

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2024

Role Reversal

During the last supper Jesus washed the feet of the apostles. In this way he was hammering home a lesson he had taught them earlier (as per today's Gospel), namely, that for them authority was to be a form of service so that there would be no doubt in their minds as to what he meant when he said, 'If I, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy that I have done' (Jn 13:14-15).

Today there is often a gulf between those who rule and those who are ruled. A lot of hurt especially for those below. Those in low positions feel they are not appreciated by those in high positions. They see the latter as remote and uncaring. There are cases where people have worked their way up into high positions then forget what it is like to be 'in the trenches'. To remember is to understand. A good parent remembers what it was like to be a child.

Would that those above might follow the example Jesus gave at the last supper?

Let the policeman be arrested; the priest sit in the pew; the teacher sit at the desk; the warder be locked up; the doctor gets seriously ill; the judge be put on the stand; the man with a secured job join the dole queue.....If that were to happen, we would surely have a more caring and sensitive exercise of authority. Of course the opposite also happens - those above are not understood by those below and harsh judgements are sometimes being passed on.

Story

One day a watch was crossing the town square just as the big clock on the church steeple was chiming noon. The watch looked up at the big clock and said, 'You think you are better than the rest of us, don't you?'

But the big clock calmly replied, 'Come up here, my little brother and I'll show you something.'

The little watch climbed up the long stairs and at last stood beside the big clock. What a view it was from there! But pretty soon the watch realized that it was dangerous to be up here. It is very exposed and ever so lonely.

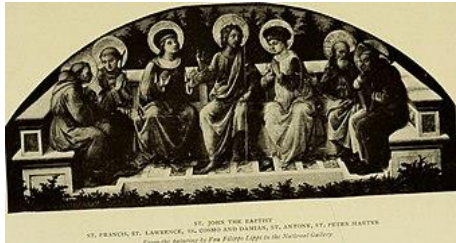
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November Dead Lists

A wooden box has been placed in the church foyer.

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: The names of the departed souls in our parish (Nov 2023 - Oct 2024) will be read at the **9am mass only.**

Children's Liturgy

In 2025, the Children's Liturgy will run throughout the year - from Feb to mid-Dec (no school breaks).

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.

Bible Study Group

".....for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:36-38)



Our parish is starting a *Bible Study* class **Tues 29 Oct 5.30pm - 6.30pm** (classroom). Invitation is open to everyone who is keen on knowing and understanding the truth of God's Word. All you need to invest is your time. So come and join us on the journey of a lifetime. For more info please contact [Christopher Navarro 021 730 714](tel:021730714) or email chrisner.navarro@xtra.co.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**

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.

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 - \$ 1,304.80

Parish - \$ 2,119.60

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 21 Oct: Eph 2:1-10
Lk 12:13-21 Ps 99

Tue 22 Oct: Eph 2:12-22
Lk 12:35-38 Ps 84:9-14

Wed 23 Oct: Eph 3:2-12
Lk 12:39-48 Is 12:2-6

Thu 24 Oct: Eph 3:14-21
Lk 12:49-53 Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 11-12

Fri 25 Oct: Eph 4:1-6
Lk 12:54-59 Ps 23:1-6

Sat 26 Oct: Eph 4:7-16
Lk 13:1-9 Ps 121:1-5

Sun 27 Oct: Jer 31:7-9
Ps 125 Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

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'Little brother, there is a man down there who wants to know the time. Why don't you tell him?' said the big clock.

Oh I couldn't. He will not hear me from here or see me either,' replied the watch.

'So you can't tell him but I can. We each have a job to do. I can do what you can't do.

You can do what I can't do,' said the big clock.

Let us therefore not criticize one another. Instead, let each of us in our own way, and from our own place, tell people the time. In that way we will feel equal.

Jesus abolished the distance between the master and the servant. In him the two became one.

Flor McCarthy SDB

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 or call [0800 99 7788](tel:0800 99 7788)

Anniversary Mass 2025

Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12 Jan 2025**. We are excited to invite you to join us on this 1-Day pilgrimage trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point. We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back by 7pm. Hydration and lunch will be provided - cost per person \$15. All welcome. For more info, email Deacon Steve Fraser:

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