

Saint Mary's Newsletter: October

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SERVICES FOR October 2014

Sunday October 5th:

Saint Francis Animal Blessing
Service - No Communion

Refreshments - Jo Dudson

Sunday October 12th:

Confirmation Service @ St Peters
Cathedral 9:45am - NO SERVICE AT ST
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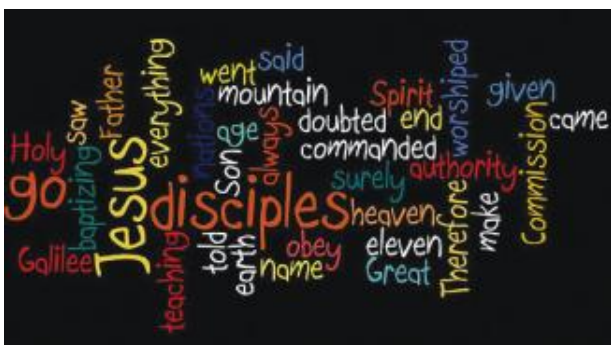
Sunday October 19th:

Praise Service with Children's
Church & Junior Youth

Refreshments - Valerie Crowther

Sunday October 26th:

NO SERVICE - LABOUR WEEKEND



Parish Office Hours

The Vicar is available at the church each Friday, 9am to 2.30pm in vestry/office. Please feel free to drop in! The church is also open for prayer and quiet reflection.

Some important Dates:

Sun 23 Nov: Decorating church for the Christmas Fete

Sat 6th Dec: Christmas Fete

Sat 13th Dec: Church open to public to see our church decorated in Christmas themes

Parish Bank Account:

02 0410 0103053 00 Thanks for your weekly A/P contributions to keep our Parish running!

A Prayer for this month:



May my horizon this day, Lord,
not be so foreshortened that I notice little.
Instead, open my eyes
that I may see afar and above
as well as in front and beneath me.
Lead me to keep my life in perspective and balance
and discover that the thread of your presence
is interwoven through the events and people of this day.

Vicars Verbatim

Many years ago I was blessed to have travelled around Britain and Ireland with Trish. We visited many wonderful ancient places of worship, as well as some holy wells. The Celts called these places, "Thin Places". A thin place is where the veil that separates heaven and earth is lifted and one is able to receive a glimpse of the glory of God. There is a Celtic saying that heaven and earth are only three feet apart, but in the thin places that distance is even smaller. The Celts believed that physical locations existed in which God's presence was more accessible than elsewhere, places where heaven and earth seemed to touch, where the line between holy and human met for a moment. I tend to believe that thin places, places where the Spirit of God is at work in a way that we can sense, are not always bound by physicality. Thin places happen every time, every place, where two human beings connect in a way that reflects our God-given humanity in all our brokenness and beauty.

Is Saint Mary's a Thin Place? Are you yourself a conduit for a Thin Place?

God bless, David.



St Mary's Christmas Advent Fete:

The Advent Fete is just about upon us!

Please join us next month! **Next Club evening is Thursday, 4th Nov, 7pm at the Hukanui School Rooms, Gordonton.**



Building Fund Update:

We have commissioned an architect to draw up plans for the new Hall, so it won't be too long before we can show where the hall will be, and what it will look like! Keep those donations rolling in! The church account number is in this newsletter, and ensure that the donation is labelled "Hall Fund"

A Scripture for you:

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*