



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

29th July 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 9th August 2009 at 2.00pm, at either Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby OR St Mary's Chapel (if the weather's fine and across the road), 9 New Street, St Mary's Bay. We will still have our gathering, lunch and afternoon tea at Pompallier - please use the staff entrance at the back.

Programme for 9th August 2009

Readings from Gospel John 6:41-51 (19th Week of Ordinary Time)

Celebrant - Father Bruce Bollard

Interpreter - Sarah Shears

Raffle - Janet Baillie

- 11.50am Gathering at Pompallier Diocesan Centre
- 12.00pm Lunch (please bring something for shared lunch)
- 12.35pm Raffle/Tidy up
- 12.45pm Lena's Talk
Discussions on Gospel John 6:41-51
Assumption of Our Lady, Patroness of Aotearoa NZ - 15th August
John 6:51-58
- 1.40pm Prepare for Mass
- 2.00pm Mass at either Pompallier or St Mary's old white chapel (across the road, depending on weather)
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea at Pompallier's Staff room
- 3.30pm Clean up/Home



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July Newsletter

Good to see you all there at our Mass on 12th July - Trevor & Carol, Mary, Valerie, Patricia, June and my family. Maureen Hammond and Nancy arrived for Mass and Brother Joe came for afternoon tea.

Welcome back Fr Bruce, good to see you again. During my talks, somebody asked me how long Father was going to do the Deaf Masses for and I replied without thinking, 'until he goes to Heaven!' and everybody bursts out laughing. Yes, I should be more careful what I say but I guess, that's what you get when you start hanging out with the Deaf for a while and pick up their culture and ways of doing/signing things.

We started the day with a NZ Relay presentation by Monica Leach, another form of telecommunications options for the Deaf, hearing impaired, deafblind and speech impaired. Of course, not everyone has a computer and some of the older folks said it was more for the younger ones. However, as Mary is the chairperson for the Auckland Deaf Senior Citizens, Mary has asked Monica to give another presentation to ADSC. Monica also mentioned that there are indeed other telecommunications options, particularly for the older Deaf folks.

During my 'talks', everyone was quite animated/excited, as I am, that there is a Law firm in Auckland for them, called the Auckland Disability Law. Of course, we spent some time talking/signing about this, as most had questions. Thanks to Debbie for giving me their business card and I have emailed them, intending to visit them soon and to get more of their business cards for you all, isn't that wonderful! For the benefits of some, I also read out my newsletter so that everyone will know what I've written, so from now on, this will become part of my 'talks', hence my long newsletter.....Srs Dom and Joan will probably roll their eyes towards heaven when they see this.

Another new thing we did was to discuss about the Gospel reading for the day (I know Danny used to do this) and it was good to see everyone participating. Due to the rain, we decided to have the Mass at Pompallier's chapel, it's lovely but can be quite cramped for the Deaf Community as they need elbow space to sign. Providing the weather is much nicer for our next Mass, we may be able to walk across the road to St Mary's old chapel.



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We missed Ron, Roy and Kevin at our Mass because Ron was not well and had been recovering at North Shore hospital. Guess what? Last week, I drove all the way to Helensville, although I had my work colleague Jovita with me because I have never driven there or been there before. A year ago, I still couldn't drive on the southern motorway or past Manukau and here I am, I have been to Avondale twice, Blockhouse Bay, Royal Oak and now to Helensville! It was so lovely to see both Ron and Roy's faces light up when I walked in. I think they couldn't believe it was me. I didn't have time to visit Kevin while I was there but I will next time. Both of them looked well and I told Ron that he is not to smoke anymore because of his lungs, poor thing his face went all red and he kept nodding his head, as though to say, 'I know, I know...' and I prayed over him before we left.

Birthdays - Mary turns 70 on August 9th, both Ron & Roy turns 78 on August 25th and also on August 25th, is Warren's birthday too, so wishing you all a blessed, happy birthdays and anyone else, not mentioned.

Good news, Mary's right thigh is not serious. The x-ray's results shows that it's probably due to arthritis to her femur bone. In time, this will gradually heal and then Mary can go back to high jumping!

Deaf Masses

August 9th, September 20th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th at 2.00pm - either at Pompallier OR at St Mary's old chapel across the road

Christ The King church

September 6th and December 6th at 10.00am (no gathering/lunch afterwards in the school hall)

Take care, keep warm and God blessings

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