



## *The Good Shepherd in Action*

One of the loveliest images we have of Jesus is that of the good shepherd. Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd.' These are beautiful words. They imply such vital things as care and concern. We have a fine example of his caring in today's gospel.

Firstly, we see his care for the apostles. They had just returned from the mission on which he had sent them. They need a rest. So he decided to take them off to a quiet place. Carers too need to be cared for. Secondly, we see his care for the people. The people saw where he was headed and got there before him. He saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd. In other words, they were leaderless. They had no one to care for them.

The official leaders had no time for the ordinary people. Jeremiah indicted the leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people. But Jesus had time for them. No wonder people flocked to him. He was going to assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

Caring is at the heart of the Gospel. All of us are capable of some caring. Caring means being willing to put ourselves out to help another. It calls for awareness, sensitivity and unselfishness. When we care, we are living the Gospel. But sadly to say that in today's world neglect has become the norm.

Many in our world are like sheep without a shepherd.

### **Story**

One day Mother Teresa visited an old people's home in Sweden. It was efficiently run. The food was good and the staff was trained and treated the old people well. It seemed an ideal place in which to end one's days.

There were about forty people in the home. They seemed to have everything they wanted. Yet as she went around she noticed that none of them smiled. She also noticed something else. They kept looking towards the door. She asked one of the nurses why this was so.

'They are longing for someone to come and visit them,' the nurse replied.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Minimarket Sausage Sizzle



We will be having a *Sausage Sizzle* **Sunday 28 July** for our minimarket. Cakes and other sweet treats will be available. Payments - cash or online banking. Come and support our minimarket.

## DIOCESE NEWS

### World Youth Day Auckland

Get ready for WYD Auckland 2024! Calling all young people (13-35 yrs old) and their youth leaders. Join us and over 1,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable day **Saturday 17 August 10am - 8.30pm** at Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St, Freemans Bay. Inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, free food, mass with Bishop Steve, powerful prayer experiences and so much more. To register: [www.eventbrite.com/e/world-youth-day-auckland-2024-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-youth-day-auckland-2024-tickets)

## Diocesan Training

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team is offering refresher education sessions at our parish for the ministries of ***1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism Preparation ~ Sunday 18 August 1pm-3pm***. This is open to all educators and volunteers in our parish. To register, please email Dcn Steve Fraser: [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or call [021 439 407](tel:021439407)

## Church Job Vacancies

There are numerous church job vacancies around Auckland. Please check the noticeboards (we also have one inside the church).

### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

An invitation to all men.....

**Wed 31 July 7.15pm** at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield.

*Guest Speaker: Clive Goodman*

Topic: ***The Deacon ~ A Role Model for Men in the Church***

For more info please contact:

[Russell 022 034 5678](tel:0220345678)

### 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) ~ Wednesdays**  
7.10pm (classroom)

**Senior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Grace Praesidium) ~ Fridays 7.00pm (c)**

**Junior Legion of Mary (Our Lady Queen of Angels) (under 18) ~ Saturdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm (c)**

**Junior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Good Counsel Praesidium) (under 18) ~ Sundays 11.45am to 1.00pm (c)**

### 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.

Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession.

If you are interested, please contact

[Marilyn 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357)

**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 Abla,  
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,  
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover, Margaret Sampson

### Last Week's Collection:

**House - \$ 1,306.70**

**Parish - \$ 2,038.40**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

<b>Mon 22 Jul:</b>	2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	Ps 62:2-6, 8-9
<b>Tue 23 Jul:</b>	Mt 12:46-50	Ps 84:2-8
<b>Wed 24 Jul:</b>	Mt 13:1-9	Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17
<b>Thu 25 Jul:</b>	Mt 20:20-28	Ps 125
<b>Fri 26 Jul:</b>	Jer 31:10-13	Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23
<b>Sat 27 Jul:</b>	Mt 13:24-30	Jer 7:1-11 Ps 83:3-6, 8, 11
<b>Sun 28 Jul:</b>	Eph 4:1-6 2 Kg 4:42-44	Jn 6:1-15 Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

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They are always looking and thinking, "Maybe my son, maybe my daughter or somebody will come and visit me today."

But no one comes. It is the same everyday.

'No one comes!' - the phrase haunted Mother Teresa.

These elderly people had been put away in this home by their families and then abandoned. That sense of abandonment was by far their greatest suffering.

Sometimes people have no choice but to put an elderly parent into a home.

But having done so they should not abandon them. They should pay them a visit as regularly as can be.

**Flor McCarthy SDB**

## **Hearts Aflame Summer School 2025**



### **HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2025**

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand.

Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025!

Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](http://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

## **Registration is now open**

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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