

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

08 October 2023

## *With Privilege Comes Responsibility*

Peter and Anne raised four children but are now alone. They feel disappointed and sad. Anne tells us why.

'We did everything we could for those children. We wanted them to have the things we didn't have. Times were hard and life was a constant struggle. Still those children never lacked anything. They had a lot of illnesses when they were young, many nights we did not get a wink of sleep. Peter and I never went out. We saw others going abroad for their holidays, something we could not afford. But we gladly sacrificed these things for the sake of the children. We sent them to good schools, taught them their religion. We taught them good values. And just look at how they have repaid us.

'John (the oldest) went into the pub business. He works hard, his business is doing well. He sends us a couple of bottles at Christmas but we hardly ever see him.

Money seems to have become his god.'

'Anne, a teacher, married a fellow with a big job. They don't believe in having children. They rarely come to see us, though we get cards from them when they go for holidays to some exotic places.'

'Peter has three children and seemed to be happily married. But then he suddenly left his wife and went to live with a younger woman. He never shows up.'

'Paul, (the youngest) is still unmarried. He does not believe in working or settling down. Last time we heard from him he was somewhere in Australia.'

Today's readings seem to suggest that even God sometimes feels like this. The people of Israel has been treated in a privileged manner by God. But privilege brings responsibility. God looked for peace from his people but He got war; for true worship, He got idolatry; for justice, He got corruption; for goodness, He got evil; for sharing, He got greed. God sent messenger after messenger (prophets) but they were abused and killed. God was disappointed in the people, not for his own sake, but for theirs. This to some extent is our story too. God wants us to make good use of the gifts and opportunities but often we fail to respond. We fail not just as individuals but also as a Church. The Christian community is the vineyard Christ planted and for which he gave his life. He looks to us, the tenants of his vineyard, to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. It's a great privilege but a great challenge too.

**FLOR McCARTHY SDB**

## PARISH NEWS

### Important Notice - Hall

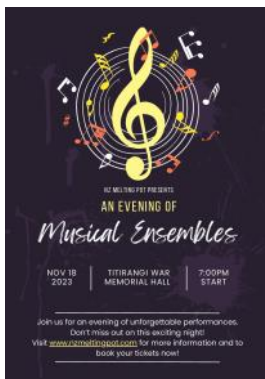
Please note that due to the pre-election voting, the hall will not be available from **Sat 07 to Sat 14 October**.

### October - Holy Rosary

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. The 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.

### Musical Ensembles



*The Parish Music Group will be performing at the Titirangi War Memorial Hall ~ Sat 18 November at 7.00pm.*

Join us for an evening of unforgettable

performances.

Poster is on our noticeboard. For more info, visit: [www.nzmeltingpot.com](http://www.nzmeltingpot.com) and to book your tickets.

### 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 ~ **Sunday 15 October** 6pm (after 5pm mass) to 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 Malaitai 021 116 8275](mailto:ChristianMalaitai@21168275.com) or email [cmalaitai@gmail.com](mailto:cmalaitai@gmail.com)

## 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.

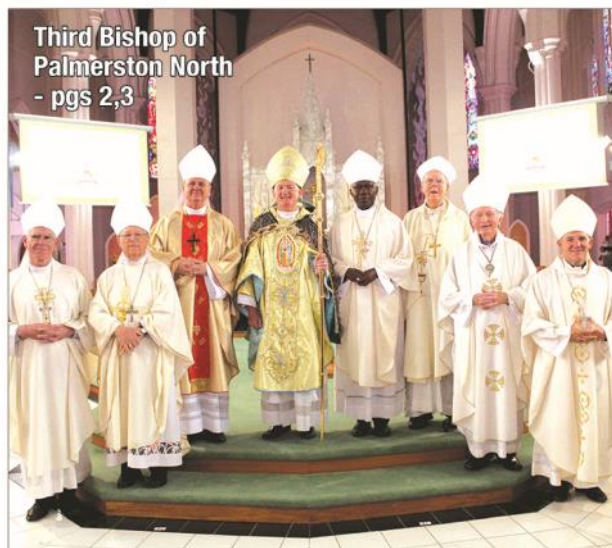
## NZ Catholic <sup>\$4</sup>

The national Catholic newspaper October 8 - 21, 2023 • No. 671

NZ bishops update  
consistent ethic  
of life document 4

Bishops' 2023  
general election  
statement 10-11

### Bishop Adams ordained



Third Bishop of  
Palmërston North  
- pgs 2,3

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

### Last Week's Collection:

**House - \$ 776.50**

**Parish - \$ 1,186.50**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 09 Oct:** Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11  
Jonah 2:3-5 Lk 10:25-37

**Tue 10 Oct:** Jonah 3:1-10  
Lk 10:38-42 Ps 129:1-4

**Wed 11 Oct:** Jonah 4:1-11  
Lk 11:1-4 Ps 85:3-6

**Thu 12 Oct:** Mal 3:13-20  
Lk 11:5-13

**Fri 13 Oct:** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Lk 11:15-26 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16

**Sat 14 Oct:** Joel 4:12-21  
Lk 11:27-28 Ps 96:1-2, 5-6

**Sun 15 Oct:** Is 25:6-10  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14

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

## 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](#)

## Latin Mass Society ~ Retreat

The Latin Mass Society of NZ is holding a retreat from **Friday 20 Oct to Sunday 22 October** at St Mary MacKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Road, Kohimarama. Programme includes: devotional talks by Fr Robert Sharplin of Hamilton Diocese, Exposition and Benediction, time for personal prayer and reflection and other devotions. For more info, please contact: [Janet Curran](mailto:Janet_Curran@hotmail.com) 027 612 8297 or email [jan\\_curran@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_curran@hotmail.com)

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