

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

02 July 2023

A Cup Of Cold Water

In Ireland when we want to welcome a person we say, 'Will you have a cup of tea?' How often we have said that to others, and how often others have said it to us. In itself, a cup of tea is a small thing. Yet it can make a person feel welcome.

This shows the importance of small deeds. Small deeds may not look much, but they create a friendly atmosphere.

Jesus says that anyone who gives one of his disciples even a cup of cold water will be rewarded. Again, a cup of cold water isn't much. It is the biblical equivalent of our cup of tea. To give a cup of cold water is about the smallest thing we could do for another person. Yet in the desert it could be the difference between life and death which shows that a deed does not have to be big in order to mean a lot.

It's not how much we do that matters but how much love we put into what we do. The spirit in which a deed is done, the person to whom it is done, and the circumstances, can magnify a small deed.

A small deed can bring peace and great comfort to a person provided it has a certain quality. That quality is warmth. All deeds that come from the heart have that quality.

Few of us are given the chance to perform great deeds. But the chance to give 'a cup of water' can come our way several times in the course of a day. Small gestures can tell us more about a person's character than big gestures. Big gestures show us a person's power. Small gestures show us a person's humanity.

Story ~ The following story shows how important a small deed can be.

The Irish writer, Oscar Wilde, made a reputation for himself as a fine writer, and was regarded as a celebrity as well. But then he went to prison. It was a terrible humiliation for him. As he was being brought by two policemen from prison to court, a noisy hostile crowd had gathered. But then a friend of his appeared, who made a simple gesture of friendship and respect that silenced the crowd. *This man raised his hat to him.*

It was a very small thing, yet it meant a great deal to Wilde at the time. Later Wilde wrote "It is not a thing for which one can render formal thanks in formal words. I store it in the treasure house of my heart. I keep it there as a secret debt that I can never possibly repay."

FLOR McCARTHY SDB



PARISH NEWS

Parish Website

We have given our website a new outlook, hope you will like it! Easily accessible from your phone. A huge thank you to [Christian Malaitai](#) who generously donated his time and support.

Group Fitness Zumba

Maria & Patsy would love you to join them every Monday (6pm-7pm) in the parish hall for a good workout. Gold coin donation is appreciated.

Ngā Whetū O Matariki

To celebrate the Spirits of Matariki, you are all invited to a Pot Luck Dinner in the parish hall on Saturday 15 July @ 6.00pm. [See you there!](#)

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](#)

[Pottery Workshop ~ 'Wine & Wheel'](#)

Friday 18th August ~ 6.30-8.00pm

[The Clay Centre: 145 Marua Rd, Ellerslie](#)

Cost: \$65 per person

BYO wine – please drink responsibly

Each person makes 1 bowl & 1 cup.

Choose which item to have fired. There will be a choice of 3 glazes. Extra pot can be fired for \$15 extra.

aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

OR click on our FB event page.

World Youth Day Auckland

Not every young person can get to Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023, but Sancta Maria College is much more accessible. WYD Auckland is happening on [Sunday 6 August \(2pm-8.30pm\)](#).

Let's come together as diocesan young people to celebrate WYD with inspiring speakers, powerful worship, Mass, dinner (paid by Bishop Steve), Reconciliation and Adoration. More details soon.

[Save the date!](#)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Mass on Friday 7th July 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Avenue, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.

All welcome.

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 - \$ 952.30

Parish - \$1,475.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 03 Jul : Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Tue 04 Jul: Gen 19:15-29
Mt 8:23-27

Wed 05 Jul: Gen 21:5, 8-20
Mt 8:28-34

Thu 06 Jul: Gen 22:1-19
Mt 9:1-8

Fri 07 Jul: Gen 23:1-4, 24:1-8, 62-67
Mt 9:9-13

Sat 08 Jul: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29
Mt 9:14-17

Sun 09 Jul: Zech 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30

**~ Young Adults Ball 2023 ~
Saturday 26th August 7.00pm
McHugh's of Cheltenham**

Back by popular demand, organized by the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry, here is your chance to put on your best formal attire for an unforgettable evening. This is an 18+ event and the theme for this year is **"Starry Night"**. Tickets \$110 (sale closes midnight 17th August).

www.eventbrite.com/e/young-adults-ball-tickets-632483524247

**~ A Farewell Concert ~
Saturday 29th July 7.00pm
St Patrick's Cathedral**

A concert for Maeve Herd, Cathedral Choir Director and Cantor. This is an invitation to music lovers of all ages for an evening of song spanning the operatic, sacred, art song and musical theatre genres. Repertoire will include works by Mozart, Strauss, Puccini, Rossini and many more! Entry to the concert is free with a retiring cash collection and digital donation available to support Maeve's further study at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

For more information, visit [Move Maeve to Manchester](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/move-maeve-to-manchester):

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~ House Mother Role - Family Life International Trust ~

St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies in Pukekohe seeks a House Mother to join our team. This is a permanent full-time live-in position to cover overnight duties with some day-time help. For the right candidate, we may consider a job-share arrangement if part-time work is preferred. A love of babies and young children, mothering experience, initiative and excellent interpersonal skills are necessary. This role would best suit a single woman who displays strong empathy. To express your interest and for a complete Position Description, please email Rebeca Crowe: rebeccacrowe@fli.org.nz

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