

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

01 October 2023

Two Important Words

There are two words that we use very frequently. Though they are very small words they are very important ones. It is no exaggeration to say that our lives could be summed up in terms of those two words - “yes” and “no”.

What matters most is not the words in themselves but the spirit in which they are said that makes the difference. They can be said without sincerity, or they can be said thoughtfully and with sincerity. But that is only the beginning.....at the end of the day what matters is whether or not they are acted on.

In Jesus story, when the father asked his sons to go and work in his vineyard, the first son replied immediately that he was not going - it was a definite “no.” We don’t know why he refused to go. Maybe he thought, ‘Why does it always have to be me? Let someone else go for a change. Maybe he was being rebellious or maybe just plain lazy. However, it was early morning when he said that “no”. A lot can happen between morning and evening. At some point during the course of the day, the word “yes” began to sound inside him - at first faintly, then loudly. As a result, he went to work in the vineyard. To change one’s mind here means to repent (to think again). Now let us consider the second son. He said an immediate and definite “yes” to his father but in fact he did not go. We wonder why not - maybe he genuinely intended to go then found it wasn’t worth his while.

The “yes” he said so clearly in the morning grew fainter and by evening it had turned into a “no”. His case is worse than that of the first son - he had given his word. His father would have been counting on him, and would feel let down when he discovered that he did not go.

The vineyard represents the *kingdom of God* - the son who promised to work but didn’t, represents the *religious leaders*. They promised to work for God but failed to do so. The other son represents *sinners*. They originally chose to go their own way, but then repented and took God’s way, and so gained entry into the kingdom.

Among many saints in the history of the Church who initially said “no” to God then changed their minds, St Augustine is perhaps the most obvious example. We must, therefore, constantly examine ourselves. We must turn our promises into fulfilment, and our words into deeds.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB

PARISH NEWS

Important Notice - Hall

Please note that due to the pre-election voting, the hall will not be available from **Sat 30 Sep to Sat 14 October**.

Zumba Class

Due to the pre-election, please note that Zumba classes will be held in the classroom **Monday 2nd & 9th October**.

Young Adults Group

Are you a young adult aged 18 to 35 looking to connect with fellow Catholic parishioners? We would like to invite you to be a part of our vibrant adult community.

When: **Sunday 01 October**

Time: **6pm (after 5pm mass) - 8pm**

A fantastic opportunity to meet new people, grow your faith and enjoy some quality time together. Please bring your favourite snacks to share with the group.

For more info please call [Christian Malitai 021 116 8275](tel:0211168275)

Legion of Mary

As our blessed Mother is constantly reminding us '**Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world and for the end of war.**'

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Legion of Mary members will pray the Rosary half an hour before each mass (except for the 10.30am mass on Sundays) for the entire month of October.

Marian Day 2023

Organized by the Legion of Mary ~ **Sat 07 October 8am - 3pm** at Our Lady of the Assumption - 130 Church Street, Onehunga.

There will be Mass, Benediction, guest speakers and religious supplies. For more info see our poster in the hall foyer.

Email: legionofmarynz@gmail.com or visit www.legionofmary.org.nz

DIOCESE NEWS

Bishops' Prayer for Election 2023

(Bishops of Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch, Palmerston North & Archbishop of Wellington)

God of Nations

bless our nation as we approach our election in these uncertain times. As we discern our choices, guide us with your Spirit.

Grant us humble Parliamentarians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good.

E Ihowa Atua

unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages.

Help us recognize our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle. Make us mindful of those in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community.

May we always delight in the beauty of your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children's children.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

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.



**Venerable
Suzanne Aubert
19/06/1835 ~
01/10/1926**

The Sisters of Compassion (founded by Venerable Suzanne Aubert) and the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference agreed that the first Sunday of October would be marked as a day of celebration for Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. We especially remember on this day, her spirituality, good works and compassionate love for those in need. She has now become part of the National Liturgy Calendar and we will continue to pray for her beatification.

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 892.90

Parish - \$ 1,466.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 02 Oct: Ex 23:20-23
Mt 18:1-5,10 Ps 90:1-6, 10-11

Tue 03 Oct: Zech 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wed 04 Oct: Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62 Ps 136:1-6

Thu 05 Oct: Neh 8:1-12
Lk 10:1-12 Ps 18:8-11

Fri 06 Oct: Baruch 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16 Ps 78:1-5

Sat 07 Oct: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24 Ps 68:33-37

Sun 08 Oct: Is 5:1-7
Ps 79:12-16 Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Z for Foodbank



By choosing us at **Z New Lynn** you can help us get a share of the \$1M Z is giving to community groups across Aotearoa New Zealand through the “*Good in the Hood.*” Use your token and choose **FOODBANK GE** at Z New Lynn to support us in delivering food to those who need it in our community and towards our purchases for Christmas.

The voting period is from:

25th September to 23rd October

[Support the Foodbank in a new way this month. Please fill up at Z New Lynn](#)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass - **Friday 06 October 7.00pm** ~ 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.

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