

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 JULY 2021

The Good Shepherd in Action

One of the loveliest images we have of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. We owe the image to Jesus himself. He said, 'I am the good shepherd'. These are beautiful words. They imply such vital things as care and concern. But for all that, in themselves they are just words. In themselves words, even the finest, are empty. And they are cheap. In fact, they cost nothing. If words about caring are to have any value, they must be translated into deeds. It is deeds that count. And deeds can be costly, sometimes very costly.

And Jesus did translate those lovely words into deeds. He showed that he really did care about people. Every page in the gospel proves this. Indeed, he cared to the point where he gave his life. You cannot do more than that. And he himself said, 'Greater love no one has than the one who lays down his life for his friends.' We have a fine example of his caring in today's gospel.

Firstly, we see his care for the apostles. They had just returned from the mission on which he had sent them. They needed a rest. So he decided to take them off to a quiet place. Carers too need to be cared for.

Secondly, we see his care for the people. The people saw where he was headed and got there before him. He could have got annoyed and sent them away. But he didn't. Instead, he was moved with pity for them. He saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd. In other words, they were leaderless. They had no one to care for them.

The official teachers had no time for the ordinary people. But Jesus had time for them. No wonder people flocked to him. He is contrasted with the shepherds we meet in the first reading. They had neglected the sheep. Jeremiah told them so in no uncertain terms. He said, 'You have not cared for the sheep.' On this occasion Jesus taught the people at length.

Caring is at the heart of the Gospel. All of us are capable of some caring. Caring means being willing to put ourselves out to help one another. It calls for awareness, sensitivity and unselfishness. Deeds of caring don't have to be big. Small deeds are very important. They may not look much, but they create a friendly atmosphere.

The need for caring for people is great. It will always be there. Neglect is widespread in society. Many in our world are like sheep without a shepherd. To be able to care is a sign of spiritual well being. Caring is at the heart of the Gospel. A Christian who does not care is like a lamp that does not give light. Caring brings its own rewards in terms of the peace and joy that descends on us afterwards. All of us are capable of caring. An act of kindness is judged not so much by its importance but by the disruption it causes in the life of the person who does it. Caring is very difficult when it is sprung upon us and at an awkward moment. In such cases a real sacrifice is involved. We have to set aside our feelings and plans. Sometimes it assumes heroic proportions. People have to put their own lives on hold to care for one another.

When we care, we are living the Gospel.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NOTICES:

Youth Fun and Games Day

Inviting all youth to a Fun and Games Day on the 24th of July from 12pm - 4pm, the last Saturday before Term 3 begins. There will be board games, activities, quizzes, and it is a chance to meet with other youth from the parish. Food will be provided and all are welcome.

On Sunday July 25, some of the children of our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at a special 2 pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mini market next Sunday July 25 after both the morning Masses.

COVID-19 Pandemic Appeal for Capuchin Friars.

This appeal for the St. Fidelis Province in North India is being run by our Capuchin friars and has been approved by Bishop Pat. Donation envelopes have been left in the church foyer.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

Caring Foundation Annual Appeal – July Please support Bishop Pat's Caring Foundation's Annual Appeal this July. Through your generosity, grants are given to over 60 agencies who care and support the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. If you can support the work of the Foundation, please make your gift in the second collection on Caring Sunday July 25th or visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Friday 6th August, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm, at St Benedict's Church (1 St Benedict's St, Eden Terrace). Soup and buns to follow! Come and pray for vocations in our diocese.

You are invited to: WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE – Liturgy Conference The Liturgy Conference, Weaving Together Liturgy and Life - *Te raranga ngātahi i ngā ritenga me te oranga* cancelled last year, **is back**. The liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass, is a mystery ever ancient, ever new, and always calling us into a deeper engagement. This is an opportunity for all Catholics to gather, be enriched in our understanding of the Mass, ponder the wisdom of guest speakers, enjoy great company and build new friendships. Come!! Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. 4.00pm 7th – 6.00pm 9th October. For more information, visit our Website <https://wuss.org.nz/> – registrations now open.

Rejoice | Auckland Catholic Festival 2021. Bishop Pat is pleased to invite you to come together to be inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics at a Diocesan Festival on Saturday 16 October (last Sat of school holidays) at St Luke's Catholic Church and Sancta Maria College. Save the date. More info at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/

A tribute to Fr. Aniceto Nazareth...who passed away a few months ago. He was a well known composer of liturgical music and his tunes are sung all over the world. He was the founder and musical director of the choir the 'Proclaimers'. We his well wishers in NZ would like to celebrate his life on his 83rd birth anniversary through his music performed by a choir and musicians at a Mass celebrated by Fr Raphael Lobo, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Avondale, on 30 July at 7.00 pm.

DURING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY- Mass at 9 am , 10.30 am & 5 pm

MONDAY- Mass with Morning Prayer 8 am

TUESDAY & THURSDAY- Mass at 6.00 pm
with Angelus before Mass

WEDNESDAY- Mass at 9 am & 6.30 pm.
Rosary and Perpetual Succour Novena before
6.30 pm Mass

FRIDAY- Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment– 9 am followed by Mass at 10.00 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet M/W/F after the morning
Mass

SATURDAY- Mass 9 am & 5 pm.
Rosary after 9 am Mass.

CONFESSION- Wednesday evening before
6.30 pm Mass and Saturday after morning
Mass or by appointment.

Music group practice Monday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting Wednesday 7
pm

Junior Legion Meeting Friday 6 pm

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium, Legion meet-
ing, Friday 7.15 pm

Last Week's Collection:

House-\$1,044.60

Parish-\$1,701.20

Thank you for your generosity.

**Vacancy Auckland Catholic Diocese - Ter-
tiary Chaplaincy.** The position is a perma-
nent full-time position but we are also open to
splitting the role into two part-time positions
(20 hours per week each). The focus of the
chaplaincy team is to develop a vibrant young
adult Catholic ministry providing spiritual and
pastoral care through peer support. This minis-
try endeavours to provide ongoing faith devel-
opment and involvement in the Catholic
Church for students at tertiary institutions.

Please visit the Diocesan website
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz - to apply for the
role. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 JULY 2021**

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, Saulius David
Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich,
Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell,
Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whit-
combe, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi
Lillii, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara
Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava,
Priscilla Fernandes, Debra Farry, Nellie
Lemusu-Kea and Aaron Ablan.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 19 July: Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

Tue: 20 July: Exodus 14:21-
15:1

Matthew 12:46-50

Wed: 21 July: Exodus 16:1-5, 9
-15

Matthew 13:1-9

Thu: 22 July: Song 3:1-4
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Fri: 23 July: Exodus 20:1-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Sat: 24 July: Exodus 24:3-8
Matthew 13:24-30

**Sun: 25 July, 17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 24 & 25 JULY 2021

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Anne Cairney	Manny Argano	Olinda Domingo	Gerry Smith
Ministers of Communion	Lorcan Murnane, Tina Nicholson, Giselle Mascarhenas	Darin Johnston, Mesepa Tatu, Mary Leiataua	Melinda Hamlyn, Ophelia Sequeira, Maria Matthes	Christian Malaitai, Tyralina Johannsson Onolina Mitchell
Ministers of the Word	John Reyna Rachel Almeida	John Phillips Funaki Tonga	Vienna Domingo Brinal Gonsalves	Jean Soniega Elisha Dourado
Altar Servers	Rafael, Kris	Christie, Genelle, Poiva	Vanessa Sionetalli, Joshua Pasina, Aubrey & Phillip Simanu	Philip Malaitai
Organists		Parish Music Group	Samoan Choir	Tham family
Projectionists		Parish Music Group	Samoan Choir	Tham family
Offertory	Mascarhenas Family	Tonga family	Naidu Family	
Children's Liturgy		Marta Cullen	Maddie Gates	Christina Gomes
<p>Cleaning– Legionaries, Flowers– Salepou Wright, Prayer of the Faithful –Naomie Tham.</p>				

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