

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2023

## *The Best Is The Enemy Of The Good*

Tom was a farmer. One day he was doing his spring ploughing when the king's messenger appeared unexpectedly in his field. The messenger informed him that he had been invited to the royal banquet. On hearing this Tom began to glow like a full moon. In a flash, his monotonous life was transformed.

'When exactly is the banquet?' he asked.

'Tonight,' the messenger replied, adding, 'I will be back in about an hour for your answer.' With that he departed.

The banquet was to be held that very night! This changed things. Tom looked back over the work he had done. It was going well. Then he looked ahead at what remained to be done. With luck he could finish it today. Then he considered the oxen - he was still breaking them in. And this was something that should not be interrupted.

At that moment he looked up and saw the royal messenger going into his neighbour's field. *So that man was being invited too!* Suppose, as was quite possible, he would be sitting next to him at the table? All of a sudden the banquet began to lose some of its appeal.

Then there was the tedious business of getting washed and changed. And what clothes would he wear? Even his best suit was hardly good enough for a royal banquet and he would hate to look shabby in the presence of the king and all the other guests.

Tom began to have second thoughts. He thought if only the banquet was happening tomorrow night, the ploughing would have been done and he wouldn't be thinking twice about going. By the time the messenger came back his mind was made up - he was not going. He gave a litany of excuses to the messenger who clearly was in a hurry to get back to the palace. Notice that the things that kept Tom from going were not bad things, but perfectly reasonable - the cares of work and life. But this is precisely what makes them so dangerous. We don't see how this can jeopardize our entire life.

Here the *banquet* stands for the fullness of life to which God is calling us. It is a call to intimacy with God and a call to community with others. The invitation challenges us to abandon our isolationism, our self-sufficiency and exclusivism and to associate with others. The aim of the parable is to help us to see what we will be missing if we do not heed God's invitation. Those who refuse to come miss out on the joy of the wedding feast.

**FLOR McCARTHY SDB**

## PARISH NEWS

### Parish Photo Gallery



Check out our first Photo Gallery on our website!

### All Saints Day

There will be an additional mass on **Wednesday 01 November** at 9am. Usual mass at 6.30pm.

### All Souls Day

There will be an additional mass on **Thursday 02 November** at 9am. Usual mass at 6.30pm. A wooden box has been placed in the church foyer. Please list all the names of deceased family members & friends and drop it in the box. For the departed souls of 2023 (as per our death registry) their names will be announced at both masses. If you wish to include a loved one, email the parish office by **Monday 30 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.

### Guest Speaker - Br. Johnson Sequeira

Come One, Come All....receive the blessing, healing and the love of our faithful God.

Br. Johnson, a Catholic lay preacher and founder of **Jesus Christ Is Lord Ministry** (JCILM) will be visiting our parish **Friday 27 Oct (3pm-9pm)**  
**Saturday 28 Oct (11am-9pm)**  
**Sunday 29 Oct (11am-1pm).**

They will give a presentation of their ministry work in the parish hall. All welcome.

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Auckland Catholic Singles (30s & 40s)

Dinner at Burger Burger, Osbourne Lane, 3B York Street, Newmarket.

**Sat 28 Oct 6.30pm** onwards.

*To locate us ~ there will be Fra Angelico's Annunciation diptych on the table.*

### Scholarships - Te Kupenga

Bishop Steve is pleased to call for applications for the **Ruth Miller Scholarship**. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2024. To receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz).

**Applications close 18 November 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.**

### 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.



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

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

### Last Week's Collection:

**House - \$1,275.80**

**Parish - \$1,557.20**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 16 Oct:** Rom 1:1-7  
Lk 11:29-32 Ps 97:1-4  
**Tue 17 Oct:** Rom 1:16-25  
Lk 11:37-41 Ps 18:2-5  
**Wed 18 Oct:** Tim 4:10-17  
Lk 10:1-9 Ps 144:10-13, 17-18  
**Thu 19 Oct:** Rom 3:21-30  
Lk 11:47-54 Ps 129:1-6  
**Fri 20 Oct:** Rom 4:1-8  
Lk 12:1-7 Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11  
**Sat 21 Oct:** Rom 4:13, 16-18  
Lk 12:8-12 Ps 104:6-9, 42-43  
**Sun 22 Oct:** Is 45:1, 4-6  
Ps 95:1, 3-5 Thess 1:1-5  
Mt 22:15-21

# 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](#)

## Young Adults Group (18s to 35s)

**Reminder** ~ Meeting this **Sunday 15 October** 6pm (after 5pm mass) to 8pm in the parish hall. A fantastic opportunity to meet new people, grow your faith and enjoy some quality time together. Please bring your favourite snack to share with the group.

There is still time to join. Contact [Christian Malaitai 021 116 8275](tel:0211168275).

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