Workshop for couples married 1-5 years

An opportunity to take time out from the busyness of life to nurture your marriage and revisit key areas of relationship - *Intimacy, Communication & Conflict*

Course Leaders: Loretta and John Carroll

Date: Sunday 5 August 2018

Time: 1.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Pompallier Centre, 30 New Street, St Mary's Bay

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

10 JUNE Grace Visser Margaret Mabey
17 JUNE Lyn Hopkins Mike Hopkins

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

10 JUNE Margie Humphrey Judy Thomas
17 JUNE Elizabeth Govorko Clark Robyn Smith

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

10 JUNE Robyn Smith
17 JUNE Eric Hamilton

GIFTS

10 JUNE Wenzlick family
17 JUNE Mike & Viv Lander

MORNING TEA

10 JUNE Team Kerela
17 JUNE Team Lois

CHURCH CLEANING

JUNE WK 1 Jenny Cooper / David Cooper / Mary Connors
JUNE WK 3 Indian Group

FLOWERS

Cost: \$20.00 per couple

To register please email Sandra Armstrong, Marriage Programmes Coordinator. sandraa@cda.org.nz

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **The TREATY – and the Connectedness for the many Cultures of Aotearoa New Zealand** with SUSAN HEALY. Fridays 15 & 22 June, 7-9pm. \$15 for each night
 - **INTERFAITH Event: ABRAHAM – A Connecting Ancestor in Faith** with the Interfaith Community. Tues 26 June, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. Key note speakers for the Abrahamic event will be: Fr Kevin Waldie SM (Christian), Imaam Mohamed Shaakir (Muslim), Paul Wilton (Jewish). The main focus will be on connecting with each other and becoming neighbours.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE Series** Thursday's 10-12 noon 28 June – 19 July. \$15 each or 4 for \$50 incl. Morning tea. 28 June "... People who made a difference" MARY BETZ, 5 July "...Paris agreement" BRIDGET CRISP rsm, 12 July "...Catholic Social Teaching" LYN SMITH, 19 July "... the Treaty Relationship" SUSAN HEALY See our website for more details. Bookings essential.

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND –13-15 July at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington – BOOK NOW! – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

CALENDAR

JUNE

Tues 12th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 13th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Thurs 14th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 15th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 16th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 17th	8:30am—Mass in the Church

JULY

Tues 17th	Spirituality of Eldering
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Lois Wright Ph 868 6600

1st Thursday of the month at Parish Centre

LITURGICAL TIMES

Sunday Mass

8.30 am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday Mass

9.15 am

Thursday

9.15am. Mass, Exposition, Benediction & Reconciliation.

Friday

12.15pm

Reconciliation

During Exposition, Thursdays
Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass.