



How to Know God

Once an earnest young man approached a monk and said, 'Tell me what God is like.'

'Do you see the sun?' the monk began.

The student raised his eyes towards the sky and looked at the sun. Then the monk instructed him to hold out his arm and to roll up his sleeve. The student did as he was directed. Then the monk asked him if he could feel the sun. He nodded yet still mystified.

'You think the sun is very far away, yet you can feel it on your arm,' said the monk.

'Yes, but what does that have to do with God?'

'You want to know what God is like. Yet your problem is that you have a cold heart.'

'What must I do?'

'You must bare your heart to love just as you have bared your arm to the sun. If you do that you will know what God is like.'

The most important thing is to make sure we have love in our hearts. Because where love is, God is. God is all around us. But until we discover him within us, God will always be remote from us and appear unfriendly and uncaring. When we experience God within us, loneliness will never be a big problem for us because we will know that we are never alone.

The Holy Trinity is a great mystery, but it is a mystery of love. One God in three persons. We must open ourselves to the influence of the Blessed Trinity: to the Father who is the creator and sustainer of the world; to the Son who is the saviour and reconciler of our sins; and to the Holy Spirit who is the healer of our wounds and the inspirer of new beginnings.

Story

Towards the end of his life, the great mathematician and scientist Isaac Newton said of his achievements: *'I do not know what I appear to the world, but to myself I appear to have been like a little boy playing on the seashore and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the ocean of truth lay undiscovered before me.'*

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PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Adoration and Benediction (in church)
Sunday 02 June (2pm-4pm).
Everyone is invited to spend some time with our Lord.

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Saturday 08 June - Rosary at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9am.

Children's Liturgy

Jesus spoke in parables to us. We can speak such learnings to the children.

Our parish is looking for some helpers to lead our children's liturgy on Sundays at the 9am mass (during school terms). You will be added to the team roster. For further info, please email the Parish office.

DIOCESE NEWS

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

All men are warmly invited to a meeting **Wed 29 May 7.30pm** at St Thomas More Parish, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Speaker: Jim Gribble
Topic: *Hospital Chaplaincy: A Healing Presence.*

Jim is a long time respected member of Joshua Fellowship and has been involved in Hospital Chaplaincy. The role extends beyond religious rituals; they offer solace, guidance, and a listening ear to life's most challenging moments.

For more info, please contact [**Russell 022 034 5678**](tel:022-034-5678)

St Francis Retreat Centre

Behold the Man ~ a retreat for men with Fr Michael Therese CSJ **Fri 07 June 7pm - Sun 09 June 4.30pm.**
To register your interest and for more info, email [**retreats@sfrc.org.nz**](mailto:retreats@sfrc.org.nz)

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.com)

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, Aaron Ablan, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,328.20

Parish - \$ 2,292.40

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 27 May: 1 Pet 1:3-9
Mk 10:17-27 Ps 110:1-2, 5-6, 9-10
Tue 28 May: 1 Pet 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31 Ps 97:1-4
Wed 29 May: 1 Pet 1:18-25
Mk 10:32-45 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Thu 30 May: 1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12
Mk 10:46-52 Ps 99:2-5
Fri 31 May: Is 12:2-6
Lk 1:39-56 Rom 12:9-16
Sat 01 Jun: Jude 17, 20-25
Mk 11:27-33 Ps 62:2-6
Sun 02 Jun: Ex 24:3-8
Heb 9:11-15 Ps 115:12-13, 15-18
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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Even when we think we understand the mystery of God, we are still only beginning. We are still only children playing on the shore.

Some people want to explain everything down to facts. But it is exciting to live with mystery.

'The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious' (Albert Einstein).

Flor McCarthy SDB



NZ Catholic

Message from Bishop Steve

NZ Catholic and its predecessors, the *Tablet* from Dunedin and the *Zealandia* have been part of our Catholic print media since 1873. Like all other newspapers Catholic has been impacted by falling circulation subscribers. Now, with less than a thousand subscribers, it has reached the point where it is no longer sustainable to publish a printed Catholic newspaper and it is my sad duty to inform you that the issue published on 30 June will be the last printed fortnightly edition of the NZ Catholic. At this time it is right to give thanks for the work

of the NZ Catholic staff (past & present). They have been amazing. They have told the stories of our Church and society. They have published the joys and sorrows of people's lives. They have sincerely used the written word to point to Jesus Christ the Word.

Thank you also to the contributors from across the country and the parishes. While this might mark the end of a regular printed newspaper, the Diocese remains committed to sharing our Catholic news and stories so we intend developing a new monthly digital publication with enhanced use of video. I ask for your prayerful support as we make this transition. Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd, **Bishop Stephen Lowe**.

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