

Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 16 July



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10am Holy Communion Service

Homily: "It's not about the Dirt" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Rosalie

Happy Matariki!

Let those who have ears listen!

All through Matthew chapter 13 Jesus uses this phrase. We all have ears, but some prefer to not hear things, or seem to have selected hearing. We delve into the parable of the Sower, and those of us who actually listen may hear that the parable is not about the dirt. What is it about then? The liberal amount of seed that is scattered? Do we feel short-changed in life especially when trying so hard? Are we all affected by God's generosity?

God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- Praise God for our beautiful country.
- Prayer for Trish and family who are mourning the sudden loss of her sister-in-law Kelly-Ann whilst overseas, and a smooth process to bring her back to her home in Sydney, and for her husband - Trish's brother Kevin - and two daughters Ava & Lily



Readings & Intercessor for 16 Jul

OT: Genesis 25:19-34 (p 27)

NT: Romans 8:1-11 (p 1255)

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Reader: Rosalie

Intercessor: Rosalie

Matariki: Time to get those Kumera in the ground! Yum!



And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

- Romans 8:11 -



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