

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 Nov 2018

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday has been designated by Pope Francis as the 2nd World Day of the Poor: *'God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible. The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need, and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister.'*

Pope Francis: Message for the 2nd World Day of the Poor, 2018. Excerpts.

On this *World Day of the Poor*, we are called to make a serious examination of conscience, to see if we are truly capable of hearing the cry of the poor.

To hear their voice, what we need is the silence of people who are prepared to listen. If we speak too much ourselves, we will be unable to hear them. At times I fear that many initiatives, meritorious and necessary in themselves, are meant more to satisfy those who undertake them than to respond to the real cry of the poor. When this is the case, the cry of the poor resounds, but our reaction is inconsistent and we become unable to empathize with their condition. We are so trapped in a culture that induces us to look in the mirror and pamper ourselves, that we think that an altruistic gesture is enough, without the need to get directly involved.

In the service of the poor, there is no room for competition. Rather, we should humbly recognize that the Spirit is the source of our actions that reveal God's closeness and his answer to our prayers. When we find ways of drawing near to the poor, we know that the primacy belongs to God, who opens our eyes and hearts to conversion. The poor do not need self-promoters, but a love that knows how to remain hidden and not think about all the good it has been able to do. At the centre must always be the Lord and the poor. Anyone desirous of serving is an instrument in God's hands, a means of manifesting his saving presence.

Fr Paul's Silver Jubilee: On 17 Dec 2018, Fr Paul completes 25 years of his ordination to the priesthood. To celebrate this milestone, we will offer up in thanksgiving the 10.30 am Mass at our church, on Sunday Dec 16. This will be followed by a reception at Holy Cross Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to the Mass and the reception. Please bring a plate of food to share. Parishioners are requested to car pool from our church to Holy Cross Parish Hall.

PARISH NOTICES

Mini market next Sunday after both the morning Masses. This will be the last mini market in 2018. Please support the team in their Christmas donations to different charities. The mini market team is running a raffle to raise funds for their donations to different charities. Tickets will be sold at the mini market. Be in to win the five prizes. Draw will be on Nov 25.

Feast of Christ the King next Sunday. Procession after the 10.30 am Mass followed by Adoration till 4.30 pm.

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 2nd December at 2 pm in the hall and the group will do a last practice (4th time) on Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm. Parents, please contact Marta Cullen on 021-898345.

The parish music ministry will be practicing Christmas songs every Monday evening from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm from 19 November 2018.

Parishioners are welcome to join in at practices, so we have a joyful participation at the Carols evening and Midnight mass on 24Dec2018.

OTHER NOTICES

Advent Vespers and Carol Service - A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 1 December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey towards Christmastide and prepare the way of the Lord. Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass 2nd December 4.00pm, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. Growth In Faith Together is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disabled Christians.

St Mary's College Christmas Concert Sunday, 2 December at 7 pm. In the Stella Maris Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary's Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind . Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free).

TCI The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand offers courses in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Scripture, Theology and Leadership. Courses are available online or in face-to-face classes. To find out more go to www.tci.ac.nz or email office@tci.ac.nz.

Good Shepherd College-Te Heparā Pai is where the diocesan seminarians go for their theological formation it is an NZQA-registered tertiary provider offering papers towards level 7 awards; the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology. Details of what is offered in Semester One of 2019 can be found at <http://www.gsc.ac.nz/course-papers/2777-1/>

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Chikanori Saito and Edward Hargreaves, our parishioners who passed away last week.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 19 Nov:

Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Luke 18:35-43

Tues: 20 Nov:

Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22

Luke 19:1-10

Wed: 21 Nov :

Apoc 4:1-11

Luke 19:11-28

Thurs: 22 Nov:

Apoc 5:1-10

Luke 19:41-44

Fri : 23 Nov :

Apoc 10:8-11

Luke 19:45-48

Sat: 24 Nov:

Apoc 11:4-12

Luke 20:27-40

Sun: 25 Nov:

Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14

Apoc 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

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, 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

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm

Last week's collection:

House— 1,430.00

Parish- 2,259.20

**Mission Sunday Collection-
1,254.80**

Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 24 & 25 NOV 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Lyn Smith	Manny Argano	Olinda Domingo	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Joyce Fonseca, Sandra Almeida, Amadeo Abrogena, Natalie Fernandes, Nerissa & Chris Navarro, Aldrin D'Silva	Phillip & Felicia Wye, Ana Tonga, Cristy & Warren Herrera, Talosaga Poasa, Samuel Wye	Joop de Mooy, Jane Tova, Maryanne Pasina, Ophelia Sequeira, Genevieve Kabuya, Melinda Hamlyn, Maria Matthes	Marie Landingin, Zion Tauata, Lina Mitchell, Jeanette Atabelo, Herman Tauata, Arlene Lee
Ministers of the Word	Lenny Fonseca Minetta Mendonza	Malia Tonga Patrick Katoa	Ralph Dias Mary Louise Membrere	Telesia Maka Jean Soniega
Altar Servers	Alan, Abigail, Rafael	Patolo, Isaac, McCoy, Jessica		Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	M Abrogena	Music Group	Samoan Choir	Naomi Noronha
Projectionists	Abrogena Family	MG member	SC member	
Offertory	Barbara Lynch Sue Cox	Leiataua Family	Salvador family	Delegates
Children's Liturgy		Marta Cullen	Tessie Aralar	Hannah van Crasbeek
Cleaning -Wright Family, Prayer of the Faithful -Lyn Smith, Flowers —Leigh McGowan.				

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