

Caring God, you equip us with all we truly need in the business of our daily lives. Turn us to you in prayer that we might trust in your provision, and hold only to those things that give us life. 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

4 July 2021 - Refugee Sunday

8.00 am BCP Communion

9.30 am Choral Eucharist

THIS SUNDAY

Breakfast between Services in the Parish Lounge (8.45am-9.15am)

**Prayer for Healing after both Services in the Kinder Chapel
5.00pm St Mark's Choir at St Thomas' (Kohimarama),
Choral Evensong**

THIS WEEK

Monday	5 July	9.30 Baby Sensory; 4pm Auckland Girls' Choir rehearsal
Tuesday	6 July	9.30am Communicare;
Wednesday	7 July	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1928) , Kinder Chapel <i>Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.</i>
Thursday	8 July	10.00am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
Friday	9 July	10.30 am Friendship Group in the Lounge. You are all invited to come and help our Refugee guests with their knitting 5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club

NEXT SUNDAY

11 July 8.00 am Said Eucharist
9.30 am Choral Eucharist

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 8 August 4 to 5pm in St Mark's Church. The Auckland branch of RSCM, of which St Mark's is a member, is hosting an hour of "sing your favourite hymns." You – our congregation and friends – are invited to submit a couple of your favourite hymns; from these submissions about a dozen will be chosen and sung. Caveat – you must be present to hear and sing your chosen hymn(s)! Brian Millar, music director at St Mark's, will lead proceedings. So – put the date into your diary; and start thinking about *your* favourites. Requests in writing please - to music@stmarks.org.nz or hand to Brian or to the church office. Last day for requests – Sunday 1 August 2021

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Refugee Sunday - The first Sunday in July is set aside in our Church Calendar for remembering the millions of people around the world who are displaced from their homelands, hoping to find sanctuary and the opportunity to rebuild their lives in another country. This Sunday we are fortunate to have a guest speaker at our 9.30am Service with decades of experience working with refugees, particularly from his native Myanmar (Burma). His name is Stanley Saw. Stanley is a retired engineer who left his country of birth in 1977, migrating to New Zealand. He married his wife Sandra at St Mary's of the Angels in Wellington. They have a daughter, Yadana, who works at RNZ in Wellington, and a son, Zarni, who works in the electronic, visual, post-production industry in Auckland. Stanley worked in the Public Health Service for 17 years and in tertiary education for 25 years. He is a Justice of the Peace and is well respected within the Burmese community in New Zealand. He is, therefore, in a good position to talk to us about Myanmar, the issues that country is facing, and the effect that past and current political upheavals there have on ordinary people who find themselves with no option but to leave their home as asylum seekers.

The Organ Console Refurbishment Campaign has reached its target of \$87,000! There have been donations of every scale to this campaign. Many have been substantial. All have been from parishioners, except for the latest donation from the Dilworth Trust which has bridged the gap to our target. Thank you to all who have contributed their money and their time to this project so far, with especial thanks to Sylvia Rosevear who has managed this campaign with great diligence and flair.

COVID-19. Following the near miss in Wellington last week, please:

- Keep scanning the QR code as you enter the church.
- Refrain from shaking hands (but keep being friendly to everyone!)
- Consider taking the bread alone at Communion if you have not been vaccinated and are in a vulnerable category with respect to COVID-19.