

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 Nov 2018

## *When giving becomes a sacrifice*

All giving is good-just as all money is good. But like money, some giving is copper, some silver and some is pure gold.

The test of a gift is not the amount in itself, but what its loss means to the giver. One kind of giving is when the giver gives what he/she can live without. This kind of giving doesn't really hurt. Most of our giving probably falls into this category. It is not to be dismissed. All giving is good.

But there is another kind of giving, namely, when the gift is desperately needed by the giver as by the receiver. This kind of giving hurts. A real **sacrifice** is involved. This giving stands apart. This giving is pure gold. This is generosity indeed. This involves giving away what one needs oneself rather than out of one's excess. We have two further examples of it in today's scripture readings. Both examples concern very poor people-two widows. In biblical times, widows were the poorest of the poor.

We wonder how someone who was as poor as the widow in the gospel was able to perform an act of such spontaneous goodness. One needs to have been faithful over many years to the practice of generosity to have a heart like hers. It is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones. It is through giving that the heart remains open and one becomes a loving person. We can give without being impoverished. In fact, we are more likely to be enriched in so doing.

We can also share non material things. A teacher loses nothing of his knowledge by sharing it with his pupils. A mother loses nothing of her love by sharing it with her children. We can share such things as knowledge, love, peace, with others without our own supply of these being in any way diminished. Giving brings its own reward. It is through giving that the heart remains open and one becomes a loving person.

Giving is at the heart of the Gospel. It is the very essence of Christianity.

**New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies**  
**Flor McCarthy SDB**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Monthly eleventh day rosary this Sunday after 5 pm Mass.**  
**Youth meeting this Sunday at 6.15 pm.**

**Feast of Christ the King Sunday Nov 25.** We will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with a procession after the 10.30 am Mass. After the procession, we will have Adoration in the church till 4.30 pm. All parishioners are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. To ensure we have some one there each hour till 4.30 pm, a list has been kept in the foyer. Please fill in this list so we cover all the hours.

**Nativity Play at Christmas Family Mass.** Calling all children who would like to take part in the Nativity Play at the 7 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Practice will be 3 Sundays beginning on the 9th December after the 10.30 Mass (about 12 midday) and the group will do a last practice (4th time) on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Parents, please contact Marta Cullen on 021-898345.

**Columban calendars and Daily Mass Calendars for 2019 are available in the bookshop.**

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## OTHER NOTICES

**Living Wage Week 4-11 November 2018.** This week we reflect on the fact that for over 125 years the Catholic Church has supported the need for a just wage sufficient to adequately provide for a worker's family. In July 2016 Bishop Pat gave his support to the Living Wage movement that has in recent years been so successful in raising the wages of low paid workers. Of the 285,000 children living in poverty in New Zealand, 40% come from families where at least one adult is in full time work or self-employed. As Parishioners we can look to ways to encourage employers to pay their workers the Living Wage which as Bishop Pat puts so well is a way of enabling families "to support themselves to live life with a modicum of respectability and not just be on the bread line."

**National March for Life NZ 8th December:** Parishes, groups, families and all people of goodwill are invited to March for Life Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Gather at 2pm in Civic Square (101 Wakefield St) ready to walk to Parliament grounds. We are mindful that many in our communities are suffering the effects of abortion in their families. Our message to our community is, you are not alone, there is support, there is healing, there is hope! [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz) or phone Michael on 021 825 955.

**NZ Rosary Crusade 8<sup>th</sup> December:** On December 8<sup>th</sup>, New Zealanders will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone Clare on 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087.

**Diocesan Job Vacancy. Marriage and Family Life, Leader/Co-ordinator.** The role involves managing the provision of the Marriage Education programme throughout the Diocese, recruitment and training of Marriage Educator couples, promotion of marriage preparation education to engaged couples and promoting faith education for family life. This is a part-time role of 32 hours (4 days) per week, with some evening and Saturday work. To view the full position description for the above role, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration & staff vacancies.

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**Last week's collection:**

**House— 1,510.00**

**Parish- 2,486.30**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 12 Nov:

Titus 1:1-9

Luke 17:1-6

Tues: 13 Nov:

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Luke 17:7-10

Wed: 14 Nov :

Titus 3:1-7

Luke 17:11-19

Thurs: 15 Nov:

Philemon 7-20

Luke 17:20-25

Fri : 16 Nov :

2 John 4-9

Luke 17:26-37

Sat: 17 Nov:

3 John 5-8

Luke 18:1-8

Sun: 18 Nov:

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Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

## 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, Janet Ijsseldijk and Siufaga Maileoi Lili.

## ***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 Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm

## ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 17 & 18 NOV 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	Clive Pereira	Ann Lopez	Viveca Dourado
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Val Maskell, Barbara Lynch, Aloysius Fernandes, Samantha Albert, Lorcan Murnane, Karl Flaxman Hendriks, Jerry Gomes	Epi Poasa, Elma Soulje, Maria & Sebastian Richards, Reynaldo Ventura, Darin Johnston, Regina Smuga	Falani Masae, Avis & Victor Hebia, Barnabas Thomsen, Maryanne Pasina, Melinda Hamlyn, Genevieve Kabuya	Lina Mitchell, Herman Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Marie Landingin, Arlene Lee, Zion Tauata
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Yvette Asthana Rachel Almeida	Cecilia Menezes John Phillips	Miriama Malaitai Paul Corcoran	Elisha Dourado Janice Rodrigues
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alanna, Marco, Miguel	Frances, Genelle, Lovie, Christie		Joshua, Salome, Daanston
<b>Organists</b>	Michelle Pereira	Evelyn Pereira	Music Group	Voice of Mother Mary
<b>Projectionists</b>	Mendonza Family	Jerome Herrera	MG member	VOMM member
<b>Offertory</b>	Navarro Family	Fruean Family	Mareko Emani family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Andy van der Salm	Deehan Morgado	Christina Gomes
<b>Cleaning</b> -Andy van der Salm, Marlene Judd, Pearl & Maxwell Silveira, <b>Prayer of the Faithful</b> -Margaret Newcombe, <b>Flowers</b> —Leigh McGowan.				

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