



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

29th April 2010

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 16th May 2010 at 2.00pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby - please use the staff entrance at the back.

Readings from Gospel Luke 24:46-53 (Ascension of the Lord)

Celebrant: Father Michael Endemann

Interpreter: Debbie Lynch

Raffle: Lena Smith

Programme for 16th May 2010

11.15am Arrival/Gathering

11.30am - 12.15pm NZ Relay workshop by Monica Leach (staff room)

12.30pm Lunch (please bring something to eat/drink for shared lunch)

1.00pm Raffle/Clean Up

1.15pm Meeting

1.30pm Prepare for Mass

2.00pm Reconciliation (staff room) and Mass (chapel)

3.15pm Home



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April Newsletter

Thank you Mary for being in charge with the last Deaf Mass and I know that Mary was also quite rapt that Father Michael blessed her special Merit medal.

Nancy Khaw's mother had another stroke which means that Nancy will not be able to come along to the Deaf Masses any more, please remember Nancy and her mother in your prayers.

Michelle Smith was not at the last Mass because she was in Australia at the time and sometimes my husband Warren bumps into her on the train to/from work. Warren also recently met Michelle's mother and remarks that both look so much alike! As Warren does not sign, he had to write down on a piece of paper to communicate with Michelle.

Last week, Mary and I visited Eileen Long at Hutton Park Rest Home, Otahuhu. What a lovely lady she is and the Manager Mark Becroft, said that Eileen will be relieved to finally be able to 'communicate' in her own language with another Deaf person.

Apparently, she was from the first group of people that started attending Deaf Masses in Auckland all those years ago and June would have been in that group as well, wow! Then Mary and I went to Sylvia Park's food court for lunch and a catch-up. I promised Eileen that we will visit again and her face just lit up.

Please remember also in your prayers for John McAlpine's wife Jenny....I still haven't heard anything as I type this and for Phil O'Connor (hearing) - you may remember from last year, when he attended with his lovely teenage son, as well as some students from AUT's NZSL classes were there too.

We must remember to always thank God for our health and that we can still walk and live independently in our own homes therefore, don't dwell on the negatives, be happy and be grateful for what you have.....life is too short as it is. Okay, I better sign off because Sr Dom says I am 'chatty', in other words, I talk too much!



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Before I forget, the lovely Father Robert Steele from Thames will be our priest for our next Deaf Mass and we will also have Reconciliation first in the staff room and then Mass in the Chapel.

Could you all please bring your newsletters with you at the next Deaf Mass, as it has a copy of the Gospel reading for you to look at, thank you.

Don't forget to bring your gold coin/s for the Raffle (Lena)

\$1.00 for 1 Ticket and \$2.00 for 3 Tickets

Dates to Remember:

May 16th - Reconciliation and Deaf Mass at 2.00pm led by Fr Robert Steele.
Workshop by NZ Relay, Monica Leach at 11.30am to 12.15pm.

June 20th - Deaf Mass at 12.00pm, led by Fr Michael Endemann.
Workshop by Jovita Parker at 11.00am to 11.50am

Arohanui and Blessings

Lena

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