

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**14 Oct 2018**

**Respect Life Sunday pastoral letter, 14 October 2018**

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ  
E te whānau whakapono a te Karaiti**

**Praising God for the gift of life is common to all world religions. Deep down in the heart of every person is the knowledge that life is precious and often fragile.**

**The worldwide human family recently experienced this belief as we watched with bated breath the heart-warming rescue mission of the Thai boys trapped in a cave. How fitting it was that all the boys, soon after their rescue, went to a monastery for a month's retreat as an act of respect for the one who had sacrificed his life saving theirs.**

**Respect Life Sunday reminds us that every day is an opportunity to reflect on the insight that life, far from being random or an act of self-determination, is in fact a gift.**

**The beautiful gift of parenthood is a collaboration with God in the creation of a new person made in God's image and likeness. It is sometimes said that every child is the fruit of God's love and their parents' love, "given a name".**

**Sometimes, however, the gift of life is not experienced as this profound communion of love, family and joy. Parenthood can be shattered or tested in a number of ways that cry out for mercy, tenderness, accompaniment and deep understanding. When grief or loss or regret come between a parent and a child - or the hope for a child - we see human nature itself express her pain and anguish.**

**Today, as shepherds or hēpara, we stand close to those of you who carry the heavy pain and grief of an abortion. Sometimes that anguish, when shared, met with a cold detached judgement. That was wrong. We encourage those of you who need the burden of regret lifted, to share your story, and, in the words of Jesus, "find rest for your soul" (cf. Mt 11:29-30).**

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Others carry the pain and grief of what we might call 'empty arms' in different ways: perhaps the result of an inability to conceive; or the miscarriage of a deeply desired but never held baby; perhaps a child still-born and held only in death; or the result of having parented embryos that will never be implanted; perhaps a child given for adoption, a child given away into the arms of others; or a child who died prematurely through illness or accident, a child no longer present to be held; or perhaps a child now estranged or distant whom you entrust to the care of the Saints and the compassion of fellow human beings.

Pope Francis has called for a revolution of tenderness in our world. In that spirit, we offer today not explanations or answers but the assurance of listening hearts and humble prayers: for courage, for healing and forgiveness where needed, and for renewed purpose in our lives.

A burden or pain shared is one that is lightened. For some of you, telling your story to another person will bring forth a kind of sacred space of deep, respectful listening; an encounter in which you will feel God's healing love. We might mourn, we might marvel and above all – for all of us – may we come to experience anew that we are the deeply loved family of God. And may we continue to build parishes where doors are open and all are made to feel at home.

+ Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland + Steve Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton + Charles Drennan, Bishop of Palmerston North + John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington + Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch + Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

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**Mission Sunday next weekend** - Parishioners are reminded that next weekend is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the care of children, the immediate relief of the poor, and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. Please give generously next week. For further information, refer the MissioNZ website: <https://missio.nz/>

**"Let's Take a Walk the Through Mass" a 4 hour workshop.** On the 27th of October 2018 at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka from 10am-1pm with morning tea included. This workshop will be hosted by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre and is aimed at our participation in the Mass. The workshop will cover a range of topics such as: The Introductory RiteS, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist , The Dismissal. We have put together this new workshop with information from a range of resources including the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. (GIRM). For catering reasons, your confirmation of attendance will be greatly appreciated. Please do so by email to [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

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**Last week's collection:**

**House– 1,875.00, Parish-3,058.70.** Thank you for your generosity.

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 15 Oct:

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1

Luke 11:29-32

Tues: 16 Oct:

Gal 5:1-6

Luke 11:37-41

Wed: 17 Oct :

Gal 5:18-25

Luke 11:42-46

Thurs: 18 Oct:

2 Tim 4:10-17

Luke 10:1-9

Fri : 19 Oct :

Eph 1:11-14

Luke 12:1-7

Sat: 20 Oct:

Eph 1:15-23

Luke 12:8-12

Sun: 21 Oct:

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

## 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, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Tony O'Brien, Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whitcombe, Robert Shearman and Janet Ijsseldijk.

If you wish to have any names added or removed from this list, please let the parish office know.

## ***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, Tuesday 7 pm*

*Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm*

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

## ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 20 & 21 OCT 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	Manny Argano	Ann Lopez	Gerry Smith
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Aloysius Fernandes, Aldrin D'Silva, Barbara Lynch, Regina Wypych, Joyce Fonseca, Sandra Almeida, Natalie Fernandes	Felicia & Phillip Wye, Regina Smuga, Ana Tonga, Talosaga Poasa, Leila Vincent, Joy Argano	Catharina & Joop de Mooy, Melinda Hamlyn, Mareko Emani, Barnabas Thomsen, Genevieve Kabuya, Ophelia Sequeira	Marie Landingin, Jeanette Atabelo, Lina Mitchell, Arlene Lee, Zion & Herman Tauata
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Yvette Asthana Peter Wypych	Patrick Katoa Malia Tonga	Mary Louise Membrere Paul Corcoran	Rachel Vaz Naomi Noronha
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kimberley, Kaitlyn, Abigail	Ginelle, Lovie, Christie, Frances	Marcus, Lagi, Sylvester, Kirk, Damian, Vanessa, Phillip M	Joshua, Salome, Daanston
<b>Organists</b>	Dominic Braganza	Evelyn Pereira	Music Group	Voice of Mother Mary
<b>Projectionists</b>	Ash Fernandes	Jerome Herrera	MG member	VOMM member
<b>Offertory</b>	Hoover Family	Tonga Family	Naidu Family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Andy van der Salm	Deehan Morgado	Christina Gomes
<b>Cleaning</b> -Legion of Mary members, <b>Prayer of the Faithful</b> -Lyn Smith, <b>Flowers</b> —Margaret Newcombe.				

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