



Celebrating Liturgy of the Word with Family 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Preparation – allow some time to prepare

- Read through the outline beforehand
- Arrange seating and set a prayer focus in the centre. Include candles, cross, perhaps children could make their own cross beforehand.
- Open links. Beginning, psalm after the gospel and at the end (allow children to move to the music.). Also a psalm.
- Share the reader role. Encourage your readers to practice beforehand and pause for

Lighting candles. SIGN OF THE CROSS: In name of the Father... OR Ki te ingoa... Tēnā Koutou Katoa
 Welcome everyone. Today is the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time and Tuesday this week, the 1st of September, is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” – and the start of “Season of Creation. Pope Francis has invited us, to participate in this annual time ‘of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home’.

Let’s sing and (dance): Something to sing and dance along with <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaXrpMmSgG4>

READER: Let’s remember that God is generous in every way and ask for God’s mercy.

For times we have not noticed nature’s beauty; Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy

For times we have neglected gratitude; Christ have mercy

(All) Christ have mercy

For times we have forgotten the incarnate presence; Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy



READER: These photos are all taken in Wellington. Discuss. Do you know where they are taken? Which places have you visited? What can we say about the place God has given us to live?

READER: Let's pray.

READER: Wonderful God

READER: You are present in the whole universe

READER: And in the smallest of creatures

READER: With tenderness you embrace all that exists

READER: You give us the power of your love

READER: So that we might share your work

READER: Of loving and protecting life and beauty

READER: For the wonder of creation, the joy of appreciation, and the call to share your work of giving and protecting life, Wonderful God, we give you thanks and praise,

ALL: Amen

Pause for a time to reflect.

ALL: we praise you and thank you

COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER: Let us now bring to mind all we want to pray for. *(Allow silence, 1 minute)*

God you give us every good gift. Help us to love you. Deepen our reverence for you and help us to care and protect what you have given us. We make this prayer through Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9 *International Children's Bible*

Reader 1 I am always shouting about violence and destruction.

I tell the people about the message I received from the Lord.

But this only brings me insults. The people make fun of me all day long.

Sometimes I say to myself,

"I will forget about the Lord.

I will not speak anymore in his name."

Reader 2 But then the Lord's message becomes like a burning fire inside me.

It feels like it burns deep within my bones.

I get tired of trying to hold the Lord's message inside of me.

And finally, I cannot hold it in.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Silence – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word settle inside us.*

PSALM: *Join in (sing and dance)- Thank you Lord* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEYz4izSL2k>

SECOND READING: Romans 12:2 *International Children's Bible*

Reader 1 Do not be shaped by this world. Instead be changed within by a new way of thinking.

Reader 2 Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Follow the reading with silence.

Discuss: This reading tells us that the best way to worship God, is by how we live and with a new way of thinking. What might this new way of thinking be like?

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

Reader 1 From that time on Jesus began telling his followers that he must go to Jerusalem. He explained that the Jewish elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law would make him suffer many things. And he told them that he must be killed. Then, on the third day, he would be raised from death.

Reader 2 Peter took Jesus aside and began to criticize him. Peter said, "God save you from those things, Lord! Those things will never happen to you!"

Reader 1 Then Jesus said to Peter, "Go away from me, Satan! You are not helping me! You don't care about the things of God. You care only about things that people think are important."

Reader 2 Then Jesus said to his followers, "If anyone wants to follow me, they must say 'no' to the things they want. They must be willing to take up their cross, and must follow me. Whoever wants to save their life will give up true life. And whoever gives up their life for me will have true life.

Reader 1 It is worth nothing for a person to have the whole world if they lose their soul. They could never pay enough to buy back their soul.

Reader 2 The Son of Man will come again with his Father's glory and with his angels. At that time, he will reward everyone for what they have done.

Reader 1 I tell you the truth. There are some people standing here who, before they die, will see the Son of Man coming with his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading - silence. Let some words go over and over in your mind.

Reflection song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDODfFoJlNw>

Discuss: What can I do to take up my cross and follow Jesus?

Prayer of the Faithful: *As God's people, one of our responsibilities is to pray for the needs of the whole world.*

Let's pray for all who need.

For the Church – that we always listen well when the readings are proclaimed.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For world leaders – that the people in their countries be free to pray and worship as they choose.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For all Christian people – that we learn to become one.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For people who suffer from the pandemic – that the sick healed, the jobless employed, the grieving consoled and the pandemic ended.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For Aotearoa New Zealand in this election year – that those standing for election do so because they want to serve the people.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

For care for our Common Home - that we all do a better job of caring for creation.

(Silence) Reader: E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

Hear us God. These are our prayers. ... Amen

READER: And now let us pray together as Jesus taught us: Choose Māori or English

Māori at this link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/mass-readings-in-te-reo/> Words are on the screen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COLLECTION: READER: Something that Christian people do is support people who need help. There are lots of people who need help. Let's talk about who needs help and what we could do to help them?

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation in today's Liturgy of the Word. Let us go in peace to love and serve God. Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG: The Blessing Aotearoa <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZQPifs2kjo>

- **Your Parish:** your parish and presbytery still have operating costs.
- **Catholic Social Services Wellington** to donate, <https://wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz/Donate>
- **The Catholic aid agency Caritas** to support their work, click [here](#)
- **St Vincent de Paul** contact your parish or click [here](#)