



From Rev Canon Maree

† **Holy Communion:** Home communion will be given today. Please pray for our extended faith community.

† Please take information regarding Bishop Peter's recommendation for our parish into the future. I would ask that you pray and reflect. And if you have any questions or if you have comments then please either write and give to Myself or resource committee. We have been asked to make a response by the 10th August.

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Also this Week:

Wed	9am 10-12	Morning prayer. Lollypops playgroup.
Thurs		SRE in our schools.
Fri		Rev Maree's day off.

† Mission for June : Samaritans

Readings for next week	1 Samuel 15 : 34 – 16 : 13	Psalm 138
	2 Corinthians 5 : 6 - 10, 14 - 17	Mark 4 : 26 - 34

Coming:

Sat	16/6	6.30pm	Trivia night at Jewells Public School (see last week's pew)
July	(date to be announced) Fundraiser progressive dinner.		

Reflection for the week

Perhaps family relationships are at breaking point, or loneliness is too hard to bear, or pain won't let go. Sit down with God. Retreat to a place that is quiet and let this rise to your mind's eye. Face it, name it in the presence of God. This may be the first step to moving beyond. Pause to reflect:

In the situation we find ourselves in or our family, what do I actually do? Deep down, desire? For myself, and for others? For my family? What might be my next step towards helping this desire to be fulfilled

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Today's Scripture Readings – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8 : 4 – 20, 11 : 14 - 15	Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4 : 13 – 5 : 1	Mark 3 : 20 - 35

What makes a family??

If you are looking for a well-adjusted and happy parent/child relationship from the ancient world, the bible isn't the place to find it!! Consider Jesus' family. The New Testament says that there are even lots of tensions in that family. In Mark 3:21 which says "when his family heard what was happening, they came to take control on him." They were saying "He is out of his mind!"

Maybe his relatives were dismayed?? However Mark doesn't explain. It just says that there is a showdown of sorts when the family of Jesus arrives to seize him. Then Jesus does something quite radical(as always). He redefines who constitutes family. He says that his true family is not just blood relations or 'kins' people, but those doing the will of God!

So what is a family meant to consist of?

Jesus words prompt me to consider the relationship between a family and what it means to know and do God's will. Jesus tells us that those who show mercy, love and justice are doing God's will. Jesus doesn't abolish the idea of family or household.

But through Jesus words and actions we are challenged to think about our assumptions of what is real and what is normal. It makes us look at what are authentic manifestations of whom God is and how God can be known.

For God wills to be known by us, and in particular in real lives, real families and real relationship

Prayers

Cheryl, Jenny, Audrey, Del

