

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 Sept 2018

Condemnation of Riches

Most people admire and envy the rich. Yet St. James makes a scathing attack on the rich. However, it is not riches in themselves that are being condemned. Basically, he makes two points.

The first is the ultimate worthlessness of wealth. Whatever comfort and luxury wealth affords is transitory; in the end it is vanity. Wealth does not lead to happiness. Therefore, placing one's hopes in material wealth is foolish. This is something that we all need to be reminded of from time to time, because we live in a culture that tells us the opposite. In so many ways, it tells us that possessions do lead to happiness. This is a message that ruins many lives.

The second point that St. James makes concerns the manner in which wealth is acquired. More often than not acquiring and keeping wealth involves acting unjustly and exploiting the weak. Here we are not talking about foolishness. We are talking about something that is both evil and sinful.

There is the effect of wealth on the one who possesses it. Preoccupation with material things concentrates a person's thoughts and interests on this world to the exclusion of the other world. Furthermore, possessions can make a person arrogant, proud, and self satisfied. Wealth fosters selfishness, thus hardening the heart of the possessor. No one saw the danger of material things more clearly than Jesus.

Finally, all of this has to be seen against a background in which millions of people are living in poverty and hunger. For every person who has too much, there are at least ten who have too little. Some have a surfeit while others are in dire need. In some parts of the world babies are dying before their mothers' eyes.

This inequality is a great evil. It explains the uneasiness felt by not only the poor people but also by the rich. It demands decisive solutions. But where to begin and what to do? The first step is to become conscious of it.

Wealth is a responsibility: Wealthy people will be judged by two criteria: how they got their wealth, and how they used it.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

NOTICES

Rosary Aotearoa: Sunday, October 7th, 3 pm, Feast of the Holy Rosary. Join us and participate with your parish, church community or local groups to pray the Holy Rosary. For more information and to locate your nearest church or location go to www.rosarynewzealand.nz

We will pray together the Holy Rosary as a one nation, one heart, one mind and one spirit. In our prayers, let us be guided by the writings of Pope Francis: 1.) In the spirit of ***Lumen Fidei: The Light of Faith***, let us pray for our Church, our Holy Father and the shepherds of the Church (Bishops, Priests, Religious and Vocations), 2.) In the spirit of ***Amoris Laetitia: The joy of love***, let us pray for families and marriage, 3.) In the spirit of ***Laudato Si: On care for our common home***, let us pray for the earth and its people, 4.) In the spirit of ***Gaudete et Exsultate: the Call to Holiness***, let us pray for the Culture of Life, 5.) In the spirit of ***Misericordiae Vultus: the Face of Mercy***, let us pray for our leaders. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

IN OUR PARISH, DURING OCTOBER, THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 5.30 PM AND EVERY SUNDAY AT 3.00 PM.

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 13th Oct 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>

Praise and worship led by the Glen Eden Youth Group on Sunday 7th October 6:15pm - 8:15pm. All are welcome!

Catholic Life Survey Forms. A big thank you to our volunteers who did a massive data entry job with our forms.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS. 190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners Matalena Fatialofa and Elizabeth van Crasbeek. May their souls rest in peace.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 1 Oct:

Job 1:6-22

Luke 9:46-50

Tues: 2 Oct:

Ex 23:20-23

Matthew 18:1-5,10

Wed: 3 Oct :

Job 9:1-13,14-16

Luke 9:57-62

Thurs: 4 Oct:

Job 19:21-27

Luke 10:1-12

Fri : 5 Oct :

Job 38:1, 12-21,40:3-5

Luke 10:13-16

Sat: 6 Oct:

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17

Luke 10:17-24

Sun: 7 Oct:

**27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

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, 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 Masses—10.00 am & 6 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Friday from 9 am

Saturday Masses—9 am & 5 pm.

Marian Devotions after 9 am Mass. Rosary during Devotions.

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

Morning tea after 10.00 am Mass on Friday

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

Last week's collection:

House— 1,235.00, Parish-2,103.70. Mini market-256.70. A big thank you from our mini market team.

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 6 & 7 OCT 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Tim Maskell	Manny Argano	Olinda Domingo	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Val Maskell, Natalie Fernandes, Chris & Nerissa Navarro, Aldrin D'Silva, Sandra Almeida, Karl Flaxman Hendriks	Leila Vincent, Joy Argano, Phillip & Felicia Wye, Regina Smuga, Epi Poasa, Mary Leiataua	Avis & Victor Hebia, Paula & Henry Bohte, Melinda Hamlyn, Genevieve Kabuya, Maryanne Pasina	Herman Tauata, Arlene Lee, Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Lina Mitchell, Marie Landingin
Ministers of the Word	Rachel Almeida Leigh McGowan	Patrick Katoa Cathryne Herrera	Ralph Dias Brinal Gonsalves	Janice Rodrigues Elisha Dourado
Altar Servers	Alanna, Marco, Abigail	Niko, Jessica, Isaac, McCoy	Dayna, Lourdes, Phoenix F, Damian, Vanessa, Philip M, Kirk	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	Mylene Abrogena	Dominic Braganza	Music Group	Naomi Noronha
Projectionists	Abrogena Family	Jerome Herrera	MG member	
Offertory	Abrogena Family	Leiataua Family	Mareko Emani family	Delegates
Children's Liturgy				
Cleaning -Tess & Noel Fermin, Prayer of the Faithful -Lenny Fonseca, Flowers —Salepou Wright, Linen for October -Anna Holmes.				

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