

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Third Sunday of Lent

03 March 2024

Keeping the Commandments

Once there was a very sincere man who wished to live a holy life. So he went to his rabbi for advice. The rabbi congratulated him on his ambition, then asked, 'How have you been faring so far?'

'Quite well, I think' the man replied.

'When you say well, what do you mean?' the rabbi asked.

'I have not broken any of the commandments. I have not taken the Lord's name in vain. I have not profaned the Sabbath day. I have not dishonoured my father or mother. I have not killed anyone. I have not been unfaithful to my wife. I have not stolen from anybody. I have not borne false witness against anyone. I have not coveted my neighbour's wife or goods,' the man replied.

'I see. So you haven't broken any of the commandments.....but have you *kept* the commandments?' the rabbi asked.

'What do you mean?' said the man.

'I mean have you honoured God's holy name? Have you kept holy the Sabbath day? Have you loved and honoured your parents? Have you sought to preserve and defend life? When did you last tell your wife that you loved her? Have you shared your goods with the poor? Have you defended the good name of anyone? When did you last put yourself out there to help a neighbour?' replied the rabbi.

The man was completely taken aback. He went away and reflected on what the rabbi had said. He soon realized that he has been more focused on avoiding all wrongdoings than anything else. But the rabbi offered him a new vision which not only included the above commandments but positive concept of goodness. He had given him a new and better compass to guide him.

We must be careful not to make the same mistake that man made. We must not approach the commandments in a negative way because this leads to *minimalism* - doing the bare minimum. We must approach them in a positive way.

Jesus said that all of God's laws could be reduced to two: *love of God* and *love of neighbour*. These two, properly understood, include all the others. In a sense, there is only one law - *the law of love*. And there is one sin - *not to love*.

Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Minimarket



Thank you for all the support last Sunday for our minimarket.

We made a total sale of \$260.30. A special thank you to Patsy and Lucia.

Altar Servers

All altar servers and those who are interested to join are all welcome to attend a training meeting **Saturday 09 March 9am** in the crypt.

We are encouraging parents to bring their children along to this meeting.

For all enquiries please email

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DIOCESE NEWS

Lenten Evening Reflection

Come along to an evening of reflective prayer with readings, music and meditative silence to enrich your Lenten journey **Wed 06 March 7pm-8pm** at the Mary MacKillop Chapel in Mission Bay. Light refreshments will be served after this time of prayer.

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

We are nearly half-way through the 40 Days for Life Vigil praying to end abortion and for the healing of all.

Join us for our midpoint Candlelight Vigil **Wed 06 March 7.30pm** at Potter's Park in Balmoral.

For more info, please contact Simon Archer 021 400 729 or email

simon@fli.org.nz

Safeguarding Course 2024

Enrolment for the Safeguarding course is now open. This online short course is suitable for people who are involved in Ministry of the Church, either paid or voluntary. Course starts every **first** day of the month (March - October).

Details of the course can be found on www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Safeguarding

Ministry Workshops

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries which will cover training/ refreshers for **Ministers of the Word** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion**. These workshops will consist of context, prayer and practical formation in these areas. The workshop will be held at our parish **Sunday 10 March 2024** (1pm-3pm) in the church. A light lunch will be served in the hall. Upon completion, a certificate will be presented to you at mass on a chosen date and time (determined by your parish). Register via the link below or email the parish office if you are interested.

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/

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@parishoffice.org)

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 - \$ 1,929.40

Parish - \$ 3,387.70

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 04 Mar: 2 Kg 5:1-15

Lk 4:24-30 Ps 41:2-3, 42:3-4

Tue 05 Mar: Dan 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35 Ps 24:4-9

Wed 06 Mar: Deut 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16

Thu 07 Mar: Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23 Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Fri 08 Mar: Hosea 14:2-10

Ps 80:8-11 Mk 12:28-34

Sat 09 Mar: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6

Lk 18:9-14 Ps 50:3-4, 18-21

Sun 10 Mar: Eph 2:4-10

Ps 136 Jn 3:14-21

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

Young Adults

- * **Sessions:** every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after the 5pm mass. Next meeting is **Sunday 10 March**.
- * **Saturday Morning Hike:** every fortnight at 8am. Next hike is **Saturday 09 March** at the Waitakere Dam Walk.
- * **Lenten Adoration:** every **Wednesday 8pm-9pm** at Mount St Mary's in Titirangi.
- * **Social Event: Saturday 09 March** (parish classroom) after the 5pm Vigil mass. Come for a night of games, general knowledge quiz questions, sing your heart out with karaoke and a shared meal afterwards. Come alone or with friends, all are welcome! For more info, please visit the Parish website (under Parish Groups section) or follow us on social media.



Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry

AKCYM is holding a small event (The Upper Room) on **Thursday 07 March** at Good George 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay for young adults. Doors open from 6.30pm, bar snacks served from 7pm and guest speaker begins at 7.30pm. Grab a drink, enjoy some free snacks and meet other young adults. Our guest speaker will be Danielle Mourits. **Tickets \$10.**

Go to our [Facebook page @ AKCYM](#) or email felicity@cda.org.nz

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