

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Christ the King

20 November 2022

Stumbling-block or Stepping-stone

Once two travellers were going through a forest when night came upon them. In a matter of minutes the narrow path which they had been following became invisible. In the darkness terror lurked everywhere. To make matters worse, a violent thunderstorm broke over the forest. Terrifying flashes of lightning were followed by loud peals of thunder that shook the ground under their feet. Torrents of rain poured down on them. The trees swayed dangerously. The first man looked on the storm as a calamity. Every time there was a flash of lightning, he looked up at the sky and cursed. The result was that he strayed from the path and got lost in the forest. The second man however looked on the storm as a blessing in disguise. Each flash of lightning lit up a little bit of the path ahead of him and thus he was able to take a step forward. By keeping his head down he succeeded in staying on the path. And so a step at a time he made his way out of the forest. Sometimes that's the way it is in life: there is just enough light to be able to take the next step just enough strength to do the present task. The thunderstorm was the exact same for both travellers for it proved to be a stumbling block while for the other it proved to be a stepping-stone. Those two travellers remind one of the two thieves in the Gospel story. Both of them were caught up in a terrible darkness. First of all there was the darkness of their own lives of crime. Then there was the terrible darkness that descended on Calvary as Jesus died. Calvary was a dark place. It was made dark by the mockery and abuse directed at Jesus. One of the thieves cursed the darkness. The other saw a gleam of light through it. That light came from the person of Jesus. Jesus who came to seek out and save the lost. He decided to appeal to Jesus. Turning to Jesus he said 'Remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Remember me!' That was all he said. But that said it all It was a cry from the heart. And Jesus did not disappoint him. Seeing the sad tatters of his life, Jesus was moved with compassion for him and said. 'This day you will be with me in paradise. 'In these words there is hope of salvation for every person. The repentant thief gives hope to us all but especially to those who come to the end of life and have nothing to show but the works of darkness. Even at the eleventh hour there exists the possibility of letting the light in. Through his sheer goodness Jesus turns our darkness into light. Salvation is always a gift from God. God gives it most freely to those who know they are poor and who ask for it with empty hands and expectant hearts—like the good thief.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB

PARISH NEWS

Senior Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Lourdes meeting
Wednesday 7.10pm

Mary Mother of Grace meeting
Friday 7pm

Junior Legion of Mary

Mother of Good Counsel meeting
Friday 6pm

Marian Mothers

We are a group of women who support and nurture the faith and spirituality of mothers. We meet monthly for prayers, encouragement and discussion. All mothers are welcome. Next meeting Saturday 10 December @ 10am.

MINI MARKET

The Mini Market is on the 4th Sunday of each month. The next one will be 27 November. The Mini Market has donated \$500 to the Mission Appeal.

FOODBANK

With Christmas coming up we will be needing more food donations. Could each adult bring one food item to Sunday Masses. We have approx. 25 parcels to distribute.

PARISH MUSIC GROUP

Come and join the Parish Music Group as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We practice every Monday at 7pm in the Church. WELCOME TO EVERYONE

DIOCESE NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER WELLINGTON

Gather at Civic Square from 1pm. March to Parliament 2pm concludes 4pm.

Mass for Life

Friday 2 December 8pm St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.

YOUNG LEADERS CELEBRATION DINNER.

27 NOVEMBER

CONTACT: samb@cda.org.nz

World Youth Day 2022 Auck.

Sunday 20 November

Holy Cross Papatoetoe

4pm—9pm

(13-30 years old)

More info: [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

G.I.F.T.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Sunday 4 December 4.30pm

Good Shepherd Church

Telford Ave, Mt Eden

Shared meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

There are still some places available for Boarders. More info on the poster in the foyer or visit their website:

www.sacredheart.school.nz.

Marriage & Family

We would like to invite you to be Marriage Educators. 2 hrs a fortnight. If you are married 5yrs or more.

Contact: [Gerry 021 02247442](tel:02102247442)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Glen Eden 6 December 7pm

Holy Cross 13 December 7pm

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Fri: 9am
Sat: 5pm Vigil
Sunday 9am,10.30am,5pm

(Reconciliation by appointment contact the Parish Office)

ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

Time Out Day St Francis Retreat Centre
Tuesday 6 December 9.30-2.30pm
\$30.00 lunch provided.

ANNUAL COAST TO COAST ROSARY

Sat 3rd December 3pm support of
March for Life .

More Info:

Coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

Joshua Mens Fellowship North Shore

Wed 30 Nov @ 7.30pm at St Josephs
Centre, Takapuna. All men together with
their spouses/partners are invited. We
will have a shared dinner please bring a
plate if you can.

Contact: Russell 022 034 5678.

Parish News to be included in Newsletter email the Parish Office on Wednesdays and we will include it.

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lello, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lillii, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan, Joy Rapcsak, David Cockerton, Gerard Hoover, Matt Matterson

Last Week's Collection:

House- \$ 841.40

Parish- \$1214.80

Thank you for your generosity.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 21 Nov: Rev 14:1-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tue: 22 Nov: Rev 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wed: 23 Nov: Rev 15:1-4:
Lk 21:12-19

Thu: 24 Nov: Rev 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9: Lk 21:20-28

Fri: 25 Nov: Rev 20:1-4,11- 21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Sat: 26 Nov: Rev 22:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sun: 27 Nov: 1st Sunday Advent
Is 2:1-5 Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9, Rom
13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44

Saturday 5pm 26 Nov

Intro& Notices	Margaret Newcombe	Bread	Tina Nicholson
1st Read&Psalm	Elisha Dourado	2nd Read&POF	Viveca Dourado
Music	Tino		

27 Nov	9am	10.30am	5pm
Intro&Notices	Kevin Davies	Olinda Domingo	Justine Mitchell
1st Bread	Darin Johnston	Genevieve Kabuya	Onolina Mitchell
2nd Bread	Joy Argano		
1st Read &Psalm	Anau Cheesman	Vienna Domingo	Cherry Fernandez
2nd Read&POF	Dorine Gauqui	Paul Corcoran	Elisha Dourado
Music	Parish Music Gr	Samoan Choir	Milford Family
Liturgy Children	(Next Children's Liturgy 4 December)		

**Church Cleaning: Saturday 26 November Andy van der Salm, Helen Wood,
Maria Matthes, Wright Family**

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