

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 August 2023

## *The House Of God*

At the time the prophet Isaiah was writing (First Reading) there were a lot of foreigners living in Israel. The question arose as to whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to them. Sadly, instead of being a force for unity, religion has often been the cause of conflict and division. Nevertheless, it has a great capacity to break down barriers. Of all the things that draw people together, worshipping together has the power to turn them into a loving family.

Isaiah gave a clear and positive answer: God's house is to be a house of prayer for *all* the people.

'My house shall be a house of prayer for all the people.' This is a huge statement. God's house is open to all his children.

In the house of God there are no first and last. This is because all of us are equal before God. For one small hour the high and mighty descend and the lowly rise. And in the house of God there are no special seats. This is because in the house of God every place is a place of honour.

The church is a temple with a hundred of gates and pilgrims enter from every angle. Through every door and from all kinds of paths, we enter the house of God on a Sunday morning. For the most part, a church is associated with Sunday worship. But it remains open all week long. Anyone can come here at any hour of the day to talk to God, to seek his help in times of trouble, his guidance in times of doubt, or just to be near the Lord in the hope of tasting the peace this world cannot seem to give.

Many lost, lonely, homeless souls have come to the house of God, or have wandered almost by accident and felt at home there. In God's house we discover who we are. Whatever the world may think of us, in God's house we know who we are. We are God's precious sons and daughters.

The house of God is a place beyond earning, deserving and rewarding. It is a place of surrender and complete trust. It is a place of prayer that through the presence of God becomes a place of blessing. We must strive to make this place of worship a house of prayer, joy and unity. And when we leave the church, we must try to take with us a spirit of joy and having extended a warm welcome towards each other.

**FLOR McCARTHY SDB**



## PARISH NEWS

### Sacramental Program 2023

A special thank you to Deacon Robert and Justine Mitchell for their support during the Sacramental Program preparing the older children.



### Help Needed

We are looking for some volunteers to help with arranging flowers in our church. You will be put on a roster and getting reimbursed for the costs involved. We would love you to be part of our team. Please contact [Margaret Newcombe](mailto:Margaret.Newcombe@gpbs.com.au) on 021-2133386

### Winter Warmers

Thank you to everyone who has donated winter clothes and other items.

### Queenship Of Mary

One of the most and universal titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her title as Queen. Honoured on the octave day of the feast of her Assumption.

A Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary on **Tuesday 22 August at 6.00pm** (before 6.30pm mass).

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass ~ **Friday 1st September 7.00pm** at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All welcome.

### In Beauty We Walk ~ 2024 Guided Tour of Ireland

Think Epic! Think Exhilarating! Think Enchanting! Think Ireland!  
A specially crafted pilgrimage through Ireland for parish and school music ministers, liturgists, teachers and pastoral leaders fully escorted by Tour Leader Paul Skippen, as we sing, explore and experience Ireland ~ *Sunday 4 August to Saturday 24 August 2024.*

Paul Skippen (editor of GPBS website) has had many years in ministry in Catholic schools and parishes. He is an avid traveller and has experienced many of the world's Catholic spiritual lands - he has led 4 pilgrimages walking the Camino in Spain. With a real passion for his Irish heritage, Paul has made over 20 journeys to Ireland. *Reserve your place today!*

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### 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 - \$ 854.50**

**Parish - \$ 1,272.10**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 21 Aug :** Judges 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22 Ps 105:34-37

**Tue 22 Aug:** Judges 6:11-24

Mt 19:23-30 Ps 84:11-14

**Wed 23 Aug:** Judges 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16 Ps 20:2-7

**Thu 24 Aug:** Rev 21:9-14

Jn 1:45-51 Ps 144:10-13

**Fri 25 Aug:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40 Ps 145:5-10

**Sat 26 Aug:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12 Ps 127:1-5

**Sun 27 Aug:** Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

## Synodality and Women

World Women's Observatory ([worldwomensobservatory.org](http://worldwomensobservatory.org)) is organizing 3 webinars focused on showing the results of the work carried out throughout the Synodal process. A chance to meet with women members of the diocese with leading roles, within the country and all over the world, sharing their own experiences and testimonies. Both men and women are invited to participate since all of us, as baptized individuals, are equally involved in the process. The dates are:

- ◆ 13 September: 6.00pm - 7.30pm (Rome time) 4.00am - 5.30am (NZ time)
- ◆ 14 September 9.00am - 10.30am (Rome time) 7.00pm - 8.30pm (NZ time)
- ◆ 14 September 2.30pm - 4.00pm (Rome time) 12.30am - 2.00am (NZ time)

To register and receive the zoom link, please email [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

### 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](tel:0212994357)

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