

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 July 2023

The Pearl Of Wisdom

Wisdom is the most precious gift a person can have. Without it all other things are useless because we won't know how to use them. On being told that he could have anything he wanted from God, Solomon asked for the gift of wisdom. God was pleased with his request and granted it to him.

However, this doesn't mean that wisdom was handed to him on a plate, so to speak. If acquired at all, wisdom is acquired gradually and often painfully. However, some experiences enable us to take a giant step forward.

Story ~ Once there was a farmer who owned a small farm of land. The land was stony but he worked hard, and for a while was blessed with happiness and contentment. But then he began to feel that something was missing in his life. There must be more to life, he thought.

One evening a stranger arrived and asked for a night's lodgings. The farmer was only too glad to take him because he was pining for company and excitement. Around the fire that night the stranger talked about diamonds. He told the farmer that if he could find a diamond the size of the nail of his little finger, he would never have to work again.

Next day the stranger departed leaving the farmer unhappy and restless. As the days went by he got more and more restless. He began to neglect his farm. Finally, he sold it cheaply, and went off roaming the country in search of diamonds. He travelled far but found none.

Meanwhile, the man who bought his farm was working hard. One day, while out ploughing, the plough turned up a stone that shone in the sunlight. It turned out to be a diamond. When he went back to the spot he found lots more. It turned out to be one of the richest diamond mines ever found in South Africa.

While we cannot but feel sorry for the farmer, we have to say that he was a very foolish man. Had he persevered with what he had, he would undoubtedly have found the mine himself.

Sadly to say that there are many people like that. It is not that they are afraid of hard work and sacrifice. It is that they don't know what is important. They pursue wrong goals, look in the wrong places, and end up selling their birthright.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB



PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sacramental Program this year. A special thank you to our teaching team ~ Lyn Smith for the Organisation/ Parents. Evelyn Pereira, Malia Tonga and Rodolfo Cabuang for the Children.

Feast of the Assumption

There will be a mass at 9am (in addition to the usual 6.30pm mass) **Tuesday 15 August** to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

DIOCESE NEWS

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

The Sisters of St Joseph invite all to a time of prayer to honour Mary MacKillop on her Feast Day **08 August at 5.30pm** at Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. A light finger food tea will follow in the dining room.

Caring Mass

Please join Bishop Steve and the Caring Foundation Team for the Caring Mass **01 August at 11.30am**. Mass will be

celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome.

Caring Sunday Appeal

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

Administrator/Communications Officer ~ Job Vacancy ~

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of PSG Administrator & Communications Officer. The successful applicant will provide administrative and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and provide communications support for the Diocese. This is a part-time role of 25 hours per week with flexibility of hours between 9am and 3pm. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Applications close Friday 18 August 2023.

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 - \$1,049.20

Parish - \$1,661.40

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 31 Jul : Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Ps 105:19-23

Tue 01 Aug: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28
Ps 102:6-13

Wed 02 Aug: Ex 34:29-35
Ps 98:5-7

Thu 03 Aug: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 83:3-6, 8

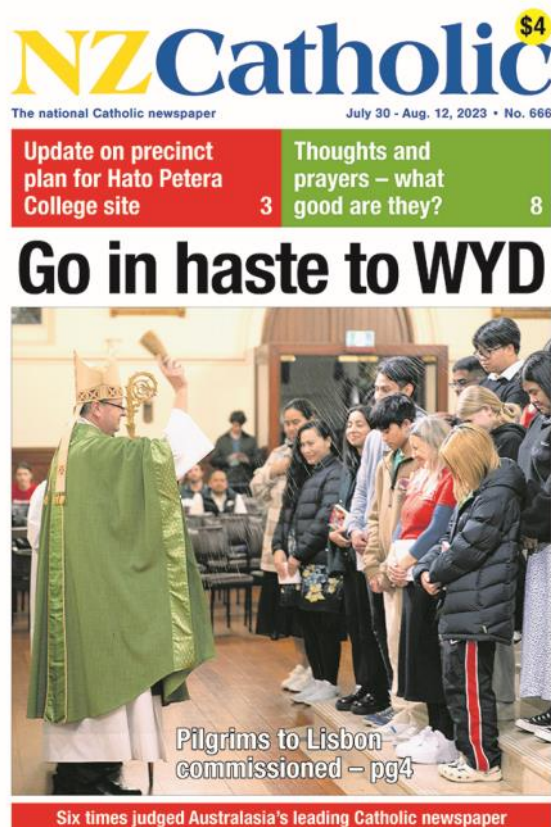
Fri 04 Aug: Ps 80:3-6, 10-11
Mt 13:53-58

Sat 05 Aug: Ps 66:2-3, 5
Mt 14:1-12

Sun 06 Aug: Ps 96:1-2, 5-6
2 Pet 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

World Youth Day

This month Bishop Steve has blessed the pilgrim journey of over 50 young Aucklanders who along with at least 120 other kiwis on their way to Portugal. Twenty-four days on the road exploring places such as Lisieux (home of St Thérèse of Lisieux), Rimont (resting place of St Bernadette), Lyon (home to Bishop Pompallier and Mother Mary Joseph Aubert), Lourdes (walking in the footsteps of Bernadette Soubirous including the apparition sites), Fatima (where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in 1917) and joining other young people throughout the world gathering around Pope Francis for World Youth Day in Lisbon.



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).

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