



The Chosen Twelve

Jesus had many disciples. From the ranks of these he picked out twelve leaders. He called them *apostles*. The names of the twelve are given in today's Gospel. Who were these men and what qualifications did they have? Today companies screen people for management positions. Let us imagine that the twelve apostles were sent by Jesus to a firm of consultants for screening. The following report, marked *private and confidential*, was sent back to him.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests. We have run the results through our computer, and also arranged personal interviews for each of them. The results of all the tests are included, and we advise that you study each of them carefully.

Simon Peter - without doubt, he has some admirable qualities, but he has some flaws - he is unreliable and emotionally unstable. Definitely not the man you would want to head your organization.

Andrew - has no qualities of leadership - he is just a follower.

James and John - are far too hot-headed. Besides, they are two very ambitious characters, lacking the team concept. They will cause dissension among the others.

Philip and Bartholomew - they seem willing and sincere but we found it hard to get to know them. We are not convinced they have what it takes.

Thomas - demonstrates a questioning attitude. People like him would undermine morale within the group.

Matthew - the tax collector, is undoubtedly, a man of ability. But given the contempt in which tax collectors are held, he would project the wrong image for an organization such as yours.

James (son of Alphaeus) and Thaddaeus - these two have no special qualities that we could see. Once again, we doubt if they have what it takes.

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PARISH NEWS

2023 Church Life Survey NZ

On Saturday 24th June & Sunday 25th June, our parish will be conducting a survey at all masses. This survey is a request from Bishop Steve. Its aim is to determine who is present at the mass in terms of demographics, what do you appreciate about parish life, how you are on your faith journey and how you contribute to parish life.

Children's Liturgy

Urgently needed people who can be leaders of Children's Liturgy for Sunday masses at 9.00am & 10.30am. Training will be provided. Please contact - [Marta Cullen on 021-898345](mailto:marta.cullen@gmail.com) or email marta.cullen@gmail.com

DIOCESE NEWS

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group

This is a new group for single Catholic men and women in their 30s & 40s who feel they have outgrown young adults events. A chance to meet and socialize with others who share similar faith.

Mt Eden Village Craft Market

Saturday 8th July - 11am onwards
Craft market ~ Lunch ~ Walk up Mt Eden
[Meet outside the front of: 449 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden](#)

Classic Movie Night

"Bringing Up Baby" (1938) starring Katharine Hepburn & Cary Grant.
Tuesday 27th June 7.00pm onwards Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College: 10 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. BYO snacks and a donation for the venue, thank you.

Theology of the Body for Teens

What is love? Where do I get my identity from? What is the purpose of my sexuality? How can I live in authentic freedom, grow in virtue and build healthy friendships? Weekend courses on Saturday 22 July 2-6pm and Sunday 23 July 12-6pm at Hillsborough, Auckland. Ages: 13-19 year olds. To register or for more info: theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com

Caritas Aotearoa

Every year, Caritas NZ provides materials to mark the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants ~ 18 June 2023. This year they are encouraging communities to reflect on the theme of "*Building a Future for All.*"

Holy Family Parish Conference

94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula

Guest Speaker: Dr Peter Holmes

(Lecturer in Theology & Scripture at the University of Notre Dame, Australia).

Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified World - sexual integrity - being the lover God calls us to be ~ Thursday 29th June 7pm-9pm.

Life Hacks for a Happy Marriage - daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages ~ Friday 30th June 7pm-9pm.

The Mission of Masculinity - Saturday 1st July 10am-5pm.

MASS TIMES:

Monday: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Friday: 9am
First Friday: 6.30pm
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment,
please contact the parish office.**

Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit your home?

Members of The Legion of Mary can leave her statue at your place for 2 weeks. Gather the whole family and pray the rosary daily. Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession. If you are interested, please contact [Marilyn on 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357)

Legion of Mary

Senior Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium) ~ every Wednesday 7.10pm in the classroom.

Senior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Grace Praesidium) ~ every Friday 7.00pm in the classroom.

Junior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Good Counsel Praesidium) ~ Every Friday 5.30pm in the classroom (under 18).

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 917.70

Parish - \$1,388.30

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 19 Jun: 2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tue 20 Jun: 2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wed 21 Jun: 2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu 22 Jun: 2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Fri 23 Jun: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Sat 24 Jun: Jer 1:4-10
Lk 1:5-17, 57-66, 80

Sun 25 Jun: Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

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Simon - has terrorist leanings. Are you aware that he belongs to a band of people called the Zealots? Their aim is to get the Romans out of Palestine by force. Definitely not suitable.

In our opinion all of the above eleven are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are contemplating. Therefore, we would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience and proven ability.

That brings us to the last of your nominees - *Judas Iscariot*. This is one man who possesses real potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, and has a keen business mind. We recommend him as your controller and right-hand man.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely yours, Jordan Management Consultants.

Those assessors had a point. The apostles were just ordinary people. They came from ordinary walks of life where a number of them were fishermen. They had no special qualifications and they were far from perfect. They possessed the same human faults and failings we find in ourselves. But Jesus saw good in each one of them, even in Judas. It shows that one doesn't have to be perfect or possess all the talents in order to be called by Jesus. Jesus didn't work with perfect material; he worked with ordinary material.

Yet these are the men Jesus chose. He welded them together in friendship. He saw not only what they were, but also what they could be. In the midst of them was Judas who turned out to be a traitor. God did not predestine Judas to play the role of traitor. Judas became such through the choices he made. We should learn from Judas never to be surprised or shocked by any sort of betrayal or apostasy in the Church. Judas was personally picked by Jesus. If Judas could go wrong, any of us can go wrong.

Choice is a privilege and an honour. But it is also a responsibility. The apostles were chosen to help Jesus with the harvest.

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