

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Sept 2018**

## **Lip service versus service from the heart**

An answering machine is a useful thing to have. But when we make a phone call, we prefer to be greeted by a human being rather than by a machine. Yet, thanks to the marvels of modern technology, a person's voice can be heard while the person is absent. Long before such gadgets as answering machines were invented, people were able to do that-to be present in voice only. No where is this seen so clearly as in the case of worship. Jesus said of the Pharisees, 'these people honour God with their lips, but their hearts are far from him'.

People can be present in church in voice only, and so their worship becomes mere lip service. Such people are no better than answering machines. The most important element is missing, namely, the heart. People are present, yet it is not their true self. To meet such people is to meet a shadow. You are left with an empty feeling.

How different real presence is! The heart is in it, and the words that are spoken flow from there. For our words to ring true, they must be spoken from the heart. Take the word of forgiveness for instance. If it does not come from the heart, of what use is it? It will not set the offender free. Nor will it result in a true reconciliation between the parties.

And take the word of peace. If it is not spoken from the heart, can it bring peace? Of course not. And the word of welcome. I may open the door of my house to a person with kind words, but unless I make room for him/her in my heart, he/she will be a stranger to me. It is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. And a presence without the heart is like a fireplace without a fire.

In the second reading, St. James says there is an essential link between faith and love. St. James is not saying that worship is not important but that it is empty if we do not live as God calls us to live. Virtuous lives constitute our first and most important worship of God.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies  
Flor McCarthy SDB

**A request to parishioners. Parishioners and groups using the church, hall, classroom or meeting room on Mondays, please arrange to pick up the keys from the parish office during working hours, 9 am to 2 pm. Other than emergencies, we should try not to disturb our priests on their day off. Thank You.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Anointing of the Sick, Friday 7 Sept at the 10.00 am Mass.** If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive the Sacrament at home, please let the parish office know.

**Marian Mothers** is a group of women who support and nurture the faith and spirituality of mothers. We meet once a month. for prayers, mutual encouragement and discussion. Our next meeting is on 8 Saturday 10am. All mothers are welcome. Any inquiries or would like to join our group, text or ring Helen Lees on 021 2535585 or leave your contact details in the parish office <http://www.maristlaitynz.org/index.php?AboutMarianMothers>

**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.

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## OTHER NOTICES

**Dove West Auckland:** "The True Vine" with Linda Fisher on Tuesday 4th September at 7:30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

**Cathedral Annual Appeal 8-9 Sept.** A letter from Bishop Patrick and Pa Peter Tipene (Cathedral Dean) regarding the forthcoming Cathedral Annual Appeal is on the noticeboard. Please give it a read. Excerpted from the letter; ***"I am grateful for the financial support you have given for the upkeep of the Cathedral in the past and I am well aware of the many calls that are made on your generosity today. Your support means so much to me personally and to those entrusted with the care of the Cathedral"***.

**Life Teen Info Evening:** Youth leaders, priests, parents and PPC members are invited to the Life Teen Info Evening on Fri 7 Sept, 7pm Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Ponsonby. Randy Raus, CEO of Life Teen USA, will share how their resources and camps lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Please RSVP with Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

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<p><b>Thank you from Tina Nicholson to all those who prayed for her. The surgery was successful. God bless you all.</b></p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy:</b> A big thank you to Maddie Gates who was the coordinator of this ministry for many years. Thank you Maddie for the time spent in teaching our children. We welcome Marta Cullen who is the new coordinator of this ministry.</p>	<p><b>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wilhelmina Peters, who passed away this week. May her soul rest in peace.</b></p>
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## Last week's collection:

**House— 1,290.00, Parish-2,017.10. Mini market collection-305.00.**

The mini market ladies thank you for supporting them.

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 3 Sept:

1 Cor 2:1-5

Luke 4:16-30

Tues: 4 Sept:

1 Cor 2:10-16

Luke 4:31-37

Wed: 5 Sept :

1 Cor 3:1-9

Luke 4:38-44

Thurs: 6 Sept:

1 Cor 3:18-23

Luke 5:1-11

Fri : 7 Sept :

1 Cor 4:1-5

Luke 5:33-39

Sat: 8 Sept:

Micah 5:1-4

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Sun: 9 Sept:

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

## 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***

**First Sunday Adoration 2 to 4 pm**

**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 Masses—10.00 am & 6 pm**

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

**Saturday Masses—9 am & 5 pm. Rosary after 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 pm*

*Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm*

*Liturgy Meeting, Thursday 6.30 pm*

*Morning tea Friday after 10.00 am Mass*

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

**Happy Fathers Day to all our Dads**

# **ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 8 & 9 SEPT 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>	Tim Maskell	Manny Argano	Olinda Domingo	Gerry Smith
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Val Maskell, Aldrin D'Silva, Samantha Albert, Joyce Fonseca, Regina Wypych, Karl Flaxman Hendriks, Jerry Gomes	Reynaldo Ventu- ra, Valencia & Samuel Wye, Elma Soulje, Cristy & Warren Herrera, Talosaga Poasa	Paula & Henry Bohte, Melinda Hamlyn, Ophelia Sequeira, Kovati Wright, Berna- dette Roebeck, Rose Williams	Arlene Lee, Lina Mitchell, Herman & Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Marie Landingin
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Yvette Asthana Peter Wypych	Cecilia Menezes Funaki Tonga	Salepou Wright Ralph Dias	Mati Maka Dixelle Sequeira
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kimberley, Kaitlyn, Abigail	Logan, Lini, Marcus, Patolo	Phoenix, Isabella, Aubrey, Phillip S, Damian, Vanessa, Phillip M	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
<b>Organists</b>	Music Group	Dominic Braganza	Voice of Mother Mary	Tawag Awit
<b>Projectionists</b>	MG member	Jerome Herrera	VOMM member	
<b>Offertory</b>	Navarro Family	Fesolai Euese Family	Naidu Family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Charly van der Salm	Deehan Morgado	Hannah van Crasbeek
<b>Cleaning</b> -Wright Family, <b>Prayer of the Faithful</b> -Margaret Newcombe, <b>Flowers</b> —Margaret Newcombe.				

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