

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 Sept 2018

True and False ambition

Today's scripture readings seem to suggest that for Christians, ambition is a dirty word. It is condemned by Jesus and St. James.

However, it is not ambition itself that is condemned. Remember the parable of the talents. There Jesus reprimanded the man who buried his talent, and praised the two men who took their talents and multiplied them.

What is condemned in the readings is not ambition itself, but false ambition. Ambition in itself is a good thing. But it can get out of hand. An element of confusion can come into play. Some people are driven people. They are consumed by ambition. While they may be very successful, sometimes they leave a trail of broken relationships behind them.

Those who are consumed by ambition, sacrifice everything to attain the goal of success. They neglect their own personal development. They neglect family life, relationships and even life itself.

It's good to have goals, to want to succeed in business or a career. Far from being wrong, it is a praiseworthy thing. So long as it's not a question of succeeding at all costs. Jesus said "What good will it do a man to gain the whole world, if he loses himself in the process?" (Luke 9:25)

In today's gospel we have an example of false ambition. There we see the apostles fighting over who would be first in Jesus' kingdom. False ambition creates conflict and division, and is very damaging to the unity of the community. Jesus called the apostles together and gave them a lecture on the meaning of true greatness. He didn't tell them they should not seek greatness in his kingdom. He just showed them where true greatness was to be found. It is to be found in serving others, especially the weaker members of the community. He didn't abolish ambition. He redefined it-as the desire to serve.

Service implies that you are not here for yourself. In order to serve, one has to be very self-effacing. Today, the idea of serving is profoundly counter-culture. Society has become very materialistic and very individualistic. And yet the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work at something that is worth doing, and that transcends oneself and one's own interests.

The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, to the most insignificant persons.

"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.

PARISH NOTICES

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 this Sunday after both the morning Masses. Coffee a dollar a cup.

Responding to the NZ Housing Crisis. In his 16 September Pastoral letter to all parishioners, Bishop Pat asked 'whether your Parish, or individuals within it, can provide affordable rental accommodation or emergency housing or furnishings to help a homeless family'. If you think you may be in a position to assist in this way, an initial contact can be made with Catholic Social Services ph 378 9650 or johnm@ccsauckland.org.nz.

Vinnies Youth will be hosting the **Diocesan Youth Mass** this month, with the theme *Live In Me*. Everyone is welcome to join so make sure to invite whanau, friends, parishioners and youth members to celebrate Mass together. Mass will be held on **30 September, St Patrick's Cathedral** at **7pm** and celebrated by Msgr Bernard Kiely.

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday 7th Oct at 7pm. Sacred Heart College (250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes). Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited.

Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College: Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship to be known as the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2019. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Email: lindam@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 15 October

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.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 24 Sept:

Prov 3:27-34

Luke 8:16-18

Tues: 25 Sept:

Prov 21:1-6, 10-13

Luke 8:19-21

Wed: 26 Sept :

Prov 30:5-9

Luke 9:1-6

Thurs: 27 Sept:

Eccl 1:2-11

Luke 9:7-9

Fri : 28 Sept :

Eccl 3:1-11

Luke 9:18-22

Sat: 29 Sept:

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

John 1:47-51

Sun: 30 Sept:

**26th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Num 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

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— 1,230.00, Parish-2,039.90. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 29 & 30 SEPT 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Anne Cairney	Clive Pereira	Venicio Dourado	Gerry Smith
Ministers of Communion	Lorcan Murnane, Samantha Albert, Regina Wypych, Jennifer & Mariano Men- donza, Aloysius Fernandes, Jerry Gomes	Elma Soulje, Talosaga Poasa, Cristy & Warren Herrera, Sebas- tian & Maria Richards, Ana Tonga	Avis & Victor Hebia, Jane Tova, Mareko Emani, Barnabas Thom- sen, Ophelia Se- queira, Maria Matthes	Zion Tauata, On- olina Mitchell, Herman Tauata, Arlene Lee, Ma- rie Landingin, Jeanette Atabelo
Ministers of the Word	John Reyna Jacinta Hoover	Chelly Neri Faustina Hickson	Paul Corcoran Nikita Sionetalli	Jean Soniega Tui Maka
Altar Servers	Kimberley, Kaitlyn, Rafael	Valentino, Logan, Isaac, Semisi	Dayna, Lourdes, Phoenix F, Kirk, Damian, Marcus, Lagi	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	Reneeta	Music Group	Vaka'uta Family	Evelyn Pereira
Projectionists	Ash Fernandes	MG member	Vaka'uta Family	
Offertory	Vaz Family	Fruean Family	Papalii Seumanu	Delegates
Children's Liturgy				
Cleaning -Marian Mothers, Prayer of the Faithful -Lenny Fonseca, Flowers —Kalala M Fesolai.				

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