

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09 July 2023

Lightening Burdens

'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.' These are some of the loveliest words in the Gospel. And they have great relevance for us. Nowadays many people live very pressurized lives. Stress has become a big factor in modern life.

During the 30 years he spent in Nazareth, Jesus lived among the ordinary people. He knew at first-hand how burdensome life was for them. Consequently, he had sympathy for the ordinary people and wanted to lighten their burdens. Hence his invitation: *'Come to me all you who labour.....'*

Many people accepted his invitation and came to him with their burdens of sickness and misery. All had their burdens lightened as a result of meeting him. His mere presence could bring peace to an anguished soul. What a contrast there was between his attitude towards the ordinary people and that of the Pharisees whom with their emphasis on the exact observance of the Law and their multiplication of rules and regulations, placed an impossible burden on the people.

We too should accept his invitation and come to him with our burdens. Some of our burdens may be baggage which we could and should let go of. There is a Zen story about an old man going on a spiritual journey with a heavy bag on his back. On his deathbed he passes on the bag to his disciple. When the disciple opens the bag he finds that it is empty. Yet he wonders why it weighed so much! And the old man says "It is the weight of everything in my life that I did not need to carry."

To know and understand the worth of what we are carrying changes everything.

Jesus does not promise that we will have no burdens. Some burdens we just have to bear. But the Lord does give us the strength to carry them. When we trust in God, another power becomes available to us, namely the power of God.

Love can make a burden light and a sacrifice sweet. A woman who is deprived of food for a day can barely last out till the end of it. But a mother, who gives up food for a day so that her children may have something to eat, hardly notices it.

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. Thank you *Christian Malaitai* who has been very supportive.

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 at 6.00pm. *See you there!*

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.

Auckland Junior Curia Games Day

Organised by the Legion of Mary.

Saturday 15th July 2023 (12pm-4pm) in the parish hall. Join us for a day of fun, laughs, games, fellowship and food.

Children's Liturgy

We 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](mailto:marta.cullen@gmail.com) on 021-898345 or email marta.cullen@gmail.com

DIOCESE NEWS

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. *Please go to the Parish website to register.*

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 \(after 31 Jul\).](#)

Sacred Heart College

Is inviting everyone to attend their Hostel Tour (conducted by the Hostel staff) on Sunday 23rd July @ 2pm. Families will be allowed to visit the dormitories and common areas. The best way to access the Hostel is via [Gate 3 off West Tamaki Road, Glendowie](#). Meet in the Hostel dining room. Register your attendance at www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenday

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 - \$ 819.30

Parish - \$ 1,381.60

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 10 Jul : Ps 90:1-4, 14-15
Mt 9:18-26

Tue 11 Jul: Ps 16:1-3, 6-8
Mt 9:32-38

Wed 12 Jul: Ps 32:2-3, 10-11, 18-19
Mt 10:1-7

Thu 13 Jul: Ps 104:16-21
Mt 10:8-15

Fri 14 Jul: Ps 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mt 10:16-23

Sat 15 Jul: Ps 104:1-4, 6-7
Mt 10:24-33

Sun 16 Jul: Ps 64:10-14
Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

**~ 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:**

www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/move-maeve-to-manchester

~ 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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