



How To Correct A Person

The Gospel talks about the duty to correct an erring brother or sister. Jesus says, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him.'

It is presumed that the fault in question is serious, but has not necessarily been committed against oneself. If someone is doing serious wrong, we have a duty to point it out. This duty falls most heavily on the leaders in the community. But it is the duty of every Christian. However, it's something that calls for courage, sensitivity and above all love.

One man who seems to have mastered the art of reproof is Nelson Mandela. In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, he talks about his long years of imprisonment on Robben Island. He tells how one day he was called to the main office. General Steyn was visiting the island and wanted to know from Mandela if the prisoners had any complaints - Mandela had been chosen by his fellow prisoners as their spokesman. Badenhorst, the officer in command of the prison, was also present. Badenhorst was feared and hated by the prisoners. In a calm, but forceful and truthful manners, Mandela informed the visitor about the complaints - but he did so without bitterness or recriminations. General Steyn took notes of what Mandela had to say which amounted to the indictment of Badenhorst's regime. Badenhorst had perhaps been the most callous commanding officer they had had on the island but then again even the most seemingly person with an aggressive personality is capable of changing if their hearts are touched. We must not humiliate the person we are reproofing. And we must not do it in anger, because in that case all we do is cause the person to harden their heart. We must do it out of concern and love for the other person.

When God asked Cain where his brother Abel was, he replied, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

It is an excuse that has been widely used to this day. People refuse to get involved, declaring that it is none of their business. But we are responsible for one another. God is continually calling us from the error of our ways into a closer relationship with him and with one another.

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PARISH NEWS

Parish ~ New Phones

The parish office has updated its phone system.

Compliments of Simon & Justine Gillett.

Calls will be answered mainly during office hours. You are welcome to leave a message on our voicemail. Please note that messages received during the weekends will be responded to on Monday mornings.

Pledge Envelopes 2023/24

Please pick up your new set of envelopes (starts Sunday 01st October) from the church foyer.

Group Fitness ~ Zumba

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

Pre-Election 2023

Are you interested working during the pre-election periods?

The parish hall will be used for advance voting from 2nd October through to 14th October (date of the Election). Please apply to the **Kelston Electorate**.

As referral code please use: **Our Lady of Lourdes**.

To apply use QR Code below or go to: <https://work.elections.nz/work-at-general-elections>.



DIOCESE NEWS

St Francis Retreat

24 HR Prayer Retreat For Women ~ join us for a reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. **Sat 07 Oct 3pm - Sun 08 Oct 3pm**. Early Bird (before 24/09) \$130 pp. Standard \$150 pp. All meals and accommodation included.

St Francis Open Day ~ join us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis. Come explore the grounds and learn more about St Francis. There will also be an **Animal Blessing Service** so please bring your pets. **Sun 01 Oct 2pm - 4pm**.

Time Out Days ~ for those who seek a retreat - 9.30am - 2.30pm (\$30 incl lunch).

Tues 03 Oct / Wed 01 Nov / Thu 07 Dec.

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.**

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)

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 - \$ 1,064.25

Parish - \$1, 617.95

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 11 Sep: Col 1:24

Lk 6:6-11 Ps 61:6-7

Tue 12 Sep: Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19 Ps 144:1-2, 8-11

Wed 13 Sep: Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26 Ps 144:10-13

Thu 14 Sep: Num 21:4-9

Jn 3:13-17 Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

Fri 15 Sep: Heb 5:7-9

Jn 19:25-27 Ps 30:2-6, 15-16

Sat 16 Sep: Tim 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49 Ps 112:1-7

Sun 17 Sep: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

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St Francis Retreat

Contemplative Prayer Retreat ~ want to deepen your faith?

Join us to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition. Sat 07 Oct 10am - 4pm. Early Bird \$65 (before 23/09) Standard \$85 (after 23/09).

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