

Creator God, you created the world and all that is in it, you planted us as seeds into that world. May we flourish and grow and in turn sow seeds of love and compassion, justice and truth, hope and faith. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera

A Community of Faith for 174 years

13 June 2021 - Patronal Festival

10.00 am Choral Eucharist

THIS SUNDAY 11.30 am for 12pm Patronal Lunch in the Parish Centre

THIS WEEK

Monday	14 May	9.30 Baby Sensory; 4pm Auckland Girls Choir
Tuesday	15 June	9.30am Communicare; 7.30pm Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	16 June	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1928) , Kinder Chapel <i>Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.</i> 1.00pm Ina Yoon - Harpist ; 6pm Remuera Toastmasters
Thursday	17 June	10.00am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
Friday	18 June	5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club

NEXT SUNDAY
20 June 8.00 am Said Eucharist
9.30 am All Age Eucharist
5.00 pm Choral Evensong

July 12 - July 18

The NZ Secondary Students Choir will be seeking billets for the Auckland rehearsal. Hosts are asked to provide dinner, bed and breakfast. Hosting must be in at least pairs, they can share a room but not a bed (sofa bed or air mattress is fine). Students require drop off and pick up from Dio or AGGS. More information will be sent in our newsletter next week. Or you can contact Anna Bowron anna@choirsnz.co.nz 04 499 0692 pt 021 113 4520.

Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment now stands at \$67,200 (Target \$87,000). The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02.** Please use 'donation' for the reference and 'organ' as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office (office@stmarks.org.nz) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.

Parish Directory

Parish Office	Monday to Friday 9.00am until 3.00pm	09 520 2258
Vicar	The Reverend Dr Tony Surman	021 074 1138
Lay Minister	Trevor Brooker	021 614 227
People's Warden	Christine Koefoed	021 682 331
Vicar's Warden	Peter Allen	021 521 149
Director of Music	Brian Millar	021 253 1437
Children & Families	Anne Driver	09 849 3538

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St Mark 2021 Our Parish - dedicated to the memory of St Mark the Evangelist – two weeks ago turned 174 years of age. That birthday was a Sunday, just as the day was in 1847 when Bishop George Selwyn opened the small church here on 30 May 1847. It is not clear, however, that the church was named for St Mark from the very beginning of its operation. Selwyn's secretary only referred to the opening as that of '[t]he little Church at Remuera on Mr Graham's estate,' and a fortnight or so later a columnist in the *NZ Spectator and Cook Strait Guardian* (16 June 1847) described the building simply as '[a] very neat little church.' The first reference that I have found to 'St Mark's Remuera' is on the title of the burial records for the parish which begins in 1849 – so we know that from at least that time our parish has been associated with St Mark and the Gospel written by him. Tradition has it that St Mark was the companion and secretary of St Peter. He was privy to all of that apostle's preaching and teaching about Jesus and wrote it down, probably after the execution of St Peter in AD 64. It is most likely that Mark's was the first Gospel written. That makes him quite an innovator – a person who was prepared to develop a new way of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the widest possible audience. Up until that time recollection of Jesus' ministry, his death and resurrection appears to have been shared in a piecemeal fashion, much of it by word of mouth. When it was written down, it was part of letters of instruction to particular communities – the letters of St Paul for instance. Mark's Gospel, however, spells out many of the details as well as the broad trajectory of Jesus' work and ministry for all generations. That is quite an achievement. The style of Mark's Gospel is very simple which may say something about his level of proficiency in Greek but could just as well reflect his spiritual character as a humble man in awe of the story that he had been entrusted with. Today we give thanks to God that Mark did take the time to write out an account of Jesus' ministry, and we celebrate the people who have kept that story alive in this parish, named in his honour, for 174 years.

Tony Surman