

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 August 2018

## Growing in intimacy with the Lord

The last three Sundays we have been dealing with the theme; the bread of life. Today, we are dealing specifically with the Eucharist.

Physical presence is a great thing. We don't always realise this until a loved one is absent. And it is brought home to us more forcefully still when a loved one dies, leaving a great emptiness in our lives. Physical presence is a great thing, but it is not everything. Physical presence doesn't always produce the intimacy we long for. In fact, people can be sitting side by side without being really present to one another. But then the opposite can happen. People can be separated by a great distance and yet be very much present to one another.

We believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But he is not physically present. Nevertheless, he is really and truly present. The mode of his presence is beyond our understanding. We call it 'the real presence' because it is presence in the fullest sense. To receive the Eucharist is to receive the Lord Himself.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes to each of us personally, as though each of us was the only person in the world at that moment. We are able to enter into a deeper intimacy with him than if he were physically present. We are not merely in communication with him. We are in a holy communion with him. Communion is more intimate and personal than communication. And through our shared intimacy with Jesus in communion, we are united also with one another, something that we must try to live out in our ordinary lives through mutual love, forgiveness and concern.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies  
Flor McCarthy SDB

**Bishop Pat with his Council of Priests have asked that all parishes in Auckland participate in the Church Life Survey today. This is a national survey organised by the Christian Research Association.**

**Apart from demographic questions, the rest of the survey is an attitudinal one. The questions ask you how you feel about belonging to your church and your parish, what you most value; and ask the same questions about your faith. Questions are asked about outreach into the community and your involvement. All of this data leads to great tools for parishes and for the Pastoral Planning Team to plan and to meet the expressed needs of our parishioners.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Legion of Mary.** For those interested in joining the Legion of Mary or being an Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, please join us for morning tea in the crypt, after the 9am mass on Saturday 25th August, 2018.

**Mini market next Sunday after both the morning Masses.**

**Second and last formation for Eucharistic ministers and readers who missed the earlier formation.** This will be on Saturday Sept 8 from 10 to 12 followed by a formation at 1 pm for ministers who take communion to the sick. Members from the Diocesan liturgy committee will be conducting these formations. Please make it a point to attend.

**Collectors Ministry.** More volunteers are needed to help out with the Offertory Collection at all Masses. Any one who is not in any other ministry and would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

**The Bible and the Virgin Mary study series** based on Dr. Scott Hahn's bestselling book, *Hail, Holy Queen* is being offered by Holy Cross Parish Henderson. A total of 12 sessions, from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Duration: 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Venue: Holy Cross School, Henderson. Enrollment could be done through the Holy Cross Henderson Parish office during office hour (Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm). Due to limited space, please enroll at your earliest. Any donation is welcome to cover the cost of the venue and course material. Flyer on noticeboard.

**The Catholic Institute:** Upcoming courses advertised on our noticeboard. Please read the noticeboard for full details.

**Sunday Evening Series with Fr. Linus Clovis:** on "The Natural Law and the Family: rediscovering the writing on our hearts" for the next two Sundays (19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August) at the Bugler Centre beside the Church at Holy Family Parish, 94 Taikata Rd Te Atatu Peninsula at 7pm. All welcome. For more information call Michael on 021 825 955.

**Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30pm.** At St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale and join the pilgrimage. For more details please call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798.

**Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to Play.** A Social Justice Week workshop providing an opportunity to listen to the stories and challenges of people with disabilities will be held 7-9pm **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby.

**'LIFEFEST 2018:** Attention **young people and youth groups!** 13 to 19 years, Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm** . Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. **ALSO: cheap accommodation** available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: [clare.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.fli@xtra.co.nz) txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 20 August:

Ezek 24:15-24

Matthew 19:16-22

Tues: 21 August:

Ezek 28:1-10

Matthew 19:23-30

Wed: 22 August :

Ezek 34:1-11

Matthew 20:1-16

Thurs: 23 August:

Ezek 36:23-28

Matthew 22:1-14

Fri : 24 August :

Apoc 21:9-14

John 1:45-51

Sat: 25 August:

Ezek 43:1-7

Matthew 23:1-12

Sun: 26 August:

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

## Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Christopher Hennings, Norman Fynn, Patsy Nun Toon, Pat Wojcik, Iluminada Dorado, Eileen Hunter, Claire Geddes, Pat Devereaux, Yvonne Sommers, Gail Ware, Maryanne Pasina, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Sami Williams, Dale Flaxman, Celestina Gardiner, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Matalena Fatialofa, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Jennifer Logan, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Tony O'Brien, Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whitcombe and Robert Shearman.

## ***MASSES, DEVOTIONS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK***

**Sunday Masses—9 am, 10.30 am & 5 pm**

**Monday—Mass with Morning Prayer 8 am**

**Tuesday & Thursday-Mass-6 pm, Angelus before Mass**

**Wednesday Masses -9 am & 6.30 pm. Rosary and Perpetual Succor Novena before 6.30 pm Mass.**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet M/W/F after the morning Masses**

**Friday Mass—10.00 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Friday from 9 am**

**Saturday Masses—9 am & 5 pm.**

**Rosary before 9 am Mass.**

**Confession-Wednesday from 6.00 to 6.30 pm and Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment**

*Junior Legion Meeting after 10.30 am Mass Sunday*

*Music Group practice, Monday 7.00 pm*

*Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 7.00 pm.*

*Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm*

*Samoan choir practice, Wednesday 7 pm*

*Mary Mother of Grace Presidium, Young Peoples Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm*

**Last week's collection: House— 1,565.80, Parish-2,163.70.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 25 & 26 AUGUST 2018

	<b>5 pm Saturday</b>	<b>9 am Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am Sunday</b>	<b>5 pm Sunday</b>
<b>Announcers</b>	Margaret Newcombe	Kevin Davis	Venicio Dourado	Justine Mitchell
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Lorcan Murnane, Joyce Fonseca, Aldrin D'Silva, Karl Flaxman Hendriks, Jerry Gomes, Val Maskell, Samantha Albert	Cristy & Warren Herrera, Sebastian & Maria Richards, Talosaga Poasa, Leila Vincent, Joy Argano	Paula & Henry Bohte, Avis & Victor Hebia, Melinda Hamlyn, Jane Tova, Maria Matthes	Lina Mitchell, Marie Landingin-Herman & Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Arlene Lee
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Lenny Fonseca Jacinta Hoover	John Cullen Chelly Neri	Leigh McGowan Brinal Gonsalves	Elisha Dourado Azriel D'Souza
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Don, Dean, Alan	Patola, Lini, Niko, Marcuse	Marcus, Lagi, Sylvester, Kirk, Damian, Vanessa, Phillip M	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
<b>Organists</b>	Michelle	Music Group	Samoan choir	Evelyn Pereira
<b>Projectionists</b>	Michelle family	MG Member	SC member	
<b>Offertory</b>	Wood Thompson Family	Tonga Family	Mareko Emani family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Andy van der Salm	Marta Cullen	Hannah van Crasbeek
<b>Cleaning</b> -Gonsalves family, <b>Prayer of the Faithful</b> -Paul Corcoran, <b>Flowers</b> —Margaret Matterson.				

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