



## **Results Aren't Everything**

There was a vixen that had three cubs. On one occasion she fell sick, so she had to send the cubs out one night in search of food. She told them to split up and go in different directions. They were not to go southwards as the town lies in that direction. The first cub was strong but very lazy. He chose the easiest route. He set off eastwards across the flat land. He had not gone far when he found himself in field that was stirring with rabbits. He killed one and ate it. Then he caught another one and made his way back home with it.

He was home in an hour, without as much as a scratch on him.

'Oh, back already? What a fine rabbit you've brought back. Well done!' said the mother. And she gave him a lick of her tongue on the side of his face.

The second cub was very clever. He headed westwards across rolling fields.

Seeing the lights of a farmhouse ahead, he approached it cautiously. He found a hole in the fence that gave access to a house full of geese. There was no guard dog. The cub stole into the house, killed two young geese and dragged them away.

When he was at a safe distance, he ate half of one. The other half he buried to come back the next day to finish it.

He was back home in two hours, having taken care to wash the blood off himself in a stream.

'What a splendid goose you've brought back. Well done!' said the mother. And she gave him two licks of her tongue on the side of his face.

The third cub was small and somewhat sickly. He had no choice but to go northwards into hilly country. Here farmhouses were few and far between. The ones he found were guarded by high fences and vicious dogs. In one place he came too near the fence and a dog tore his face. In another place an angry farmer fired a shot at him, narrowly missing him.

The night went by quickly. There was nothing to do but head for home. On the way home he managed to catch a sparrow. Though he was starving, he decided to take it home to his mother. He got home at dawn, covered with mud, cuts and bruises. On seeing him the mother said, 'What kept you? And look at the state of you!'

'I ran into trouble,' he answered feebly.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Sausage Sizzle



We will be having a *sausage sizzle* for our last minimarket of 2024 **Sunday 24 Nov** (after 9am & 10.30am masses).

*See you there!*

## DIOCESE NEWS

### Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz

St Michael's Church (Remuera) is hosting a retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent ~ **Sat 30 Nov 9am - 5.30pm**. You are welcome to join our Saturday Mass at 8am (confession 8.30am).

Join us as we delve into the theme of '*Friendship & Virtue*' enriching our understanding of hope, faith, joy and peace with Dr Robert Loretz. Light lunch provided. Koha on entry.

To register, go to:

[www.remueracatholic.org.nz/events/advent-lunch-ssc89](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/events/advent-lunch-ssc89)

## Pope Francis "Delexit Nos"

Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, *Delexit Nos, He loved us*. Dianna Fouhy at the Diocese of Auckland will host a series of 3 sessions on this ~ Wednesday evenings **4th, 11th & 18th Dec 7pm-7.30pm** on Zoom. For more info please email [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

## Wake and Pray

Tuesday mornings ~ **3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Dec 6.15am-6.45am** a half hour meditation on Zoom. For more info please email [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

## St Francis Retreat Centre

**Time Out Days** ~ For those who seeks a day retreat **9.30am - 2.30pm** (\$30 incl lunch) **Tues 26 Nov | Thurs 05 Dec**

**24hr Quietude** ~ For those who seek a short retreat **Fri 22 Nov 7pm - Sat 23 Nov 7pm** (\$120pp incl accommodation & food).

For more info and to book, visit:

[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call [09 625 6651](tel:096256651)

### 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)**

### Bible Study Group

*Enrich your faith through studying the Word of God.*

Join us every **Tuesday 5.30pm (c)** for a Bible study class.

For more info please contact [Christopher Navarro 021 730 714](#)

**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 - \$1,201.90**

**Parish - \$1,960.80**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 11 Nov:** Titus 1:1-9  
Lk 17:1-6 Ps 23:1-6

**Tue 12 Nov:** Titus 2:1-8, 11-14  
Lk 17:7-10 Ps 36:3-4, 18,23,27,29

**Wed 13 Nov:** Titus 3:1-7  
Lk 17:11-19 Ps 22

**Thu 14 Nov:** Philemon 1:7-20  
Lk 17:20-25 Ps 145:7-10

**Fri 15 Nov:** 2 Jn1:4-9  
Lk 17:26-37 Ps 118:1-2,10-11,17-18

**Sat 16 Nov:** 3 Jn 1:5-8  
Lk 18:1-8 Ps 111:1-6

**Sun 17 Nov:** Dan 12:1-3  
Ps 15:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14  
Mk 13:24-32

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'Didn't I warn you to be careful and what have you brought back after your night of gallivanting?' snapped the mother.

With that he produced the sparrow. The other two cubs burst out laughing.

'What is this? A sparrow? Is that all you've brought back?'

'It was the best I could do.' said the little cub.

'Take it away from here,' replied the mother.

Judging by the results, it would appear that the little cub did not do as well as his two brothers did. But it would be wrong to think that.....the little cub was actually way ahead of his brothers. He went through a lot of efforts to get this result.

We live in a world in which results are the only thing that matters. For Jesus, from the story of the poor widow, it was not the size of offering that counted, but the cost of it. In other words, it is not the result that counts, but the effort made and the spirit shown. What the widow did was a very small thing in itself. Yet Jesus noticed it and praised it. It is nice to know that even such a small deed of love does not escape his attention.

**Flor McCarthy SDB**

### **Advent Sunday Gospels**

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels ~ Sunday evenings **01st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Dec 7pm-7.30pm** on Zoom. For more info please email [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **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](mailto:Agnes.Lafaele@dioceseofauckland.org.nz)

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