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## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING OF PEOPLES**

This Day of Prayer reminds me of the many stories of migrants who choose to, in Filipino idiom, “hawak sa patalim.” It literally means “clutching a knife blade.” This phrase is often used when someone is in a hazardous situation but that person choose to live with it.

Most of the stories I heard from Filipinos can be summed: they knew that they have been exploited and abused, but they choose to carry on and suffer. Why? For their family’s sake at home. The reason would always be I would rather suffer and be able to send money home for my family rather than speak out against my employers and end up sent home and then my whole family would suffer.

But there are deeper stories than these, more tragic than these, more painful than these when “clutching a knife blade” is not a choice made but the only choice left for them.

Across the globe you would hear tragic life stories, which could have been avoided if we treat each person, not as a commodity, but with dignity. “Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society” said Pope Francis on his address to participants in the international conference on human trafficking on the 10th April 2014.

This is a challenge for us in our own local community: to fight against the modern forms of slavery and trafficking. We are called to come together and tackle the systemic causes of human trafficking. Together, we can call on the government to commit to long-term support for survivors, including quality education, work permits, access to justice and compensation, and medical and psychosocial assistance.

I am confident that Aotearoa New Zealand, its government and society, is doing its best to prevent trafficking and slavery from happening in our soil. But we need to be vigilant and be watchful for the less-privileged brothers and sisters in our community. They may be smiling at you but they are “clutching the knife blade.”

**Pa Dennis**

**N.B. Time and Talent Sunday is happening in two weeks time, coinciding with the celebration of the rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to the Blessed Mary on the 15th August. This is also a wonderful opportunity for us to dedicate some of our time and talent for the life of the Church.**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30 pm

**Sunday Morning Mass**

9:15 am

**Weekday Masses**

9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday

12:10 pm Friday

**Liturgy of the word with Communion**

9.30 am Monday

**Adoration**

11:10 am Friday

**Reconciliation**

Friday after Mass

# P A R I S H   N O T I C E S

**THE SOCIAL GROUP** invites parishioners to the socials every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30pm at the Parish Centre behind the church.

**MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION** - Thursdays at 5pm at the chapel.

**READING PRACTICE** for Sunday Masses every Friday at 5.30pm.

**HALF WAY THERE** already is Kati in her wish to get the Recumbent Trike. Though born with physical deformities, she is a fighter! Her wish is to participate in the annual Halberg Games eventually. Please support Kati financially.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY** Wellington Formation Day on 7th August from 2pm -6pm at Sts Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt.

**MASS FOR THE DEAF** will be on 8th August as David Molloy will be around for the sign language.

**REDEDICATION OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND TO MARY MOTHER OF GOD ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN** Mass at St Mary of the Angels Sun 15 August at 1:30pm.

**COOKING LESSON FOR MEN** at Levin Uniting Church (partnered with Skills4Living), a six-week cooking class which begins Wednesday 11 August, 11:00am—1:00pm, and meets every Wednesday for 6 weeks in the kitchen at Levin Uniting Church. Spots are limited, so contact Brett at [brett.levinuniting@outlook.com](mailto:brett.levinuniting@outlook.com) or phone 0272381074 or approach Kilian Delacy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WORKSHOP** Thursday August 5th 2021, St Theresa's Plimmerton. 7-8.30pm, Tea and Coffee available from 6.30pm

To register please contact Chris at 04 496-

**If you are not well, please stay at home and we give communion for you.**

**BRAIN TEASER:** Pope Francis has designated the 4th Sunday in July as The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Why did he choose that date?

**Answer:** It is the nearest Sunday to 26 July which is the Feast of St Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

## **Novena in Preparation for Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven**

On Sunday August 15 our land will be solemnly rededicated by all our bishops to Our Lady at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington. In preparation for this, the Catholic Enquiry Centre will post a short reflection and prayer each day beginning Saturday 7 August on the Catholic Discovery Facebook page. We invite all to take part in praying for our nation each day. <https://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz>

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## **Faith on Line**

**Watch:** Pope Francis on Day of Prayer for Trafficking and Slavery: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-human-trafficking-world-day-prayer.html>

**Read:** Being a Grandparent is About Being in Awe: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/soul-seeing/being-grandparent-about-being-awe>

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER**

The SVDP Levin have reached over 650 Adults, teenagers and children this year. Support continues to flow in from generous corporate and Parishioner donations. Without that support we would certainly struggle to achieve what is being done. Our thanks to you all. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

Next Meeting: Thursday 5 August 2021, 1.30pm at the Parish Centre.

**GARAGE SALE** on Saturday, 7th August. Fancy a clean out? If you have items to donate please contact Hilary0205@gmail.com or call in evenings only at 022 091 9299. Please no books or magazines. Thanks and look forward to the donations.



## WORLD DAY OF TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

On February 8th, Pope Francis joined survivors of human trafficking, religious sisters and cardinals in a day of prayer against modern day slavery, calling for a “courageous economy” with market rules that promote justice and bans human trafficking.

“An economy without human trafficking is an economy with market rules that promote justice, not exclusive special interests,” Francis said. “Human trafficking finds fertile ground in the approach of neo-liberal capitalism, in the deregulation of markets aimed at maximizing without ethical limits, without social limits, without environmental limits.”

He said this leads to choices being made on the calculation of advantages, often “cleverly obscured by a humanitarian or ecological veneer,” but without following an ethical criterion.

“Choices are not made by looking at the human person: people are numbers, to be exploited,” the pontiff said in a video message for the VII International Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking.

According to the International Labor Organization, human trafficking and modern slavery affect over 40 million people worldwide, with a quarter those enslaved today being children.

An economy without trafficking, Pope Francis said, “is a courageous economy- it takes courage. Not in the sense of recklessness, of risky operations in the hope of easy gains. It requires the courage to combine legitimate profit with the promotion of employment and decent working condition.”

“In times of crisis, human trafficking proliferates, as we all know: We see it every day. In times of crisis, human trafficking proliferates; therefore, we need to strengthen an economy that may respond to the crisis in a way that is not short-sighted, in a lasting way, in a solid way,” Francis continued.

“An economy that cares for work, creating employment opportunities that do not exploit workers through degrading working conditions and grueling hours,” he said. “The COVID pandemic has exacerbated and worsened the conditions of labor exploitation; job losses have penalized many trafficked persons in the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration.”

The world day of prayer is coordinated by Talitha Kum, a network of nuns and religious sisters working against trafficking. It was set up by the International Union of Superiors



General (UISG), in partnership with the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Vatican's Dicastery for Service to Integral Human Development, Caritas Internationalis, the Focolare Movement, and other groups.

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



Kathleen Gardiner   Bill Gorely   Brian Francis   Lilian Oliver   Nancy Gay  
David Fleming   Patricia Barnett   Betty O'Hagan

## WHY DO WE ... call Mass a 'sacrifice'?



A sacrifice is a form of adoration during which an authorised priest offers a victim in the name of the people to recognise a) God's supreme dominion and b) our dependence on Him. The victim is at least withdrawn from human use, if not totally immolated. The death of Jesus has always been considered a sacrifice as he died on behalf of mankind to free us from the power of sin. Sacrifice has been a practice among humans for centuries.

The Mass, being a renewal of the sacrifice of Jesus, is indeed a 'sacrifice' in which the faithful are able to offer themselves and their lives along with their crucified Lord. As a sacrifice, the Mass achieves four purposes: 1) to adore God, by acknowledging His supreme dominion over creatures; 2) to be thankful for all God's benefits, hence the term Eucharist; 3) to atone for the sins of the human race, an act of expiation; 4) to beg new favours from God's generosity.

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

Monday, 2nd August	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Peter Faber
Tuesday, 3rd	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Dominic
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
Wednesday, 4th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St John Mary Vianney
	6pm	Info Evening about COVID 19 Vaccination for Our Polynesian brothers/sisters at the church
Thursday, 5th	9.30am	Holy Mass, Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
Friday, 6th	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10am	Holy Mass, The Transfiguration
	1pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 7th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St Sixtus, St Cajetan
Sunday, 8th	9:15am	Morning Mass

**BOOKINGS FOR CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE USE** is in the foyer. To avoid conflict in use, please write your booking early.

### Readings at Sunday Mass

(1/08/2021) **1st Reading:** Ex 16:2-4:12-15; **2nd Reading:** Eph 4:17, 20-24;

**Gospel:** John: 6:24-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** "The Lord gave them bread from Heaven."

(8/08/2021) **1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; **2nd Reading:** Eph 4:30-5:2;

**Gospel:** John: 6:41-51

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