

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 September 2024

The Cup of Cold Water

For months the chapel was decorated with artificial flowers. Even though they looked pretty they lacked one vital thing - they emitted no scent.

Then one day someone brought in a small bunch of fresh bluebells and placed them on the altar. As soon as you walked into the chapel you noticed the difference.

The fragrance given off by the little bluebells filled the entire chapel.

How the flowers quietly make its presence felt. It does not have to be big.

Jesus said that anyone who gave one of his disciples even a cup of cold water would be rewarded. The 'cup of cold water' is a symbol of the small kind deed.

Deeds don't have to be big in order to be of help and comfort to the person for whom they are done. Small deeds may not look much but they are meaningful in and of

itself. It is not how much we do that matters, but how much love we put into what we do. The spirit in which a deed is done, the person to whom it is done, and the circumstances in which it is done, can magnify the effect of a small deed.

A small deed can bring great comfort to a person provided it has a certain quality.

That quality is *warmth*. All deeds that come from the heart have that quality.

Few of us are given the chance to perform great deeds. But the chance to give 'a cup of water' can come our way several times in the course of a day.

Giving is at the heart of the Gospel. It is of the very essence of Christianity. It is through giving that the heart remains open and one becomes a loving person.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Story ~ The Compassion of Edith Cavell

Edith Cavell (1865-1915) was a British Nurse, working in German-occupied Belgium during WWI. She helped hundreds of British, French and Belgian soldiers escape the Germans and was arrested, tried and executed in 1915.

In God's timing, Edith was made director of nursing school in Belgium, for training younger nurses when World War I breaks out. Caught suddenly in the turmoil of this huge international conflict, Edith found herself surrounded by enemy spies.

Still, Edith courageously continued to serve the Allied soldiers who desperately needed her help.

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PARISH NEWS

Minimarket



We made a total sale of \$426 last Sunday. Thank you from the minimarket ladies.

Children's Liturgy Meeting

The Children's Liturgy leaders are having a light morning tea meeting **Sunday 13 October 10am** (hall). We are inviting parishioners interested in the Children's Liturgy to attend this meeting where we will discuss and share our ideas/visions going forward. Please contact: [Julian 027 488 3360](tel:0274883360) Spaces are available if you wish to be part of the team leaders.

Pledge Envelopes

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

Youth Meeting

Youth Group is having a meeting this weekend (**Sunday 29 Sep**) and the next two Sundays (**06th + 13th Oct**) 6pm (parish classroom).

October - Month of Holy Rosary

"One who says his Rosary alone only gains the merit of one Rosary; but if he says it with thirty other people he gains the merit of thirty Rosaries. This is the law of public prayer. How profitable, how advantageous this is!" St Louis Marie de Monfort.

For the entire month of October, there will be Rosary prayer half an hour before each mass **except for Sunday 10.30am masses**.

Weekdays Rosary lead by parishioners available

Weekends Rosary lead by Legion of Mary members.

DIOCESE NEWS

Pilgrimage Tour 2025

Fr Chris Friel (Timaru) will lead this 17-Day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June 2025. Early bird tickets on sale now and over the next two months. Sale will extend until early 2025.

For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours (Auckland) at: info@travlink.co.nz or call [0800 99 7788](tel:0800997788)

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 4.45pm (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 Ablan,
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$1,765.50

Parish - \$3,075.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 30 Sep: Job 1:6-22

Lk 9:46-50 Ps 16:1-3, 6-7

Tue 01 Oct: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Lk 9:51-56 Ps 87:2-8,

Wed 02 Oct: Ex 23:20-23

Mt 18:1-5, 10 Ps 90:1-6, 10-11

Thu 03 Oct: Job 19:21-27

Lk 10:1-12 Ps 26:7-9, 13-14

Fri 04 Oct: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16 Ps 138:1-3, 7-10, 13-14

Sat 05 Oct: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Lk 10:17-24 Ps 118:66, 71, 75, 91, 125

Sun 06 Oct: Gen 2:18-24

Ps 127 Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16

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With Belgium under German occupation, Edith and her nursing students cared for many soldiers in their hospital, on both sides of the war. After a soldier was released from the hospital, he was supposed to report to the German police. Instead, Edith and her nurses helped smuggle many of the Allied troops out of the country so they could avoid capture by the Germans.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass Friday **04 October 7pm** at St Mary's Parish, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All welcome.

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.**

Ruth Miller Scholarship

Bishop Steve is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025.

For more info, email: scholarship@cda.org.nz Applications close **15 Nov 2024**

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