

Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 27 Aug



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10am Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Do Not Conform!" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Helen

Welcome to our "test run" service! We are getting over the line! 😊

Although this is a happy time for us as a parish, the bigger picture of the wider Church can look a wee bit gloomy at times. It may look that the Church is on the retreat, and you may see it wrongly conforming to the world to make it look more "attractive". But no matter how much the Church may change to fit into the World, the World will never come to attend anyway!

The Church may be down, but not out – stand firm in the face of the gates of Hell - our all powerful Jesus faced those gates, and said that those gates will not prevail against His Church! Good news!

God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For a smooth and enjoyable official re-opening service next Sunday
- For justice against child traffickers and freedom, safety and healing of the child victims



Readings & Intercessor for 27 Aug

OT: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (p 62)

NT: Romans 12:1-8 (p 1261)

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Reader: Charles

Intercessor: Helen

Foodbank: Keep those items coming: baby food, milk powder, sugar, flour, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned stews, tinned tomatoes, tinned cream corn, pasta, rice, biscuits.



2023 Calf Scheme

Calving season is winding down but the Calf Scheme fundraiser isn't! You can donate one of your own calves, or buy a calf from the Riddell's to be raised on their farm (\$300), or donate an amount to go towards a purchase of a calf and the rearing costs. The info and forms to fill out are on the Welcome table



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