



Last week our theme was **St Mary the Mother of Jesus**. Mary is the central figure in two major commemorations in the Church Calendar: The Annunciation on 25th of March, which commemorates the event in Luke's gospel in which the angel Gabriel comes to Mary with the message that she is to bear a son. Gabriel points out to Mary some key images by which Jesus is to be understood. He will be the "Son of the Most High", he will be the descendent of David who will reign forever; he will be the "Son of God". The other is The Visitation on the 2nd of July, which commemorates Mary's visit to Elizabeth. It is at this meeting that Elizabeth acknowledges to Mary that her child is to be the Messiah. Historically, Mary's Whanau connection to Elizabeth suggests she came from a levitical family, but later tradition attributes Mary's descent from King David the same as Joseph's, whose whakapapa is given in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Both gospels attest the virgin birth of Jesus. Later developments in the early church were to assert that Mary was a perpetual virgin meaning that the other children mentioned in the New Testament were either Joseph's by a previous marriage, or they were cousins of Jesus. Mary went with Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover festival each year (Luke 2:41), and they took Jesus with them when he was twelve. Although Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth, **Jesus** had marked an independent path of obedience to God. During Jesus' public ministry, Mary and Jesus' family seem to have kept a certain distance from him. Although his family did try to control him because they thought "he had gone out of his mind" (Mark 3:21), and they, including Mary, are then rejected as family in favour of those who do what God wants (Mark 3:31-35). When Jesus was rejected in Nazareth (Mark 6:1-6), the crowd knew Jesus'

family, but none of them was a disciple; and Mary is not among the women who travelled with Jesus on his journeys and assisted him. Nevertheless, Mary was present at the crucifixion (John 19:25-27), and was taken care of by the beloved disciple. Mary, and other members of the family, were also part of the early church (Acts 1:14), having found a new understanding of Jesus after the resurrection. The New Testament gives no further details about Mary. *These excerpts were taken from the book FOR ALL THE SAINTS*



Kia ora everyone!!!

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Number 2 Account
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LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **24+30** Wollongong
Communicants: **10+5** Wollongong

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.
Donations: **\$940.00**
Congregational Giving: **\$156.45**
Direct Debit: **\$280.00**
Auto Payments: **\$162.50**
Total contributions: **\$1538.95**
(Above figures include Wollongong)

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Sunday 22 Aug 2010

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Rarangi:

*Whakatitahatia iho tou taringa, e Ihowa, whakahokia mai he kupu ki a matou. Mau e whakaora tau pononga e whakawhirinaki atu nei ki a koe. Tohungia matou, e te Ariki, e karanga nei hoki matou ki a koe i te ra roa nei. **Waiata 86.1-3***

Reflection:

*'Facts' change. But Truth, God's Word - remains. "... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." (Jn 8:32). **AMEN***





ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Karauna Waititi

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **23**
Gradual Hymn: **58**
Offertory Hymn: **36**
Communion: **77**
Closing Hymn: **33**

SENTENCE:

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us.
Save your servants who trust in you. Be
gracious to us, O Lord, for to you do we cry
all the day long. **Psalm 86.1-3**

COLLECT:

Gracious God, open our eyes and extend
our vision: let us see what you would have
us do, what we are capable of and what we
can do now. As you call us and empower us,
make us worthy of our calling; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and in
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Keeping the Law of the Lord

Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer; you shall cry for help, and he will
say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from
among you, the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil, if you offer your food to
the hungry and satisfy the needs of the
afflicted, then your light shall rise in the
darkness and your gloom be like the
noonday. The LORD will guide you

continually, and satisfy your needs in
parched places, and make your bones
strong; and you shall be like a watered
garden, like a spring of water, whose
waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall
be rebuilt; you shall raise up the
foundations of many generations; you shall
be called the repairer of the breach, the
restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain
from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing
your own interests on my holy day; if you
call the sabbath a delight and the holy day
of the LORD honourable; if you honour it,
not going your own ways, serving your own
interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then
you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will
make you ride upon the heights of the
earth; I will feed you with the heritage of
your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the
LORD has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

Hebrews 12:18-29

A Kingdom that cannot be Shaken

You have not come to something that can
be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness,
and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound
of a trumpet, and a voice whose words
made the hearers beg that not another
word be spoken to them. (For they could
not endure the order that was given, 'If
even an animal touches the mountain, it
shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so
terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I
tremble with fear.') But you have come to
Mount Zion and to the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to
innumerable angels in festal gathering, and
to the assembly of the firstborn who are

enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of
all, and to the spirits of the righteous made
perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new
covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that
speaks a better word than the blood of
Abel. See that you do not refuse the one
who is speaking; for if they did not escape
when they refused the one who warned
them on earth, how much less will we
escape if we reject the one who warns from
heaven! At that time his voice shook the
earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once
more I will shake not only the earth but also
the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more'
indicates the removal of what is shaken—
that is, created things—so that what cannot
be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we
are receiving a kingdom that cannot be
shaken, let us give thanks, by which we
offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a
consuming fire.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

Now he was teaching in one of the
synagogues on the sabbath. And just then
there appeared a woman with a spirit that
had crippled her for eighteen years. She
was bent over and was quite unable to
stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he
called her over and said, 'Woman, you are
set free from your ailment.' When he laid
his hands on her, immediately she stood up
straight and began praising God. But the
leader of the synagogue, indignant because
Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying
to the crowd, 'There are six days on which

work ought to be done; come on those days
and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'
But the Lord answered him and said, 'You
hypocrites! Does not each of you on the
sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the
manger, and lead it away to give it water?
And ought not this woman, a daughter of
Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen
long years, be set free from this bondage
on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all
his opponents were put to shame; and the
entire crowd was rejoicing at all the
wonderful things that he was doing."

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Rena Cantwell 17 Aug 2001
Maea McRae 22 Aug 2002
Maxwell Webster 16 Aug 2004
Richard Jorgenson 18 Aug 2005
Bill Ngawaka 19 Aug 2005
Zurich Marino 16 Aug 2007

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Ivan Maheno
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Kilharn Manuera
Nancy Baker
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Tania Farr

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