

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



7^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 Feb 2019

A Better Way

We are familiar with the great commandment: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself'. It is found in the Old Testament where it is restricted to fellow Israelites. But Jesus broadened it to include Gentiles as well as Jews, and enemies as well as friends.

Love within one's own group or fellowship is merely a natural and universal human trait. It does not distinguish the Christian from the non Christian. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to follow Jesus' standard.

Jesus says to us, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you'. Love our enemies! We find it hard enough to love our friends, so how can we be expected to love our enemies?

Jesus is telling us to love not to hate. We should not have hatred in our hearts for anyone, not even our enemies. When we hate, we expend more energy than in any other emotion. We must not dissipate our strength in hating but save it for better things.

Jesus never said to us that we would have no enemies-there is no lack of realism here. But he offers us a new way of dealing with our enemies, a different way of responding that has the potential to break the endless cycle of retaliation.

The way Jesus proposes is not a soft way. It is a hard way, but it is a better way. Jesus challenges us to respond to darkness with light. Revenge and retaliation only add darkness to darkness. Revenge must satisfy a person's rage but it leaves the heart empty. The escalation of evil can be stopped only by one who absorbs it without passing it on.

If we pray for our enemies, peace will come to us. And when we love our enemies, we can be certain that divine grace dwells in us.

***Please note the Parish Annual General Meeting scheduled
for 24 February has been cancelled.***

PARISH NOTICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK. Friday 1 March is the First Friday of the month. We will have the Anointing of the Sick during the 10.00 am Mass. If you know of any one who is housebound and would like to receive the sacrament at home, please let the parish office know.

ASH WEDNESDAY. March 6 is Ash Wednesday. We will have three Masses on the day. 9 am 12 noon and 7 pm. A request to parishioners to bring in their old palms for preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019. Enrolment forms for this year's programme are available in the foyer. Parents, please note the last date to hand in these forms is Monday 11 March.

ROSARY STATUE. For those wishing to have the Rosary Statue in their homes, for their family's intentions, and to help bring Mother Mary into your families homes, please contact Marilyn, from the Legion of Mary, on 0212994357.

Catholicism. A series of talks. Led by Lyn Smith from the parish and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand. Next talk on Monday 4 March at 7 pm in our parish hall. Flyer on noticeboard.

NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE.

Singles for Christ. We would like to invite Singles aged 18 to 45 years old to a Christian Life Programme every Sunday for 9 weeks, from the 17th of Feb, 1-4pm at Holy Cross School Library (8 Lavelle Road, Henderson).

Spiritual Journey to Ireland, Scotland and England. Departing Auckland 23 June 2019 (25 days). Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. **Holy Land Pilgrimage** with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Limited seats. For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone 09-921 5106.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Join the 15-night Auckland diocesan pilgrimage, led by our Vicar General, Monsignor Bernard Kiely, and our diocesan Media & Communications person, Dame Lyndsay Freer. Departing Saturday 14 September 2019. For further details contact the organiser, Harvest Journeys, on 0800-819 156 or visit www.harvestjourneys.com or call Lyndsay on (021) 272 4895.

OPEN DAYS:

St. Mary's College Thursday 7 March 2.30 to 6.30 pm.

Marist College Tuesday 12 March 2019. 3 to 6 pm.

St. Dominic's College Tuesday 19 March at 6.30 pm

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 25 Feb:

Sirach 1:1-10,

Mark 9:14-29

Tues: 26 Feb:

Sirach 2:1-11

Mark 9:30-37

Wed: 27 Feb :

Sirach 4:11-19

Mark 9:38-40

Thurs: 28 Feb:

Sirach 5:1-8

Mark 9:41-50

Fri : 1 March :

Sirach 6:5-17

Mark 10:1-12

Sat: 2 March:

Sirach 17:1-15

Mark 10:13-16

Sun: 3 March:

**8th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

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, Siufaga Maileoi Lili and John Paul Lemusu.

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 -Masses 10.00 am & 6 pm

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

Music Group practice, Monday 7 pm

Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 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—1,230.00, Parish— 2,044.10.
Thank you for your generosity.**

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 2 & 3 MARCH 2019

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Lyn Smith	Bonita Smith	Ann Lopez	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Aldrin D'Silva, Arlene Lee, Sandra Almeida, Joyce Fonseca, Barbara Lynch, Lorcan Murnane, Karl Flaxman Hendriks	Epi Poasa, Reynaldo Ventura, Elma Soulje, Warren & Cristy Herrera, Sebastian & Maria Richards	Melinda Hamlyn, Mareko Emani, Barnabas Thomsen, Genevieve Kabuya, Falani Masae, Ophelia Sequeira, Maryanne Pasina	Theresa Chan, Marie Landingin, Lina Mitchell, Herman & Zion Tauata, Jeanette Atabelo, Tyralina Johansson
Ministers of the Word	Rachel Almeida Leigh McGowan	Faustina Hickson John Phillips	Paul Corcoran Brinal Gonsalves	Janice Rodrigues Azriel D'Souza
Altar Servers	Don, Dean, Rafael	Niko, Marcuse, Patolo, Lini	Dayna, Lourdes, Phoenix F, Marcus, Lagi, Sylvester, Kirk	Monique, Joshua
Organists	Dominic Braganza	Evelyn Pereira	Music Group	Naomi Noronha
Projectionists	Ash Fernandes	Jerome Herrera	MG member	
Offertory	Abrogena family	Leiataua family	Wright family	Delegates
Children's Liturgy		Andy van der Salm	Tess Fermin	Christina Gomes
Cleaning -Kalala M Fesolai, Prayer of the Faithful -Lyn Smith, Flowers —Salepou Wright, Linen for March -Irene Peoples.				

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