

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



24<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

13 Sept 2020

## Importance of forgiveness

Today's Gospel deals with a subject that touches us all—forgiveness. None of us can go through life without getting hurt. The memory of wrongs done to us seep into our heart, producing a legacy of bitterness and resentment. Some people have years of stored hurts inside them.

Bitterness and resentment are self-destructive. Bitterness is internal decay. It can poison our spirit, and destroy our capacity to love.

A study done among divorced men & women has shown that more hurt is caused by the resentment they harbour than by the divorce itself. There is a Yiddish saying that goes like this: 'Ten enemies cannot hurt a person as much as he hurts himself.'

Those who adopt negative attitudes like these will live their lives as severely handicapped as if they had lost a leg or been born deaf. At all costs we must keep the heart free of bitterness. Resentment and bitterness are very dangerous things and we cannot be healed of them unless we forgive. However, there is no point in being glib about forgiveness. Forgiveness is never easy. To forgive is, first and foremost, a duty we owe ourselves. We forgive for the sake of our own well being. We forgive because we do not want to live with feelings of resentment and desire for revenge. We forgive in order to cleanse ourselves of these poisonous attitudes and states of mind, so that we may be able to devote all our energies to loving, which is the only activity that befits a Christian.

One of the things that can motivate us to forgive is an appreciation of our own need of forgiveness. Jesus says that unless we forgive others, God will not forgive us. The fault is not with God but with us. When we refuse to forgive we break down the bridge over which we ourselves must pass.

Forgiveness, on the other hand, clears a path for God to forgive us. 'Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven'. Jesus says, 'You must forgive your brother from your heart'. It is only with the heart that we can forgive rightly. If forgiveness is to be effective it must be sincere and warm. A cold forgiveness is not much use.

Forgiveness does not mean forgetting the wrong done to us. It means remembering and letting go. There is a saying: The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naïve forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.

Forgiveness is one of the highest and most beautiful forms of love. It is a holy task. Only God can help us to accomplish it fully.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies Flor McCarthy SDB

#### PARISH NOTICES:

**On Line Masses from our church. On you tube channel live from Sunday 13 Sept at 10.30 am. Please click on this link: [24th Sunday in the Ordinary Time of the Year. Mass by Fr Boniface, OFM Cap.](#)**

**The church and parish office will remain closed during level 2.5. No Masses will be said in church. All parish activities will remain suspended. Please check our website for updates.**

**LAST CALL FOR DELIVERING ANTI-EUTHANASIA FLYERS.** Last few weekends to deliver flyers to local letterboxes. You can deliver in your own street and other nearby streets. Deliveries can be spread out between the dates of 12—20 Sept. If you or any members of your family are able to help, please call Debbie Penk 818 4449 / 021 185 6203 as soon as possible.

Any parishioner needing assistance with food or grocery items, please contact Lyn Smith on 0212597561. Please give your name, address, and number of family members.

#### DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The Season of Creation** is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

**CONFERENCE** – Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy and Life **POSTPONED UNTIL 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021.** Starting from Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October we plan to offer a series **of digital presentations from Conference** presenters. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

**Residential Individually Guided Silent Retreat** in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Come and See' 6 Day: October 25 (10am)– 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770. There are still a few places available on this retreat. For more information contact [chair@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:chair@ignatianspirituality.nz).

**Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Training Seminar 2020** Auckland Friday 2nd-Saturday 3rd October. The Billings Ovulation Method is a means of natural fertility regulation used by couples to prevent or achieve pregnancy and protect reproductive health. It is highly effective if used correctly. This seminar will be beneficial to Health professional, and those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Method. It will also be beneficial to those wishing to use the method and those involved in pre-marriage counselling. For further information: P|0800 693 378 E| [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz)

## Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son)** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-the-prodigal-son/>

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### **Please pray for our sick parishioners:**

Violet Furtado, Christopher Hennings, Patsy Nun Toon, Iluminada Dorado, Claire Geddes, Pat Devereaux, Yvonne Sommers, Gail Ware, Maryanne Pasina, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Celestina Gardiner, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whitcombe, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Leota Mike Kaisa, Aloysius Thoman, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega and Barbara Lynch.

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### **Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:**

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

**The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.**

See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

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**Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics** a free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY. Registrations essential by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please register at [www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton](http://www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton)

## READINGS THIS WEEK

**Mon: 14 Sept:** Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:13-17

**Tues: 15 Sept:** Hebrews 5:7-9

John 19:25-27

**Wed: 16 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 7:31-35

**Thurs: 17 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 7:36-50

**Fri : 18 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 8:1-3

**Sat: 19 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49

Luke 8:4-15

**Sun: 20 Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

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