



CHAPLAIN TO THE CATHOLIC DEAF PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES
TE KAIHAUTU KATORIKA KI NGA TANGATA TURIA ME O RATOU WHANAU

17th April 2009

To the members and friends of the Auckland Deaf Catholic Community

Tena koutu katoa (Hello everyone),

Our next monthly Mass will be held on Sunday 10th May 2009 (Mother's Day),
2.00pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby.

Programme for 10th May 2009

Readings from the Gospel John 15:1-8

Celebrant - Father Mike Burgess

Interpreter - Deborah Lynch

Raffle - June Whiting

11.45am to 12.15pm Arrival and Gathering

12.15pm to 1.00pm Lunch (Please bring something for shared lunch)

1.00pm Lena will give talk and please feel free to ask her any questions etc

1.15pm Mary Johnson will repeat her story about St Dominic's school

1.25pm Raffle - June

1.30pm Clean Up

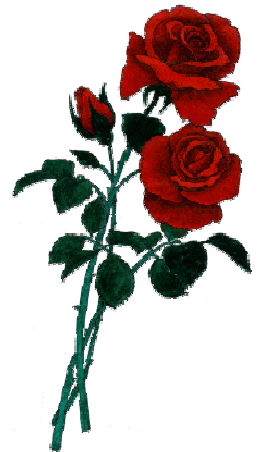
1.40pm Prepare for Mass - volunteers for lighting candles, 1st reading, prayers of the faithful and Eucharistic minister (wine)

2.00pm Mass in the Delargey Room

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.15pm Lena will thank and farewell Father Mike Burgess

3.30pm Clean Up and Home





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April Newsletter

Thanks to everyone for helping to make Palm Sunday Mass a very special one and wasn't it lovely to have lunch outside because the weather was wonderful.

It was also lovely to have a surprise visit from Sister Dom and Sister Joan. They thought they'll stop by, on their way to visit one of their Dominican Sisters, who was celebrating 70 years (I'm sure I heard it right) in the Religious Order, wow!

Mary Johnson went to the St Dominic's Book Launch at Palmerston North on 21st March and said it was just awesome. There was another Book Launch on April 18th where Warren and I attended and I saw some of you there too. Sister Dom was one of the speakers and it was fascinating listening to some of the history of St Dominic's school (school for the Deaf).

It opened in 1944 and closed in 1989 and both Danny Beech and Mary Johnson attended the school in 1947. Danny was number 27th and Mary was number 28th on the enrolments. A warm and moving tribute was given to Danny; for me personally, I wished I had met him before he died.

Mary was also one of the speakers and I know she was nervous beforehand but you wouldn't have known it because she did a brilliant job. Mary, after my talk, would you like to repeat your story again to the Deaf Community, I am sure they will love to hear it.



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Trevor Cotter, has another appointment at Waitakere hospital on Monday April 27th, I hope it all goes well for you so please everyone, remember Trevor in your prayers.

Nancy, I changed the time of the Mass an hour earlier and I heard this may not suit you, could you please let me know either by text or email, thank you. Please let me know if you are coming to this Mass, as I would like to give you some things to do with the children eg colouring in pictures of Jesus etc. I was thinking of asking Father to bless you and the children at the beginning of the Mass before you all leave and come back before Holy Communion, what do you think? Children's concentration span is not very long therefore, they will benefit with some little distraction.

Valerie, I will put you in charge of our foods/drinks because you do such an excellent job, of making sure the table is laid out beautifully and cleaning up afterwards, but we will all help you, so don't worry and many thanks. Does anyone live nearby to take Valerie home after Mass please? Many thanks to Mary for always picking up Valerie, to bring her to our Mass.

Trevor, Anton and Warren, I will ask you men to take the altar table from the Chapel (please be careful) and put it in the Delargey room, arrange the chairs in a semi-circle around the altar, place table on left-hand side of Father, for the wine, hosts etc, the stand for the interpreter on the right-hand side, thank you.

Mary, could you please get somebody to help you get the wine, plastic mats for the candles, hosts, box of matches, bottle of wine etc (except the cruets) from the Chapel, for the altar table and



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side table. I have the white table-cloth and I will get the candles, wine glasses and folders from my office, thank you.

Many thanks again to Janet Baillie and her family, for their contributions and running the Raffle at our last Mass, we managed to raised more money than when I first started. Please remember to bring your gold coins for our Raffle, 1 ticket for \$1.00 and 3 tickets for \$2.00 - this money is used for the Deaf Community only so please support this, eg to purchase small things like foods, drinks etc, thanks everyone.

Please pray that God will send more people and families to our Catholic Deaf Community. Finally but not least, I pray for God's blessings upon each and everyone of you and your loved ones. Next Mass will be on Sunday June 7th, 10.00am at Christ the King church at Mt Roskill and lunch next door at the school's hall.

At our last gathering, I mentioned about trying to find a balance of wanting to attract families and young people to our Deaf Community and keeping our older, regular folks happy as well. This is the reason why we will sometimes join the parishioners at Christ the King church and other times, it will be here at Pompallier. In July, August, October and November (2nd Sunday), the Masses will be at Pompallier - in September and December (1st Sunday), the Masses will be at Christ the King church, Mt Roskill.

Wishing you well and God bless

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