

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2023

Waiting For The Beloved

One night a man dreamt that he was walking towards the gate of heaven. On the way he ran into some figures in the dark who were crying.

'Why are you crying?' he asked.

'We are crying because the Lord refused to admit us. He said he didn't know us,' they replied.

The man went on and arrived at the gate only to find it locked. So, with no little trepidation, he rang the bell. As he stood there waiting, he asked himself, 'I wonder....will the Lord know *me*?' And a voice from inside him replied, 'Of course he will know you! But that is not the question.

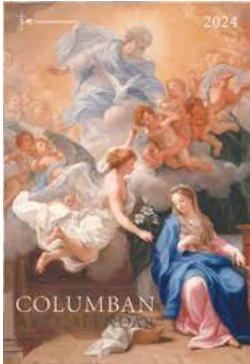
The question is *will he recognize you as a disciple of his?*

Yes, that indeed was the question. And he said to himself, 'I wonder what he is going to look for?' Then he thought of the parable of the lamps. The Lord would look for a lamp that was burning brightly. And so he asked himself, 'What have I done with my lamp?' He was relieved to discover that he still had it. But when he looked at it he found to his horror that it had gone out. However, at that moment he woke up to find that it was only a dream! Would it not be terrible to arrive at heaven's door and the Lord would not know who you are?

The lamp that we are talking about is essentially the lamp of love. How does the lamp burn? Through a continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil cease, the lamp will go out. What are these drops of oil? They are small things in daily life: a smile, a word of encouragement, a card, a kind greeting, a financial contribution, a visit. Jesus shared our life, our loneliness, our anguish and our death. He is very close to us. With the oil of prayer and good works we must keep the lamp of love burning and he will recognize us as disciples of his. We won't be judged on a momentary lapse, but on our life as a whole. Since we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, we must be prepared so that when he comes we can enter his kingdom. Every moment should be beautiful....that the soul should always be ready. Waiting for the voice of the Beloved - waiting not in fear but in joyful hope. We are dealing with something infinitely precious - entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB

PARISH NEWS



Columban Calendar 2024

On sale now
at the bookshop
\$12

Parish Work Bee



Our Parish will be
conducting a Work Bee
Sat 02 Dec from 9am.
All are welcome to
support our parish by

offering your services for an hour or two. Tradies are most welcome to give a hand with needed areas including painting, water blasting, roof and gutter cleaning. An electrician or someone with an electrical background is most needed. If you can bring your gear that will be great. We ask for the services of the parish cleaners for rearranging, dusting inside our church and the final clean up around the church. For all enquiries please contact: Deacon Robert 027 508 3902

Carpark Wardens

The Parish is looking for carpark wardens for each weekend Mass. If you are able to be a carpark warden (on a roster basis) please give your contact details and the preferred Mass time to the parish office by **Friday 24 November**. We appreciate all the support we can get.

DIOCESE NEWS

St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days: For those seeking a day retreat ~ **Thurs 07 Dec** 9.30am-2.30pm \$30 (includes lunch).

Catholic Hospitality

Catholic Hospitality in NZ and Australia. Payment \$50 (per night for 1 guest) and \$30 (for each additional guest), e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per night for bed & continental breakfast.

This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. To purchase a book of details of hosts, please email: Marie Anderson at marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Christmas Market

Carmel College is having a Christmas market by the lake **Sat 18 Nov 10am-3pm** at 108 Shakespeare Rd, Milford. Come along and indulge in some great food from our food trucks, delicious home baking stand, sausage sizzle, get some Christmas shopping started and enjoy live performances throughout the day. You will be helping one of Auckland's Catholic schools fundraise. There will be a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest to view.

Auckland Catholic Singles Group

French Cooking Class ~ Monday 27 Nov 6pm-9pm at Selwyn College, 203-245 Kohimarama Rd, Kohimarama - \$76 per person. Register at: www.selwyncomed.school.nz/courses
Click on "Date Night French Cuisine"

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 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 - \$ 780.10

Parish - \$ 1,185.20

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 13 Nov: Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6 Ps138:1-10

Tue 14 Nov: Wis 2:23 - 3:9

Lk 17:7-10 Ps 33:2-3, 16-19

Wed 15 Nov: Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19 Ps 81:3-4, 6-7

Thu 16 Nov: Wis 7:22 - 8:1

Lk 17:20-25 Ps 118:89-91, 130, 135

Fri 17 Nov: Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37 Ps 18:2-5

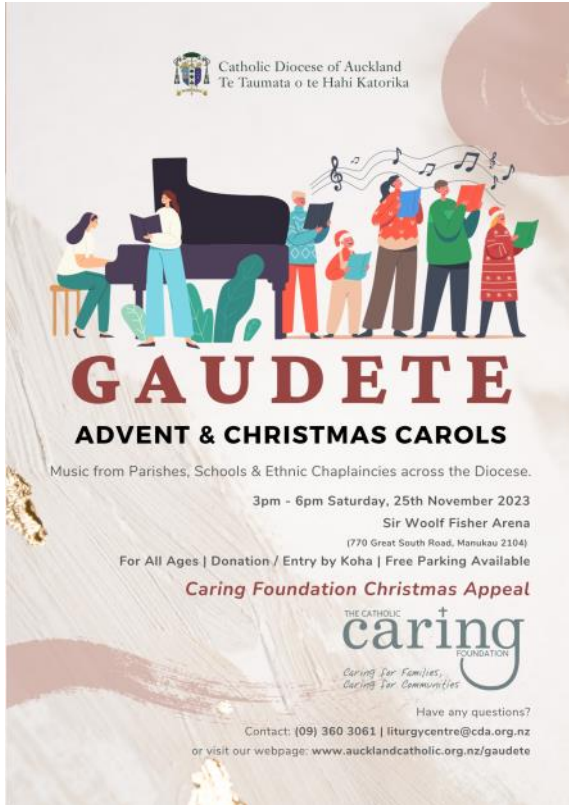
Sat 18 Nov: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8 Ps 104:2-3, 36-37

Sun 19 Nov: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20

Ps 127:1-5 1 Thess 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30



Gaudete Advent & Christmas Carols *Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese*

The Liturgy Centre, in collaboration with the Caring Foundation and Ethnic Chaplaincies, is hosting an exciting event **Saturday 25 Nov 3pm-6pm** at Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (previously known as Vodafone Arena) 770 Gt South Rd, Manukau. (Poster is on the noticeboard).

For all ages ~ Donation/Entry by Koha ~ Free Parking

We wish the Parish Music Group all the best as they will be representing our parish at this event.

Z For Foodbank - Good in the Hood



Z ~ New Lynn has announced that our parish has earned a total of **\$1,136.00** towards Foodbank.

Thank you all for your support.

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