

# Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

**Office Hours:** By appointment on Fridays 9am to 3pm

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## 10am Family Communion

**Homily:** "Follow Jesus or the World" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Katy Cockerton

Recent events over racial disharmony in the USA and Europe, and is now taking a foot hold here in New Zealand. I call for calm, and do want to point out that every race has at one time in history, either has been on the receiving end of racism, slavery, or land theft, or have been the perpetrators of it. Fingers cannot be pointed as another will point back. All humans are fallen, sinful people, and disharmony is a result of sin. Because of this it is a polarising issue that will go nowhere. The last thing we need in NZ or anywhere is racial disharmony. We need to celebrate our differences and cultures and unite. Jesus died and rose again for our sin, and only He can free us from it. What we have seen in the past and now is a result of people turning away from God. Only in Christ are we truly united. Galatians 5:28 *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male or female – for you are all one in Christ Jesus"*. God bless, David

**AGM:** Will be held next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June after the service

**Foodbank:** Current needs are high, and are for flour, sugar, rice, pasta, milk powder, tea, coffee and sandwich spreads.



## Readings & Intercessor for 21<sup>st</sup> June:

**OT:** Genesis 21:8-21

**NT:** Romans 6:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:24-39

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**Intercessor:** Katy Cockerton

**Children:** Kids activity packs are available with a chocolate treat 😊



## + Prayer Points +

- For God's Kingdom and His peace to be established on the earth.
- For people to turn back to the ways of God, and invite him back into the state, schools, the work place, and in some cases, the Church!



In case of an emergency during a church service, please note the nearest exit: Front porch entrance and the side door to the vestry office. Fire extinguishers are also located near these two doorways.