

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 Nov 2018

Failure to love

Failure to love is the greatest failure in a Christian. Often, alas, it is not even seen as a sin. Sin is recognised when it means doing harm to a neighbour, but not when it means failing to love, or withholding love.

This is the greatest danger facing church going people. They don't see the connection between what they do in church on Sunday and what they do in relation to their neighbour on a weekday.

People may examine their conscience but leave whole fields untouched: the conscientious carrying out of one's duty, honesty in business matters, justice, respect and cooperation among those who live under the same roof and so on. For such people religion is divorced from life. It is a private matter between them and God. According to the Bible, a religion like that is a distortion. Worse, it is an abomination.

It's very easy to separate the two great commandments. In a sense there is only one commandment-the commandment of love. It is like a coin, one entity with two sides. It is impossible to have one without the other. It's not that we hate our neighbours. No, we don't hate them. It's just that we refuse to take them into our heart. In some cases, we don't even know them. We are indifferent to them. The worst thing of all is a cold indifference.

Yet all of us have a great capacity to love, but sadly we use it all too seldom. Sometimes we leave it too late and then are full of regrets. We wait until it is too late to tell others that we love them. We leave it too late to mend a quarrel.

Many of us have a problem with a particular person, sometimes even a family member. What can we do? Firstly, we should avoid any kind of retaliation-this only makes things worse. Secondly we should try to keep communicating, even if it is just a matter of saying, 'good morning' or 'good evening'. And thirdly, we should sincerely pray for that person. If we can pray for that person, it will keep bitterness and hatred from accumulating in our heart.

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

PARISH NOTICES

Adoration this Sunday from 2 to 4 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.

Columban calendars for 2019 are available in the bookshop.

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."

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna. Our Lady's Fundraising Festival Sunday 11 Nov 2018 (4 - 9pm). \$20 per ticket includes 5 traditional food servings & 2 tokens for games. Free admission for kids under 10 yrs. Come join us for an international cultural experience and tickle your taste buds with delicacies from Europe, Asia and South America!

Holy Family Parish Quiz Night: It's our annual end of year celebration, Saturday 1st December at 7:30pm at Holy Family Parish (Fr Green Hall), 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. We invite you to join us at our Parish Quiz night. You can enter as an individual or a team of eight. Fun night to be had by all. For more information or to register: contact Ellen in the Parish Office on 098346677 or hfp@xtra.co.nz.

The Catholic Caring Foundation's spring newsletter is out now. Please take a copy home and see how your parish family is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We truly value your support and thank you for your prayers and gifts. www.caringfoundation.org.nz Do you know we can work with you to help parishioners in immediate hardship? Emergency Grants: Help for your parishioners in need: Please remember that the Foundation can work with you to provide immediate financial assistance of up to \$1,500 for families or individuals in your parish who are experiencing immediate hardship. Emergency grants can be actioned quickly and are paid into your parish account to allow for disbursement to those in need. If you would like more information about this emergency.

Last week's collection:

House— 1,135.00

Parish- 1,940.70

Mini market collection—200.00.

The mini market team thanks you for supporting them.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 5 Nov:

Phil 2:1-4

Luke 14:12-14

Tues: 6 Nov:

Phil 2:5-11

Luke 14:15-24

Wed: 7 Nov :

Phil 2:12-18

Luke 14:25-33

Thurs: 8 Nov:

Phil 3:3-8

Luke 15:1-10

Fri : 9 Nov :

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

John 2:13-22

Sat: 10 Nov:

Phil 4:10-19

Luke 16:9-15

Sun: 11 Nov:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

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

Music Group practice Monday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm

Liturgy Meeting Thursday, 6.30 pm

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 10 & 11 NOV 2018

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Margaret Newcombe	Bonita Smith	Olinda Domingo	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Mariano & Jennifer Mendonza, Natalie Fernandes, Amadeo Abrogena, Chris & Nerissa Navarro, Sandra Almeida	Ana Tonga, Talosaga Poasa, Leila Vincent, Joy Argano, Samuel & Valencia Wye, Mary Leiataua	Jane Tova, Henry Bohte, Rose Williams, Mareko Emani, Paula Bohte, Kovati Wright, Bernadette Roebeck	Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Herman Tauata, Onolina Mitchell, Marie Landingin, Arlene Lee
Ministers of the Word	Natasha Fernandes John Reyna	Faustina Hickson Funaki Tonga	Brinal Gonsalves Salepou Wright	Tui Maka Rachel Vaz
Altar Servers	Don, Dean, Tyler, Kris	Valentino, Semisi, Poiva, Logan		Joshua, Salome, Daanston
Organists	Dominic Braganza	Music Group	Voice of Mother Mary	Tawag Awit
Projectionists	Tina Hoover	MG member	VOMM member	TA member
Offertory	Hoover Family	D'Souza Family	Papalii Seumanu	Delegates
Children's Liturgy		Gabrielle Cortes	Therese Rabel	Hannah van Crasbeek
Cleaning -Gonsalves family, Prayer of the Faithful -Margaret Newcombe, Flowers —Margaret Matterson.				

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