



## *Finding One's Work*

We invest a huge amount of our lives in work. Hence, the way we regard our work is of the greatest importance. If our work has meaning, it can become a blessing. But if it has no meaning, it can become a curse.

What's the difference between the good shepherd and the hireling?

It is the contrasting attitudes they bring to the work of shepherding. The hireling does it because they have to. For them it is just a job; their heart is not in it. The good shepherd does it because they want to; their heart is in it.

People like the good shepherd are very fortunate. They haven't just found a work, they have found a *vocation* in life. They have an occupation into which they can put their hearts and which creates an outlet for their talents. Work can bring out the best in us. It is no exaggeration to say that it becomes the road to salvation.

Even though work may be difficult and unspectacular, it glows with meaning because it is a labour of love. Even though we may be facing some difficulties and hardships, deep down we are contented. We must never equate a happy life with an easy life. The harder the task to which we give ourselves for love's sake, the more it will exalt us. True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done.

The best prize that life offers is a chance to work hard at something that is worth doing. How marvellous it is to have something in one's life that we are passionate about, even if it proves a crucifixion at times.

Jesus found his work. It consisted in being a good shepherd to the Father's flock. Two characteristics mark the relationship between the good shepherd and his sheep. First, he cares about his sheep to the point where he is willing to die and defend them. Second, he knows his sheep and they know him. Needless to say we are not sheep. We are God's children as St John reminds us and God wants us to have a life and hereafter.

### ***Story***

Vincent Van Gogh spent many years trying to find out what he wanted to do with his life. After much searching, he discovered that he wanted to be a painter.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Tax Receipts YE310324

Tax receipts 2024 are readily available from the church foyer.

**We are asking everyone to pick up their tax receipts - it helps greatly in reducing the amount of tax receipts that are left behind every year.**

**Thank you.**

### Children's Liturgy

We have introduced the Children's Liturgy on our website. While we do encourage parents to bring their children to mass, this could help those who are unable to attend mass on a Sunday. These Gospel reflections, prayers and activities will help the children to explore their faith.

These resources will also be available during school holidays.

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Bishop Steve's Appeal

This Sunday is also Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Please continue to pray for our seminarians. Donate at:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate)

### Dove Catholic Fellowship

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is celebrating 40 years of ministry to the women of New Zealand. There are celebration days planned in North Shore, Hamilton and Nelson.

For more info, please visit our website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz) or look for us on Facebook.

### Safeguarding Workshop

Safeguarding training is a policy requirement of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) for those volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

**Holy Cross Parish** in Henderson is holding a Safeguarding Workshop **Tuesday 30 April 7pm.**

All welcome. Poster is on the noticeboard.

[RSVP by Thursday 25 April](#)

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### St Francis Retreat Centre

*Lenses of Love* ~ Come, meet and listen to Nina Talau - **Monday 22 April 7pm** - as she shares her story and experiences, answering God's call for her in consecrated life and as a missionary in the Middle East. Light refreshments will be served. Koha/Donation.

[RSVP emily@sfrfc.org.nz](mailto:RSVP_emily@sfrfc.org.nz)

### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Meeting on **Wed 24 April 7.30pm** (starts at 7.15pm with a cuppa) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Guest Speaker Dr David Legg will share his perspective on the Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition.

### 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, Aaron Ablan,  
Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava,  
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,  
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

### Anzac Day

#### Ode of Remembrance



They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

#### Mass times

**9am & 6.30pm**

### Last Week's Collection:

**House - \$ 1,336.60**

**Parish - \$ 2,170.30**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 22 Apr:** Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10 Ps 41:2-3, 42:3-4

**Tue 23 Apr:** Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30 Ps 86:1-7

**Wed 24 Apr:** Acts 12:24 - 13:5

Jn 12:44-50 Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

**Thu 25 Apr:** Is 9:1-6

Jn 12:23-28 Ps 114:5-6, 115:10-11

**Fri 26 Apr:** 1 Pet 5:5-14

Mk 16:15-20 Ps 88:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

**Sat 27 Apr:** Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14 Ps 97:1-4

**Sun 28 Apr:** Acts 9:26-31

Jn 15:1-8 Ps 21:26-28

1 Jn 3:18-24

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

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From that day on his life changed. It was not that it suddenly became easy. It was a process. In a letter to his brother, Theo, he wrote: 'I think it is a great blessing when people find their work. I often feel that I am as rich as Croesus (ancient King of Lydia - Turkey in present day), not in money, however. I am rich because I have found in my work something to which I can devote myself heart and soul and which gives meaning and inspiration to my life. This is not the road on which one perishes. On the contrary, this is a powerful stream that will bear me safely to port.'

From this point on, Vincent no longer doubted himself and no matter how difficult his life was, the inward serenity and the conviction of his own calling never deserted him.

**Flor McCarthy SDB**

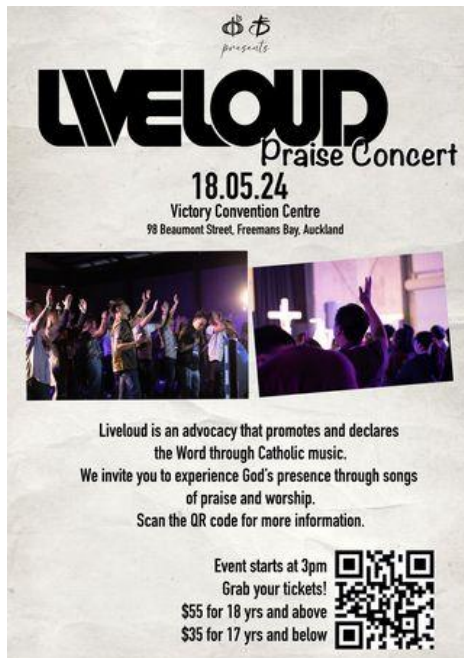
### **Couples For Christ**

Established in 2009, **Liveloud** is an advocacy that promotes and declares the Word through Catholic music. The band was one of the few groups chosen to perform on World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Join us for this extraordinary event where you will have the opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ through worship and fellowship. This event promises to be a spiritually enriching experience where we can connect with members of other parishes and youth groups.

**Saturday 18 May 2024** at Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont Street, Freemans Bay. Tickets can be purchased through the link below.

**Tickets: \$55 (18 & over)**

**\$35 (17 & under)**



☪☪ presents  
**LIVELOUD**  
Praise Concert  
18.05.24  
Victory Convention Centre  
98 Beaumont Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland

Liveloud is an advocacy that promotes and declares the Word through Catholic music.  
We invite you to experience God's presence through songs of praise and worship.  
Scan the QR code for more information.

Event starts at 3pm  
Grab your tickets!  
\$55 for 18 yrs and above  
\$35 for 17 yrs and below

[www.couplesforchrist.nz/registration/2024LiveloudAKL.html](http://www.couplesforchrist.nz/registration/2024LiveloudAKL.html)

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