



Liturgy of the Word for families 28th Sunday Ordinary Time, Support Life Sunday

Light candles. (Do this deliberately as part of your prayer. Candles remind us of the presence of Christ the light.)

SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Welcome! Today is the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is also Support Life Sunday; a day in which we are called to support and honour health carers as we acknowledge their work of supporting and protecting life. Pope Francis has acknowledged and thanked health carers in many statements throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. We are invited to adopt a similar attitude of thankfulness for their work.

Let's sing

→ **Kids** I Can Only Imagine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acwsBll1zYM>

→ **Youth** We are One Body <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDRYEwNYOOM>

→ **Adults** Love Goes On (B Farrell) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNdEoU5fiPE&list=PLXMqrDsO_8fkJAxLNuxNJI33A_Itc7MXT&index=17

READER: E te Atua, life-giving God, you long for your children to have life, and have it to the full. We turn to you seeking wholeness in our lives.

You show us the path of wisdom
You prepare us for works of charity and love
You show us the way

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy
(All) Christ have mercy
(All) Lord have mercy

Reflection on Support Life Sunday

Watch, Support Life Sunday, from the Nathaniel Centre

– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ja-yJwUIKOE>

Discuss

– What are the ways in which I or we can support and honour Health carers?



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:UK_Emergency_Medical_Team_Nurse_Lynsey_Phillips_caring_with_a_child_who_has_just_tested_negative_for_COVID-19_in_Bangladesh_\(2485655927\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:UK_Emergency_Medical_Team_Nurse_Lynsey_Phillips_caring_with_a_child_who_has_just_tested_negative_for_COVID-19_in_Bangladesh_(2485655927).jpg)

COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER: In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for.

(Allow silence, 1 minute)

Ever-living God, be present with us, before us and after us. Guide us to do what is right in your eyes. We pray through Jesus your Son, who dwells with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING: Wisdom:7:7-11 Good News Bible

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Reader 1 Realizing that I was only human, I prayed and was given understanding.

Reader 2 The spirit of Wisdom came to me.

Reader 1 I regarded her more highly than any throne or crown.

Reader 2 Wealth was nothing compared to her.

Reader 1 Precious jewels could not equal her worth; beside Wisdom all the gold in the world is a handful of sand, and silver is nothing more than clay.

Reader 2 I valued her more than health and good looks.

Reader 1 Hers is a brightness that never grows dim, and I preferred it to any other light.

Reader 2 When Wisdom came to me, all good things came with her. She brought me untold riches.

Reader 1 Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

Silence – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word find a place to rest inside us.*

Discussion

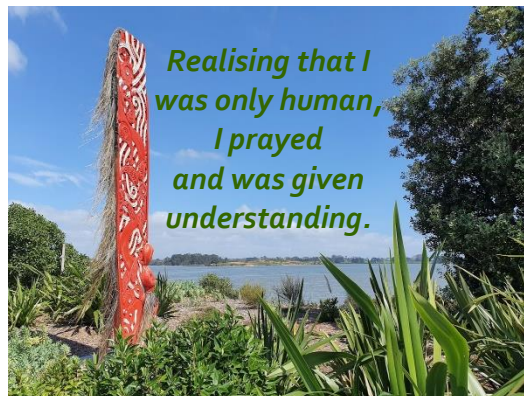
Family - who do we know who is wise?

- do I listen to wise people

Adults / Youth

- what is wisdom?

- how can we recognize wisdom?



PSALM: *Psalm 90 Fill us with your love O Lord, and we shall sing for joy*

Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVfMpfjswQA>

Youth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XR8rudgeN8w>

Others <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOSX8CP3LZk>

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13 GNB

Reader 1 A reading from the book of Hebrews

Reader 2 Brothers and sisters:

Reader 1 The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword.

Reader 2 It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together.

Reader 1 It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart.

Reader 2 There is nothing that can be hidden from God;

Reader 1 everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before God's eyes.

Reader 2 And it is to God that we must all give an account of ourselves.

Reader 1 Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

Silence -*Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

Discussion

- What is the 'Word of God?'

- How is the Word of God 'alive' and 'active?'



GOSPEL: Mark: 10:17-27

Reader 1: Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

All: Ki tōu wairua anō hoki - And also with you

Reader 2: As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Reader 1: Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honour your father and your mother.*"

Reader 2: He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Reader 1: Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Reader 2: At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Reader 1: Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

Reader 2: The disciples were amazed at his words.

Reader 1: So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Reader 2: They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Reader 1: Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Reader 2: Ko te rongopai a te Ariki - The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading - . Silence.

Think about the reading - Let some words repeat in your mind.

→→→ **Kids Homily**– Douglas Talks:

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, there's is the Kingdom of Heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QgeNDb1nck>

→→→ **Adults / Youth Homily / Discussion**

- To pray 'thy kingdom come' invites us to let go of 'my way,' or 'my kingdom.'

What does this 'letting go' mean?

- How does supporting, honouring and thanking others (and especially today, Health carers) contribute to the Kingdom of God?



How do we learn to distinguish between the desire of the ego and the will of God? This is where meditation comes in, as do all forms of prayer. But meditation especially because it lets go of thought, the primary gateway of the desires and demands of the ego. In meditation, we move from the head to the heart, we move from a mode of doing to a mode of being. And it is in that mode of being that we discover who we truly are in the depths of our being – we discover the seed of an intimate relationship that was planted when we were born.

<https://www.irishcatholic.com/making-gods-kingdom-a-reality-today/>

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

Let's think about and pray for the needs of others.

Prayer of the Faithful

or the Church – that as a Church we applaud and celebrate the work of health care workers.

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

For the world's leaders - that the care of those without sufficient food and water, become a priority they must address.

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

For those who accompany people at the end of their life - that their presence will bring peace, consolation and hope and be a sign of love which does not end.

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

For health professionals, volunteers and family care-givers – that the gifts of wisdom and insight will inspire and encourage them, as they accompany people in times of fragility and vulnerability.

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

For ourselves – that where we see that life is under threat, a desire will awaken in us to support and protect life.

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

Other Petitions ...

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.... **Amen**

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

The Lord's Prayer in Māori at this link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturg-prayer/te-reo-in-the-liturg/>

Scroll down and open the button – ko to inoi a te Ariki (Words will show 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.

Reader *Let's pray together this Prayer to Support Life (NZ Bishops Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics)*

Loving God, who calls each one of us to Support Life,
We pray for health carers, who are with people making decisions at the beginning and end of life,
and throughout its many challenges.
We pray for family carers and for people who look after others at home every day.
Bless and keep them in your love.
Grant them wisdom and insight.
Show us all how to support people who support people.
Amen

READER - Discussion: For the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand,
today is a Day of Prayer to support Life.

We are asked to adopt an attitude of support and honour for those who care for the health of people. What can we do differently, to do this better?

Reader:

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God by caring for our planet and for one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG: St Teresa's Prayer (J M Talbot) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SQtXzjC2pg>