

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Third Sunday in Lent

24 March 2019

## Our Darkest Hour

'My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge'. (2 Samuel 22:3)

Friday 15th March was a day which is now etched in the History of New Zealand. On this day, a gunman deliberately and ruthlessly took the lives of fifty Muslim New Zealanders, while they were offering their Friday prayers in two mosques in Christchurch, a city still not fully recovered from the devastating effect of two major earthquakes.

It is a horrifying shock but a reality that in our welcoming, peaceful, friendly New Zealand community, there was one person and his followers who wished to kill innocent men, women and children, only because the victims were of a different race, colour and religion. I am sure all of us in our community of Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden, went to bed that night in deep sorrow and pain, disillusionment and even anger. How could anyone commit such a brazen atrocity in our country?

How appropriate then that the Readings of 16th March provided us with a way to deal with this dastardly event. The First Reading (Deuteronomy 26:16-19) reminded us that we have a Covenant with God to follow his laws-we are the people to stand out as people of integrity who try to be Christ like at all times. Matthew's Gospel (5:43-48) reminded us that keeping God's laws means loving one another-not just our friends and family and people in our faith community, but being mindful of God's command: "love your enemies, pray for your persecutors". This calls for us not only to show more love for our sisters and brothers of other faiths, but also to pray for the perpetrators of evil in our society.

Let us pray for assistance from God and our Blessed Mother Mary as we stand together in solidarity with our fellow New Zealanders.

A parishioner.

The peace prayer of St Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **Notice to Parents and Leaders of children who attend the Liturgy of the Word for Children.**

The diocese of the Catholic Church in Auckland has given us instruction to follow safeguarding procedures. This means that from now on, the Liturgy of the Word for Children needs to have two adults attending. One will be the person who leads the Liturgy of the Word for Children and the other adult needs to be one Parent. So, Parents we need one of you in each Mass there is Liturgy of the Word for Children. Sessions are on Sundays, at 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word for Children all need to be vetted by the Police and have some training.

On **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**, leaders need to come and meet and bring two forms of identity with them. This could be a Passport, drivers licence or birth certificate. At least one form of identity needs to show a photo of you. The meeting will be **in the Crypt, starting at 9.30 a.m. and will finish at 12 midday at the latest**. Parents do not need to be vetted by the police, but are very welcome to attend the training about 'how to safeguard around abuse.' If you want to know more you can contact the Parish office or Marta Cullen on 021-898345 (after 5 p.m. on Weekdays)

All altar servers parents are invited to a very important meeting on Monday 1st April 2019 at 6.30pm in the Crypt. Please make an effort to attend to discuss the new changes that will take place and to finalize the Retreat and Easter program.

### **MINI MARKET THIS SUNDAY AFTER BOTH THE MORNING MASSES.**

Two table tennis tables available for free. If you wish to have them, please contact the parish office.

**COLLECTORS.** Collectors are needed for all our weekend Masses. If you are not in any other ministry and would like to help, please contact the parish office.

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### **NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE:**

**Safeguarding** The National Office for Professional Standards has prepared a poster that are on our Church noticeboard. It gives information regarding how complaints and concerns of harm involving someone within the Church can be reported.

**In Wake of the Christchurch Attacks** The National Church Leaders have issued a statement concerning the Christchurch attacks. It is available to read on the noticeboard.

**Share the Journey Walk.** You are invited to a global campaign initiated by Pope Francis to **walk a million kilometres** in an act of solidarity for migrants and refugees who are forced to leave their homes because of war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. Please meet at **Pompallier Diocesan Centre 30 New St Ponsonby 2pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** ready to walk 2, 4 or 6 km alongside those who are new to our community including migrants and former refugees. For further information see <http://journey.caritas.org> or <https://www.sharejourney.org> or contact Christina Tagaloa 021 110 7271 or Peter Garrick 022 1300 730 [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz)

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:**

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

Mon: 25 March:  
Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38  
Tues: 26 March:  
Daniel 3:25,34-43  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Wed: 27 March :  
Deut 4:1,5-9  
Matthew 5:17-19  
Thurs: 28 March:  
Jer 7:23-28  
Luke 11:14-23  
Fri : 29 March :  
Hosea 14:2-10  
Mark 12:28-34  
Sat: 30 March:  
Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Luke 18:9-14  
Sun: 31 March:  
**Fourth Sunday in  
Lent**  
Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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, Siufaga Maileoi Lillii, John Paul  
Lemusu and Leota Mike Kaisa.

***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**-Stations of the Cross at 8.40 am. 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** –Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am & 6.30 pm.  
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*

*Mary Mother of Grace Presidium, Legion meeting, Friday  
7.00 pm*

**Last week's collection: House—1,610.00, Parish— 2,660.90.**

**Caritas Collection for last two weeks: 700.60.**

Thank you for your generosity.

## ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 30 & 31 MARCH 2019

	<b>5 pm Saturday</b>	<b>9 am Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am Sunday</b>	<b>5 pm Sunday</b>
<b>Announcers</b>	Lyn Smith	Clive Pereira	Olinda Domingo	Viveca Dourado
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Mariano & Jennifer Mendonza, Aldrin D'Silva, Arlene Lee, Jerry Gomes, Barbara Lynch, Tina Nicholson	Leila Vincent, Darin Johnston, Epi Poasa, Warren & Cristy Herrera, Maria & Sebastian Richards	Kovati Wright, Jane Tova, Mareko Emani, Barnabas Thomsen, Ophelia Sequeiera, Maria Matthes, Rose Williams	Theresa Chan, Zion & Herman Tauata, Lina Mitchell, Tyralina Johansson
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Minetta Mendonza Jacinta Hoover	John Phillips Faustina Hickson	Miriama Malaitai Brinal Gonsalves	Azriel D'Souza Dixelle Sequeira
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Abigail, Rafael, Kris, Tyler	Christie, Lovie, Genelle, Jessica	Aubrey, Phillip S, Dayna, Lourdes, Phoenix F, Isabella	Monique, Joshua
<b>Organists</b>	Marina Tham	Music Group	Vaka'uta Family	Evelyn Pereira
<b>Projectionists</b>	Tham family	MG member	Vaka'uta Family	
<b>Offertory</b>	D'Silva family	Tonga family	Salvador family	Delegates
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Charly van der Salm	Marta Cullen	Christina Gomes
<b>Cleaning-Wye family Prayer of the Faithful-Lenny Fonseca.</b>				

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