

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2023

## *Flawed Goodness*

We have a tendency to divide people into two categories: *saints and sinners*. However, this division is quite unreal. People are not so easily categorised - human beings are so complex.

Many people were inspired by the story of Oskar Schindler, who was the subject of the film, *Schindler's List*. Schindler was a German industrialist who saved over a thousand of Polish Jews from the concentration camps. Yet many who saw the film were surprised to discover that Schindler was a man endowed with all the human vices. Hence, he constitutes something of a moral puzzle.

Schindler certainly was no saint. In fact, he was riddled with contradictions. He was a Catholic, but in name only. He was a member of the Nazi party and his avowed aim was to end the war with 'two trunks full of money.' He exploited the Jews as a source of cheap labour.

Yet there was a basic goodness about him. There was another and better side to him, and in spite of his lapses, he always returned to that better side. As the war went on he became appalled at the horrors of 'the final solution.' At considerable personal risk (he was twice arrested by the Nazis), he protected his workers from the death camps.

Some people don't seem to have any understanding of the divided nature of each human being. Their hero must be perfect. As soon as they discover a weakness in someone, they write the person off.

No one understood this better than Jesus. Even in the small garden which he tended lovingly for three years, the weeds persisted. Yet he didn't write them off. He saw the weeds in his apostles yet he did not weed them out. It takes wisdom to recognize the frailty of the human character, the occasional unreliability of even the best of people, and the sometimes unexpected goodness of even the worst.

We must learn to be patient towards ourselves and lenient towards others. God is the only one who has a right and knowledge to judge, yet God is patient and tolerant. Just because a man has a past, doesn't mean he can't have a future. A person will be judged, not by a single act or stage in his life, but by his whole life. That is why judgement cannot come until the end. And that judgement is for God, not for us.

**FLOR McCARTHY SDB**

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass with Bishop Steve

On Sunday 30th July, Bishop Steve will be joining us in the celebration of the morning masses (9am & 10.30am). Confirmation and Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10.30am mass.

### Winter Clothes

The parish has been receiving donation of winter clothes (in good condition). Please contact the parish office or feel free to come in during office hours.

### Children's Liturgy

We have had a few people coming forward but we still need your help with the Children's Liturgy for Sunday masses (9am & 10.30am). Please contact [Marta Cullen on 021-898345](mailto:marta.cullen@gmail.com) or email [marta.cullen@gmail.com](mailto:marta.cullen@gmail.com)

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to a meeting on **Wed 26 July at 7.30pm** at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna. Bishop Colin Campbell - National Chaplain of Joshua will give a talk centered on '*Towards Understanding the Fatherhood of God and our Human Fatherhood Today.*' Please join us for an evening of sharing, praying and enjoying a cup of tea. For more info please contact [Russell 022-034 5678](tel:022-0345678) or see our [FB page](#).

### Caring Sunday ~ 23rd July

Make an impact this winter and support the Caring Foundation's annual appeal. Your gift will support Bishop Steve's foundation to help those in need in the

greater Auckland area and Te Tai Tokerau. To donate, please use your parish Appeal envelope or check out our website:

[www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### Caring Mass

Please join Bishop Steve and the Foundation team for the Caring Mass on the 1st August at 11.30am. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome.

### St Francis Retreat Centre

*24hr Prayer Retreat* ~ Join us for a reflective prayer retreat with talks, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and personal prayer ~ Sat 5 Aug 3pm - Sun 6 Aug 3pm. **Earlybird \$130/Standard \$150.**

*Contemplative Retreat* ~ Want to deepen your faith? Join us for an introduction to Christian meditation ~ Sat 12 Aug 10am-4pm. **Earlybird \$65 (before 31 Jul) Standard \$85 (after 31 Jul).**

### Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School

Hearts Aflame is back again this summer with 10 days of uplifting prayer and world-class lectures! It is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over NZ. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton from 29/12/23 until 07/01/24. To register- [heartsaflame.org.nz](http://heartsaflame.org.nz)

### 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.**

### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

#### Parish New Bank Accounts

The Parish has recently changed their bank accounts which was necessary to comply with the latest banking regulations.

Please take note of our new bank accounts:

**Parish Account: 02-0108-0707868-000**

**House Account: 02-0108-0707868-001**

If you are donating through AP (automatic payments), you do not need to make any changes to your bank account details as it will automatically route to our new bank accounts. On the other hand, if you have set up the Parish as your payee, please ensure that you update your payee record with our new bank accounts.

Thank you.

**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 - \$ 910.70**

**Parish - \$ 1,468.50**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 24 Jul :** Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

**Tue 25 Jul:** Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

**Wed 26 Jul:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

**Thu 27 Jul:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20

Mt 13:10-17

**Fri 28 Jul:** Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

**Sat 29 Jul:** Jn 4:7-16

Lk 10:38-42

**Sun 30 Jul:** Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

Ps 118:76-77, 127-130

**NZ Catholic**  
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**Double Ordination**  
Celebration for Dunedin Diocese - 3,5

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

**\$4**

**The latest issue in your church Sunday July 16**

### 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).

### 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](mailto:Marilyn on 021 299 4357).

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