

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 Sept 2018

Two kinds of faith

Jesus asked the apostles, ‘Who do people say I am?’ This is the most important question in the Gospel. It concerns the identity of Jesus. He asked the question not for his own sake, but for their sake. A question forces people to think about their beliefs.

There are two kinds of faith. The first is the faith of those who believe because they follow the traditions of their ancestors, strongly maintaining their tradition of faith. This could be called an inherited faith. The second is the faith of those who have gained it through reason and philosophical thinking. The second could be called a personal faith. There is an important difference between the two.

The possessors of an inherited faith have the advantage that they are not easily tempted. Even when confronted with philosophical arguments that might contradict their faith, that faith remains strong because of the traditions they have inherited from their ancestors. Besides this, they have never depended on philosophical speculation. But they also have a disadvantage. Their faith is usually not well reasoned or thought out, and frequently is a faith of habit and routine.

The possessors of a personal faith also have an advantage. They have discovered God with their reasoning, and for that reason are very strong in their faith. But they too have a disadvantage. They can be persuaded by logic, and if confronted with strong contrary arguments, they can be tempted to abandon their faith. In order to be able to withstand challenges, faith must be grounded in something that goes beyond one’s own personal experience.

The people who gain their faith in both of these ways, have every advantage. They depend strongly on the traditions of their ancestors, while at the same time taking advantage of their ability to think things out for themselves. They thus have the best and most perfect faith.

It is important for us to state our own values and beliefs as Christians. It is no longer sufficient to merely repeat the official answers. We have to make the faith our own for it to be alive and influential in our lives. Our parents’ faith is not ours until we walk the journey ourselves. We must believe out of personal conviction.

“Working Together for a Safe Church”. Urgent special meeting for parents of our altar servers, parents of our children who attend children’s liturgy during Masses, children’s liturgy teachers and youth. At 7 pm on Tuesday Sept 25 in our crypt.

NOTICES

Parishioners wishing to offer Masses, book baptisms or car blessings, have preference enrolment forms signed, or wishing to make a Confession outside of the regular Reconciliation times, please contact the parish office. A reminder that a secure drop box has been fixed on the wall outside the office door. Please use this drop box if you cannot drop off any mail during office hours.

Volunteers are needed to open the bookshop after all weekend Masses. If you are able to help, please let the parish office know.

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection for those who are on the Parish Planned Giving Envelope System. These are on the tables in the foyer. Please pick up your envelopes. Thank you for your regular donations to our parish.

Mini market next Sunday after both the morning Masses. Coffee a dollar a cup.

G.I.F.T. OPEN DAY Bishop Pat's Apostolate for Intellectually Disabled Christians (Growth in Faith Together) is holding an Open Day on Friday 28th September from 10.30am to 4.30pm at 28a Telford Ave, Balmoral, Phone 620 9524. Please come and visit during the day.

Diocesan Job Vacancies. Leader Faith Formation Team, Parish & Pastoral Services Group. Full time position of 40 hours a week. Flexible hours including some Saturdays and Sundays. A Masters qualification in Theology or Religious Education is desired. Significant theological formation is essential, if a degree is not held.

Mission Support Officer, Parish & Pastoral Services. Full time position of 40 hours a week. Flexible hours including some Saturdays and Sundays. A qualification in Theology, Religious Education or Pastoral Theology is desired. Some theological formation is essential, if a degree is not held. To view the full position descriptions for the above roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Quicklinks and staff vacancies.

FREE HEARING TESTS FOR KIDS BETWEEN 3 ½ TO 5 YEARS : 12th September to 19th October - The Audiology section at the University of Auckland is running sessions for Master of Audiology students at Tamaki Campus. We need a number of children between 3 ½ & 5 years of age for our 1st year Audiology students to test. All children will receive a comprehensive hearing assessment by a student audiologist under the supervision of a qualified, experienced audiologist. Appointments will be 1 hour & you will receive the test results at the end of the appointment. To make an appointment, please phone the clinics on 923 9909.

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others.

Pope Francis Laudato Si

The Annual Mass for Pope Francis on his Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph on **Thursday 4 October at 12.15 pm.** The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and celebratory cake in Liston Hall. Be sure to sign the greeting card. Normal weekday Wilson car parking rates apply.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 17 Sept:

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33

Luke 7:1-10

Tues: 18 Sept:

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31

Luke 7:11-17

Wed: 19 Sept :

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Luke 7:31-35

Thurs: 20 Sept:

1 Cor 15:1-11

Luke 7:36-50

Fri : 21 Sept :

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Matthew 9:9-13

Sat: 22 Sept:

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49

Luke 8:4-15

Sun: 23 Sept:

**25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Wis 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16,-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

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

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 pm

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm

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

Last week's collection:

House— 1,435.00, Parish-2,134.10. Maori Pastoral Collection—455.00.

Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 22 & 23 SEPT 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Margaret Newcombe	Kevin Davis	Olinda Domingo	Gerry Smith
Ministers of Communion	Barbara Lynch, Chris & Nerissa Navarro, Natalie Fernandes, Joyce Fonseca, Karl Flaxman Hendriks, Val Maskell	Regina Smuga, Epi Poasa, Mary Leiataua, Darin Johnston, Reynaldo Ventura, Valencia & Samuel Wye	Paula & Henry Bohte, Melinda Hamlyn, Genevieve Kabuya, Ophelia Sequeira, Maria Matthes, Maryanne Pasina	Jeanette Atabelo, Herman & Zion Tauata, Arlene Lee, Marie Landingin, Onolina Mitchell
Ministers of the Word	Lenny Fonseca Natasha Fernandes	Malia Tonga John Cullen	Brinal Gonsalves Mary Louise Membrere	Jean Soniega Mati Maka
Altar Servers	Alanna, Marco, Alan	Frances, Lovie, Genelle, Christie	Aubrey, Phillip S, Marcus, Lagi, Sylvester, Phoenix, Isabella	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	Dominic Braganza	Music Group	Samoan Choir	Evelyn Pereira
Projectionists	Tina Hoover	MG member	SC member	
Offertory	Mendonza Family	D'Souza Family	Matthes Family	Delegates
Children's Liturgy		Gabrielle Cortes	Gloria Sofara	Hannah van Crasbeek
Cleaning-Kalameli Tauata, Prayer of the Faithful-Lyn Smith, Flowers—Kalala M Fesolai.				

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