



No Achievement without Sacrifice

One day a young boy went to his granddad and asked him to go fishing with him. The granddad, who was a blacksmith, said 'Just as soon as I finish shoeing these couple of horses, I'll be with you.'

The kid began to wander around the forge. The granddad warned him not to touch the horseshoes as some of them were very hot. But when his back was turned the boy picked one up. Finding it burning hot, he dropped it immediately emitting a cry as he did so. The granddad heard the boy's cry.

'Did you hurt yourself?' he asked. The boy lied and say no. The granddad asked him a second time if he had hurt himself and again the boy lied and said that he was fine. 'Well then, if you didn't burn your hand, how come you dropped the shoe so quickly?'

'It didn't take long to look at it,' the boy replied.

It does not take long to look at something and then drop it - as the gospel story shows us.

Obviously the young man who came to Jesus had a lot of admirations for him - he called Jesus 'good Master'. It is easy to gain admirers, but difficult to find people willing to make sacrifices. When Jesus asked him to give up his wealth and become his disciple, it proved too big of a sacrifice for him. He went away sad.

Why sad?

The challenge Jesus issued him with, though caused a vision of true greatness and exciting, but too costly. He knew that in turning his back on Jesus, he was turning his back on this vision too. So he went away sad.

And Jesus let him go. He respected his freedom. There is no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things away from them, they are impoverished. But if they give themselves freely, they are enriched. People are essentially good. But this goodness has to be awakened and called forth if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

It is not what we receive that makes us great but what we give away. It is by giving that we grow.

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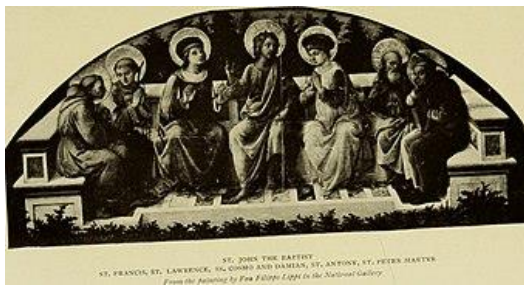
November Dead Lists

On **Saturday 19 October** a wooden box will be placed in the church foyer. You should have received a copy of the November list in today's newsletter. Please take it home and return it next week when the box will be available.

Croatian Mass

On **Sun 27 Oct 1pm-2pm** Fr Danko Bizjak (Asst. Priest East Coast Bays Parish) will celebrate mass for the first time in Croatian at our parish. Furthermore, he will celebrate mass **Sun 10 Nov** and **Sun 08 Dec** at 1pm respectively. As from beginning of 2025, a Croatian mass will be held at our parish every **2nd Sunday** of the month.

All Saints Day



Friday 01 Nov ~ mass 9am & 6.30pm.

All Souls Day



There will be 2 additional masses on **Sat 02 Nov ~ 9am & 12pm.**

Important: Please note that the names of the departed souls in our parish (Nov 2023 - Oct 2024) will be read at the **9am mass only** by our Deacon.

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 (excluding Sunday 10.30am masses).

Weekdays Rosary lead by parishioners available

Weekends Rosary lead by Legion of Mary members.

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 - \$ 1,091.60

Parish - \$ 1,859.20

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 14 Oct: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27 – 5:1
Lk 11:29-32 Ps 112:1-7

Tue 15 Oct: Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41 Ps 118:41, 43-45, 47-48

Wed 16 Oct: Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46 Ps 1:1-4, 6

Thu 17 Oct: Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54 Ps 97:1-6

Fri 18 Oct: 2 Tim 4:10-17
Lk 10:1-9 Ps 144:10-13, 17-18

Sat 19 Oct: Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12 Ps 8:2-7

Sun 20 Oct: Is 53:10-11
Heb 4:14-16 Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Mk 10:35-45

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A questionnaire was once sent around a New York high school which asked, 'What would you like to be?' Two thirds of the students replied, 'A celebrity.' They had no idea of having to give of themselves in order to achieve something. Deep down we all have a longing for goodness. We have a dream of doing something worthwhile with our lives. We know that to follow that dream would involve sacrifice but would bring great joy too. It was God who put this longing in our hearts. Jesus promised an earthly reward to those who follow him - it is not an easy life but leads to fulfilment and joy. There are more happy people to be found in conditions of hardship and self-sacrifice than in conditions of ease and luxury.

Flor McCarthy SDB

World Apostolate of Fatima Feast Day

~ We apologize for the short notice ~

World Apostolate of Fatima is holding a Feast Day Celebration Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 636 Mt Albert Rd, Royal Oak **Monday 14 October 10.30am** (Confession 10am) followed by lunch in the hall. For more info, please contact [**Agnes Lafaele, WAF President Diocese of Auckland 021 293 1807.**](mailto:Agnes.Lafaele@dioceseofauckland.org.nz)

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 to early 2025.

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

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