

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 September 2024

Faith and Good Works

A Hasidic rebbe taught: If a person comes to you for assistance, and you tell them that God will help them, you are being disloyal to God. For you should understand that God has sent you to help this person, not to refer him back to the Almighty. Mrs Kelly received the news that one of her neighbours was seriously ill. She said to the person who gave her the news, 'Tell her that I will remember her in my prayers, and I hope she will soon be feeling better.'

And she was as good as her word. That same night as she said her customary night prayers, she prayed fervently for her neighbour.

When she finished her prayers, she felt better. And yet, something was bothering her. She sat down to think about it. Then she fell into a dreamlike state in which she heard God saying to her, 'I can see that you are very concerned about your neighbour.'

'Yes, Lord, I really am,' she replied.

'And I understand that your neighbour is in great need of help,' said God.

'So I've been told,' replied Mrs Kelly.

'You know, what she most needs is someone to spend a little time with her,' said the Lord.

'You are absolutely right, Lord. I was thinking the same myself.' 'Now when you asked me to help her, you weren't expecting me to come down from heaven to visit her, were you?'

'No, Lord, I would not expect you to do that. Nor would my neighbour expect it either. In fact, I think the shock of it might kill her.'

'But she does need someone to call on her? Whom shall I send?' asked the Lord.

After a short pause, Mrs Kelly said, 'Send me, Lord.'

When she woke up from her dream, she knew exactly what she had to do.

St James says, 'If someone comes to you who is lacking food, clothing, etc....it is not enough just to say to this person that we will pray for them. While it is a good thing to wish them well or to pray for them (as this gives them comfort of knowing that they are not alone) we must not think, however, that we have done our bit once we have referred the matter to God.

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PARISH NEWS

Youth Meeting

Youth meeting **Sunday 22 Sep 6pm** (parish classroom). Come along to make some new friends in the parish and create a vision for our youth going forward. *See you there!*

Anointing of the Sick

*Father in heaven,
through this holy anointing, grant this
person comfort in their suffering.
When they are afraid, give them
courage. When afflicted, give them
peace. When dispirited, let them know
that there is hope and when alone,
assure them of your presence in their
lives.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Anointing of the Sick mass **Friday 27
Sep 9am.**

Daylight Saving

Daylight saving begins **Sunday 29
Sept.**

Pledge Envelopes

Please pick up your new pack from
the foyer. It starts **Sunday 06 Oct
2024.**

DIOCESE NEWS

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

*Our Lord Jesus invites us - as His
followers to draw closer to Him that
we may imitate Him in our lives.*



Invitation to all men. Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship is hosting a **One-day Men's Retreat**, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7).

Sat 19 October (8am-4pm) at St Thomas Church, Glenfield. It will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by the Bishop. Please bring your Bible and a packed lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Suggested koha of \$20. **(Bank Account 12-3035-0511285-00).** To register please use the QR code on the newsletter.

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,
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover

St Francis Retreat Centre - Job Vacancy

We are looking for a part time **Assistant Groundskeeper** to join our team to support landscaping and maintenance for our buildings and grounds. Key duties include: performing minor repairs, assisting with maintenance and managing grounds upkeep. To apply or if you have any questions, send your email to: emily@sfrc.org.nz

St Joseph's Takapuna - Job Vacancy

Following restructuring of the parish staff, two positions have become available: **Executive Assistant** - 25 hrs per week; **Property Manager** 10-15 hrs per week. For position descriptions and to apply, please email Fr Mark Napa: frmark@stjoseph.org.nz
Applications close 27 Sep 2024.

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

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,368.50

Parish - \$ 2,325.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 16 Sep: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10 Ps 39:7-10, 17

Tue 17 Sep: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31
Lk 7:11-17 Ps 99

Wed 18 Sep: 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13
Lk 7:31-35 Ps 32:2-5, 12, 22

Thu 19 Sep: 1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50 Ps 117:1-2, 15-17, 28

Fri 20 Sep: 1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3 Ps 16:1, 6-8, 15

Sat 21 Sep: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13 Ps 18:2-5

Sun 22 Sep: James 3:16 - 4:3
Mk 9:30-37 Wis 2:12, 17-20
Ps 53:3-6, 8

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It is not enough.

St James says that faith without good works is dead. Faith dies by words alone but lives by deeds. If we express our concern in action as well, it is a great blessing.

We ourselves are the first to benefit from it. Such a faith brings joy to the heart.

Flor McCarthy SDB

World Apostolate of Fatima Group (WAF)

We are blessed to offer the opportunity for parishioners to welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes. If you are interested in this spiritual enrichment, you are invited to contact: [Agnes Lafaele, WAF President](#)

[Diocese of Auckland on 021 2931807](#)

St Francis Retreat Centre

***Transitus of St Francis* ~ Tues 01 Oct 6.30pm-8pm.** Join us to commemorate the “passing over” of St Francis of Assisi with stories of his dying moments, hymns, music and drama. For more details and to register, visit our website.

***St Francis Open Day* ~** Join us to celebrate the feast of St Francis.

Come explore the grounds and learn more about St Francis. There will be an *Animal Blessing* so please bring your pets **Sun 06 Oct 3pm-4pm.**

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Enrolments for first semester 2025 are accepted from **23 Sep to 22 Nov 2024.**

Courses offered: Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies and a new micro credential on Managing Church Organizations. To enrol, send your email to: admin@ctc.ac.nz

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