



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

14<sup>th</sup> May 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Trinity Sunday) at 10.00am at Christ the King church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill.

**Programme for 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Readings from the Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20**

**Celebrant** Monsignor Ray Green/Fr Michael Endemann?

**Interpreters** Sarah Shears & Debbie Lynch

**Raffle** Janet Baillie

9.30am - 9.45am Arrive to church and sit with Deaf Community  
(at front of church)

10.00am Mass begins

11.00am Mass ends - please remain seated and wait for instructions

11.15am School Hall and help set up tables and chairs etc

11.30am - 12.00pm Brunch (morning tea/lunch)

12.00pm Raffle

12.15pm Lena's Talk and please feel free to sign/speak about anything

12.30pm - 1.30pm NZ Relay Presentation by Monica Leach

1.30pm Any questions about NZ Relay to Monica

1.45pm Afternoon Tea

2.00pm Clean up/Home





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## May Newsletter

Thanks to everyone for helping to make our Mass on Mother's Day (10<sup>th</sup> May) a special one and it is always good to see all of you. With the weather getting colder, please keep yourselves warm and look after yourselves - no playing out in the rain please!

Carol and Trevor, thank you for your warm hospitality to both Mary and myself, when we visited you both recently, at your home. You have a beautiful home and gardens, thank you for showing us around. Trevor, by the time you get this newsletter, the stitches on your hand will have been taken out. I pray for God's continued healing upon your hand.

Mary, you did a wonderful job of giving a `talk' about St Dominic's book and how the Sisters were like second mothers to the children, comforting them when they were sick, hurt or upset. Everyone laughed at the part when as children, you would pull on the rope, not knowing it was a bell and finally getting a telling off from your mother. Thank you Mary for sharing and Carol, thank you too for sharing some of your memories of the school as well.....those were the good old days.....

Like Mary said, things have changed so much since her childhood at school. Since St Dominic's school closed in 1989, Deaf and hearing impaired children mostly go to mainstream schools, with teacher-aides to help them in the classrooms. Technology has come a long way and it is still changing today. Hearing aids come in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours and there's more choices as well, like the cochlear implants, FM System (used with hearing aids in classrooms/lecture rooms) and BAHA (Bone Anchor Hearing Aid).

Janet's son Adam wears a cochlear implant and these are for profoundly deaf children/adults only. My son Conan has an FM System,



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which he uses only in the classrooms - it helps him to hear his teacher clearly and cuts out the background noises. Conan's hearing aids has an FM included which he can switch on/off and the teacher has a clip-on small transmitter with a on/off button. Trouble is, the teacher has to remember to switch the transmitter off when she leaves the classroom otherwise Conan can hear everything she says and do!

Valerie, I hope you are feeling much better now and hope to see you at Christ the King church, Mt Roskill in June. I will get Mary to pick you up and maybe Oumaima will drop you off afterwards? Does anyone in your family drive? I will phone and speak to your mother about that, okay.

Many thanks to everyone for helping to set the tables for our lunch, Mass etc and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks Oumaima and June for keeping the staff room's kitchen clean and spotless!

June, thank you for your wonderful contributions to the Raffle and organising this. I know we won't see you at Christ the King church because of the distance but we will be thinking of you and look forward to seeing you again in July at Pompallier.

Kevin, Ron and Roy - it is always a joy to see your smiling faces and I know how much the Deaf Mass means to you all. Ron (I hope I got it right), I know you had asthma on Sunday, thank you for coming despite this. I hope your chest is feeling much better and you can breathe more easily again.

Father Mike, many thanks again for being a wonderful Celebrant at our Deaf Masses. We will indeed miss you and for some of us that can hear, we will miss your lovely Irish accent!



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Brother Joe, Nancy, Patricia, Tina and Pia (sorry, if I've forgotten anyone), it was good to see you all too. Patricia, because of the distance, I know you won't be at Christ the King church and Tina, thanks again for offering to organised the school hall for us.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, NZ Catholic Bishops has requested that due to Swine Flu, that from now on, there will be no Communion on tongue, no wine from chalice and no shaking of hands at Sign of Peace. This is only for hygienic and safety reasons but they will let us know, when we can resumed again.

Next Mass will be at Pompallier Diocese, Ponsonby on July 12th at 2.00pm and we will have Debbie as our Interpreter.

Keep warm, look after yourselves and God bless

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