

Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 26th July



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10am Family Communion

Homily: "When God Allows Bad Things to Happen" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Katy Cockerton

Some of us will be going through a range of emotions about the temporary closure of our beloved little church building - I know I have. Even though we have no hall to gather in, we are blessed by having an alternative place to meet – down the road in the village's Old School in Hukanui Park, adjacent to the Gordonton Hall. The church building is certainly a beautiful iconic structure, but the heart, soul and spirit of the building is the community of people – *the Church!* This is a new chapter of our parish, and we pray for God's guidance during this time. We know He is with us when bad things like this happens, and Romans 8:26-39 tells us that when things do happen, nothing can separate us from the love of God! Thank you to those who made the Old School room ready – it looks great! God bless, David

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



Readings & Intercessor for 26th July:

OT: Genesis 37:12-36

NT: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader: Katy Cockerton

Intercessor: Katy Cockerton

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For God's guidance for the earthquake strengthening process.
- For a good transition to the Old School for our new temporary place of worship
- For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Somalia



In case of an emergency during a church service, please note the nearest exit