

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Second Sunday of Advent

9 Dec 2018

## Opening ourselves to Salvation

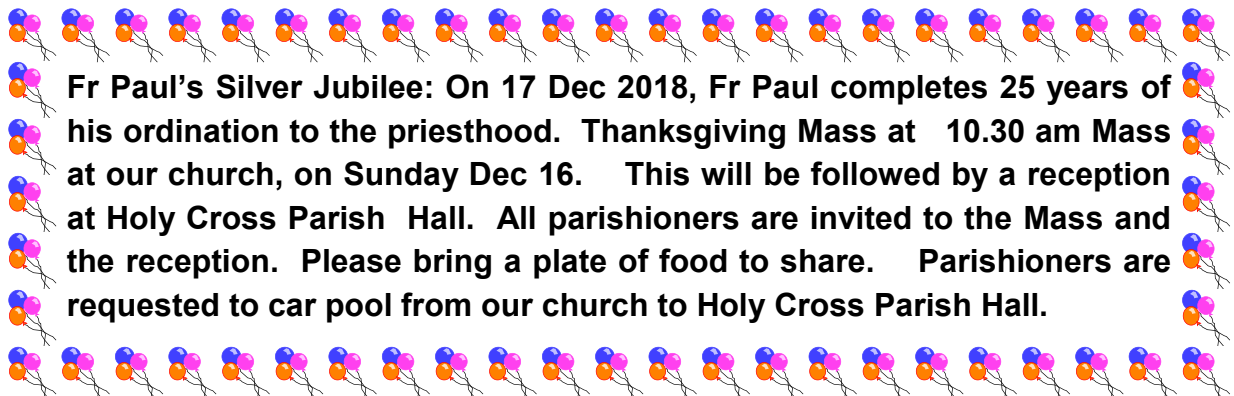
Salvation is one of the great themes of Advent. Today a great cry goes forth from the liturgy: 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be levelled, winding ways be straightened and rough roads made smooth, and all humanity will see the salvation of God.'

These are wonderful words. They are a declaration of God's love for us. But a problem can arise here. Some people think that in order for God to love them, they must be perfect. They feel God will not want them with imperfections and sins. So they try to be perfect in order to win God's love. This effectively means they try to manage on their own. It is hard for God to save people like that.

How strange are the circumstances that open us to what God wants to give us. When we approach God from a position of self-sufficiency and power, we put God off. But when we approach God from weakness and need, we invite God in. It is through our imperfections that our souls become open to God's grace. Our imperfections are the wound that catches God's eye, and qualify us for his mercy and healing. God comes to us because we are sinners in need of redemption.

If there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving that needs to be straightened out in our lives, let us try to do so.

'There is a crack in everything, that's how light get in' (Leonard Cohen)

 **Fr Paul's Silver Jubilee: On 17 Dec 2018, Fr Paul completes 25 years of his ordination to the priesthood. Thanksgiving Mass at 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

**Monthly Rosary on Tuesday Dec 11 after the 6 pm Mass.**

**Advent Reconciliation on Thursday Dec 13 at 7 pm. Visiting priests will attend.**

**Nativity Play at 7 pm Christmas Family Mass, Dec 24. Calling all children to take part in our Nativity Play.** Practice will be this Sunday at 2 pm in the hall. Parents, please contact Marta Cullen on 021-898345.

**Need for Leaders of Children's liturgy.** There is an urgent need for volunteers to take our children's liturgy at the 10.30 am and 5 pm Sunday Masses. If you can help, please contact the parish office or Marta Cullen on 021-898345. Training will be given.

Christmas Fundraiser Concert - An evening of carols, music and song

Featuring Tim Watanabe (former member of NZ Guitar Quartet), Ronan and Beatrice Reilly (Australian Sacred Music Association)

Sunday 16th December, 6:30pm. 3 Cole Place, Te Atatu South

\$20 per person, Students and Children by donation.

All welcome.

### Reconciliation dates at other parishes. All at 7 pm.

Henderson Friday Dec 14  
Avondale Wednesday Dec 19  
Blockhouse Bay Thursday Dec 20

**Family Faith** The Diocese has a number of ideas and resources concerning advent for families at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/>

**Pax Christi Aotearoa** New Zealand AGM will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, 5.30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018. All welcome.

St Francis Retreat Centre Time Out Day for prayer and reflection. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 9.30am – 2.30pm @50 Hillsborough Rd Mt Roskill. Light lunch provided. Gold coin donation for the day. Booking essential : ph. 09 625 6651 or email [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**HEARTS AFLAME 2019  
CALLED**

MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY TO  
FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

10 EPIC DAYS OF PRAYER,  
COMMUNITY, FORMATION,  
AND DISCERNMENT FOR  
CATHOLICS AGED 18 - 35.

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### Last week's collection:

**House– 1,365.00**

**Parish- 2,248.90**

Thank you for your generosity.

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:**

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

Mon: 10 Dec:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

Tues: 11 Dec:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Matthew 18:12-14

Wed: 12 Dec :

Isaiah 40:25-31

Matthew 11:28-30

Thurs: 13 Dec:

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

Fri : 14 Dec :

Isaiah 48:17-19

Matthew 11:16-19

Sat: 15 Dec:

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Matthew 17:10-13

Sun: 16 Dec:

**Third Sunday of  
Advent**

Zeph 3:14-18

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

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

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

## ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 15 & 16 DECEMBER 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	Bonita Smith		Justine Mitchell
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Val Maskell, Mariano and Jennifer Mendonza, Amadeo Abrogena, Samantha Albert, Sandra Almeida, Karl Flaxman Hendriks	Talosaga Poasa, Samuel and Valencia Wye, Cristy & Warren Herrera, Leila Vincent, Joy Argano		Arlene Lee, Herman Tauta, Jeanette Atabelo, Theresa Chan, Zion Tauta, Lina Mitchell
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Rachel Almeida Minetta Mendonza	Cecilia Menezes John Phillips		Elisha Dourado Janice Rodrigues
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alanna, Marco, Miguel, Shann	McCoy, Isaac, Semisi, Valentino		Joshua, Salome, Daanston
<b>Organists</b>	M Abrogena	Evelyn Pereira	Music Group	Voice of Mother Mary
<b>Projectionists</b>	Abrogena Family	Jerome Herrera	MG member	VOMM member
<b>Offertory</b>	Abrogena Family	Fesolai Euese Family	Matthes Family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Gabrielle Cortes	Marta Cullen	Christina Gomes
<b>Cleaning-Luzia D'Souza, Prayer of the Faithful-Paul Corcoran.</b>				

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