

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 27th August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings:

This week we have enjoyed a visit from our youngest daughter and our youngest grandchild. It's been great! Comfort food, heaps of laughter and lots of new places to explore together. Is there any better way to spend a few days?

In our gospel reading today life seems a bit more serious: while the timing of this event differs a little in each of the synoptic accounts, the message is the same ... Peter finally gets it ... Jesus is the Messiah of God! Jesus is the One who has been sent to reconcile the final place of Israel in the cosmic order of things. Except that He doesn't ... He calls all people to Himself and accepts all their sins, so that they (we) can live in the righteousness He wants for us. There are times when I find that very hard to accept, but I am grateful, nonetheless.

I sometimes feel sorry for God; He has no grandchildren. If there's one thing that is purpose built for allowing us to make up for all the mistakes we made with our children ... it's their children and the time we spend with them, making life easier for their parents and having a little fun. Come to think of it, maybe that's what Jesus does for us?

Maybe we should just be joyful and grateful all the time ... with everyone we meet? That way, even if you don't have grandchildren of your own, you don't miss out.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 27th AUGUST 2023

Sentence

Martha said, Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world. *John 11:27*

Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified;
hear the prayer we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

1st Reading *Isaiah 51:1-6*

2nd Reading *Romans 12:1-8*

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation and for the residents and staff of Hodgson House.

We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers: John, Isabel, Sheryll, Taylor, Viv, David.

Word and Light OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The theme for the next edition will be “**The Colours of Spring**”. Articles on other topics are also welcome. Photos add interest. Please send your contributions to Lynda, the Parish Administrator, by **10th September 2023**.

This Week Beginning: 28th August

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist

Friday 9.00 am Senior Chef

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Services for Sunday 3rd September –

8.30 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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