

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Feast of Christ the King

22 Nov 2020

People's basic material needs have to be taken care of before any kind of higher life is possible. But in many countries these needs have been taken care of. Does this mean then that the words of Christ about feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc, are no longer relevant?

Mother Teresa said. 'What the poor need even more than food, clothes, and shelter, is to be wanted. Hence the words of Christ are as relevant today as ever. But we might put them as follows.

'I was hungry, not for food, but for a smile, and all I got from you was sour looks. I was hungry for a word of encouragement, but all you did was criticise me.

I was thirsty not for a drink, but for a word of recognition, but all you did was give out to me. I was thirsty for a sign of friendship, but you shunned me.

I was a stranger, and you refused to have anything to do with me. I was a neighbour and you would not allow me into your club because I was not in your class.

I was naked, not because I lacked clothes, but because I lacked self-worth, and you looked down on me. I was stripped of self confidence and you made me feel the chill wind of disapproval.

I was sick, not in body, but with doubt and worry, and you never even noticed. I was wounded by failure and disappointment, and you could not care less.

I was a prisoner, but not behind iron bars. I was a prisoner of loneliness, and you gave me the cold shoulder. I was a prisoner of guilt, and you could have set me free by forgiving me, but you let me languish there to punish me.

I was homeless, not for want of a home made of bricks and mortar, but for the want of sympathy and understanding, and you treated me as if I was a block of wood. I was homeless for want of love, and you locked me out of your heart.

But then the king might say, 'I was hungry for a word of encouragement and you praised me. I was hungry for a word of appreciation, and you thanked me.

I was thirsty for a word of recognition and you took notice of me. I was thirsty for a sign of friendship and you wrote me a letter.

I was a stranger and you made me feel welcome. I was naked for the want of self esteem and you covered me with self worth. I was sick with doubt and worry and with your cheerful attitude you lightened my burden.

I was a prisoner of loneliness and through your friendship you released me. I was a prisoner of guilt and through your forgiveness you set me free.

There are lots of things we could do if we were more aware and more sensitive. Thus we will serve Christ and help to build his Kingdom.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

PARISH NOTICES:

Mini market this Sunday after both the morning Masses. Last mini market of the year.

Anointing of the Sick. We will have the Anointing of the Sick on Friday 4 Dec during the 10.00 am Mass. If you know of any one who is housebound and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at home, please let the parish office know. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the hall. All parishioners are invited.

Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas in our church on Thursday 10 December at 7.30 pm.

Parish Working Bee on Saturday Dec 12 after the 9 am Mass.

Music Group: In preparation for our Christmas midnight Mass, the music group is having choir practices every Monday at 7 pm in church. Any parishioner who would like to join them for practices and sing at the midnight Mass is most welcome.

Columban calendars and Daily Mass Calendars are on sale at the bookshop.

Link to on line weekend Mass from our church: <https://youtu.be/UrXzeFsnne4>

Face to Face Counselling. A professional & confidential service for women to help address loss and grief issues is available. Please Contact: Sunanda John at [027 338 4555](tel:0273384555)

Parish food bank open after all Masses this weekend. If you are in need of groceries, please visit the food bank. 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.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Special Pre-recording for the Christmas Mass for Radio New Zealand & Shine TV at the Cathedral 7 pm Thursday 19 November. The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph has been asked by Radio New Zealand to provide a recorded Christmas Day Mass for broadcast. We will be celebrating this pre-recorded Mass here at the Cathedral, Thursday 19 November at 7 pm. Please join us and Bishop Michael and lend your voices and your faith to this opportunity for our Diocese. The Mass will also be filmed for the Shine TV Christmas broadcast. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks from 6.30 pm on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

NZpray2day - An app to encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day, It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Job opportunities The Archdiocese of Wellington is currently advertising two senior roles, Director, Development, Investment and Finance; and Director, Church Mission. These leadership roles report to the General Manager and further details can be found on the OCG and Seek websites.

DURING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY—Masses 9 am, 10.30 am & 5 pm

MONDAY—Mass 8 am

WEDNESDAY—Masses 9 am & 6.30 pm

Rosary and Perpetual Succor Novena before 6.30 pm Mass.

THURSDAY—Mass at 6 pm. Angelus before Mass.

FRIDAY—Mass 10.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday from 9 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet M/W/F after the morning Masses

SATURDAY—Masses 9 am & 5 pm. Rosary after 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 envelope collection:

House—\$1,240.30

Parish—\$1,809.60

Direct credit donations for October:

House & Parish—\$2,285.00

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Patsy Nun Toon, 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.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 23 Nov: Apoc 14:1-5

Luke 21:1-4

Tues: 24 Nov: Apoc 14:14-19

Luke 21:5-11

Wed: 25 Nov: Apoc 15:1-4

Luke 21:12-19

Thurs: 26 Nov: Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3, 9

Luke 21:20-28

Fri : 27 Nov: Apoc 20:1-4,11-21:2

Luke 21:29-33

Sat: 28 Nov: Apoc 22:1-7

Luke 21:34-36

Sun: 29 Nov: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

A pro-life group called "Prolove" is seeking other pro-lifers who can help them provide practical help to new and expectant mums. If you are interested in becoming a local Prolove volunteer, you are welcome to contact Melissa Dobbs by email or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PROLOVEinaction/> or Prolove_ministry@outlook.com **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org**

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 28 & 29 NOV 2020

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Margaret Newcombe	Kevin Davis	Venicio Dourado	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Mariano Mendonza, Natalie Fernandes, Lorcan Murnane	Regina Smuga, Ana Tonga, Epi Poasa	Catharina & Joop de Mooy, Nauru Malaitai	Lina Mitchell, Chris Navarro,
Ministers of the Word	John Reyna Natasha Fernandes	Malia Tonga Anau Cheesman	Ralph Dias Nikita Sionetalli	Janice Rodrigues Dixelle Sequeira
Altar Servers	Shann, Dean, Tyler	Poiva, Jessica, Logan		Stephen Seuseu
Organists	Evelyn Pereira	Parish Music Group	Vaka'uta family	Tham family
Projectionists	Ash Fernandes	Parish Music Group	Vaka'uta family	Tham family
Offertory	Gomes family	Fesolai Euese family	Naidu family	
Children's Liturgy		Marta Cullen	Rose Chu	Christina Gomes
Cleaning – Wye family, Flowers -Margaret Newcombe, Prayer of the Faithful —Paul Corcoran.				

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