

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Christ the King

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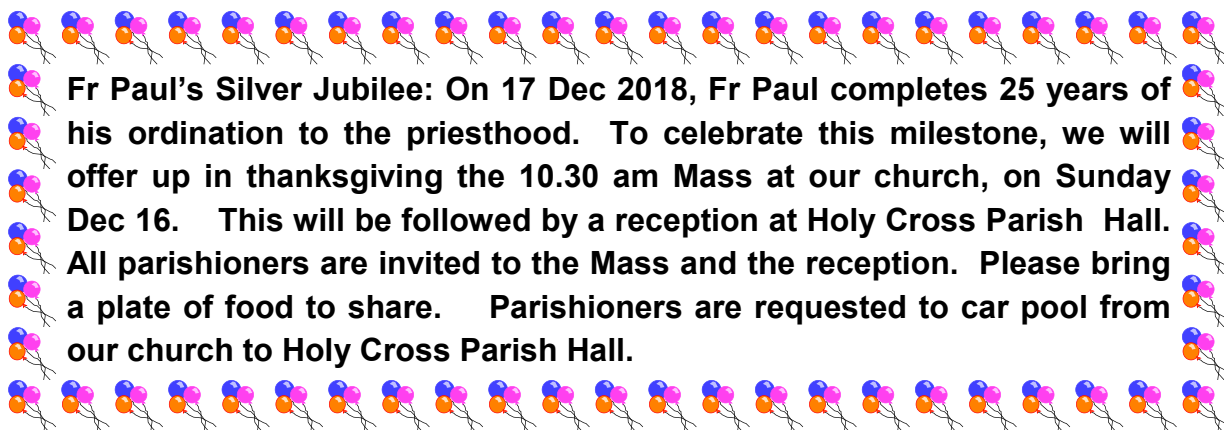
A Strange Kind of King

Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of 'king' would seem to be one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a king, we think of a throne, a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige, a retinue of servants, and of course an army.

When we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no palace, and no army. We see him walking the dusty roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, by sinners and outcasts. In short, by the kind of people who in worldly kingdoms are looking in through the gates of the royal palace, if they get even that close. And yet the title 'king' is appropriate, and stands for something true and real in Jesus. It stands for his divinity. God is the Lord of all, the King of the universe, the One to whom we owe allegiance, the Ruler and Judge of all. But even on a human level the title makes sense. Jesus is the greatest source of goodness, light, and hope in dark world. There is a great person who makes everybody feel small. But the really great person makes everybody feel big. In that sense, Jesus is indeed a King.

And Jesus did speak of a kingdom-the Kingdom of God. His kingdom represents all those things that the world doesn't stand for but which deep down it longs for-all that is right and true, all that is beautiful, just and good. Many earthly kingdoms have come and gone since the time of Christ. Yet, his kingdom remains standing. Why? Because it is guaranteed by God. And today, two thousand years later, millions of people all over the world give him an allegiance that they would not give to any ruler on earth.

What a joy it is to belong to Christ and his kingdom. His kingdom is the antithesis of power, it is a kingdom of love.

 **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

Car park line marking. This will be done on Monday Nov 26, weather permitting. There will be no access to our carparks from 7.30 am to 6.30 pm. Parishioners attending the 8 am Mass, please park in the mall. We regret the inconvenience caused.

NZ Pro-Life Rosary Crusade on 8th December. We will have a rosary in our church at 3 pm on 8 December to join in with the Rosary crusade. For more information on the NZ Pro-Life Rosary Crusade, see www.rosarycrusade.co.nz email clarests4@gmail.com or phone 0221912886.

Our bookshop. Volunteers are needed to open our bookshop after the weekend Masses. If you can help, please contact the parish office. Columban calendars and Daily Mass Calendars for 2019 are available at the bookshop.

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.

Music Ministry: 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.

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast - since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information contact Marie Anderson on +64-3-359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz.

Caritas Gifts. Every single Caritas Gift purchased, offers vital assistance and support where it is needed most. The range of Caritas Gift options are split across four specific areas; **Hope Fund** - supports development work, **Life Fund** - sustains emergency support, **Peace Fund** - promotes healthcare, human rights and justice, **Learning Fund** - supports education and environmental care. Each one provides vital funds, supporting a variety of Caritas programmes. All are focused towards creating positive and long-lasting changes in the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities relying upon our help. When you purchase a gift from one of these funds the money you spend supports that area of Caritas work. Caritas gifts can be ordered now by calling directly on **0800 22 10 22** or by visiting the Caritas website: www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts. Please ensure to place your order by Monday, 10 December.

Glen Eden Santa
Parade on Sat Dec 1.
Our hall and carparks
will be used from
10.00 am to 4 pm.

Working Bee on Sat Dec 8,
after the 9 am Mass.
Parishioners are requested
to come and lend a hand.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 26 Nov:

Apoc 14:1-5

Luke 21:1-4

Tues: 27 Nov:

Apoc 14:14-19

Luke 21:5-11

Wed: 28 Nov :

Apoc 15:1-4

Luke 21:12-19

Thurs: 29 Nov:

Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3, 9

Luke 21:20-28

Fri : 30 Nov :

Romans 10:9-18

Matthew 4:18-22

Sat: 1 Dec:

Apoc 22:1-7

Luke 21:34-36

Sun: 2 Dec:

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

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

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm

Last week's collection:

House— 1,310.00

Parish- 2,050.60

Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 1 & 2 DECEMBER 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Margaret Newcombe	Christine Richards	Venicio Dourado	Gerry Smith
Ministers of Communion	Barbara Lynch, Karl Flaxman Hendriks, Samantha Albert, Jennifer & Mariano Mendonza, Lorcan Murnane, Val Maskell	Leila Vincent, Joy Argano, Mary Leiataua, Valencia Wye, Epi Poasa, Elma Soulje, Reynaldo Ventura	Maryanne Pasina, Mareko Emani, Paula & Henry Bohte, Barnabas Thomsen, Genevieve Kabuya, Falani Masae	Herman Tauata, Onolina Mitchell, Arlene Lee, Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Marie Landingin
Ministers of the Word	Leigh McGowan Natasha Fernandes	Cathryne Herrera John Cullen	Paul Corcoran Brinal Gonsalves	Rachel Vaz Dixelle Sequeira
Altar Servers	Kimberley, Kaitlyn, Antacia, Kris	Christie, Frances, Lovie, Genelle		Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	Marina Tham	Dominic Braganza	Music Group	Evelyn Pereira
Projectionists	Tham Family	Jerome Herrera	MG member	
Offertory	Mendonza Family	Fuiava & Gates Families	Naidu Family	Delegates
Children's Liturgy		Charly van der Salm	Gloria Sofara	Christina Gomes
Cleaning -Fermin Family, Prayer of the Faithful -Lyn Smith, Flowers —Kalala M Fesolai, Linen for December -Kevin Davis.				

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