

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November 2024

## *The Second Coming and the End of the World*

Using the Old Testament imagery Jesus speaks of the Son of Man coming in glory. The purpose of his coming will not be to execute judgement but to gather his elect. The end of the world is often portrayed as a doomsday. But this is not what Christians believe. God's purpose for the future of the world is not filled with darkness and disaster, but with light, mercy and hope. Our task is to keep hope alive in the world, and to stand prepared.

But the world seems to lurch from one crisis to another. Hence, many are led to believe that nothing will ever truly change. We need something solid to rely on. For a Christian that can mean only one thing: faith in God.

Faith gives us the conviction that the world is not heading towards final, irreversible catastrophe that, instead, it is headed towards fulfilment. We have the assurance that things are in God's hands. This world is loved by God and will attain the end for which God made it.

Down the ages there has been widespread speculation about the end of the world. The precise time of the end is only known to God. Therefore, as Christians, we must not allow ourselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near, but must maintain a constant watchfulness.

**Story** ~ One evening a woman was hurrying home from work. This was her bingo night. Suddenly she spotted a man standing by the edge of the pavement holding a placard that reads: *THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR*.

She went up to him and said, 'Are you saying that the end of the world is near?'

'That's right, lady' he replied.

'But, are you sure?'

'Quite sure.'

'How near?' asked the woman.

'Oh, very near'.

'Could you be more precise?'

'This very night,' he answered.

She paused for a moment and then asked, 'Tell me son, will it be before or after bingo?'

**Flor McCarthy SDB**

## PARISH NEWS

### Important Dates

- ♦ **Sun 24 Nov** ~ **Sausage Sizzle** - last minimarket for 2024 (after 9am & 10.30am masses)
- ♦ **Sun 24 Nov** ~ **Christ the King** - Adoration (in church) 2pm-4pm
- ♦ **Fri 06 Dec** ~ **Anointing of the Sick** Mass 9am
- ♦ **Fri 06 Dec** ~ Last *morning tea* for 2024 (hall) after 9am mass
- ♦ **Sat 07 Dec** ~ Parish **Working Bee** 9am - 12.30pm
- ♦ **Sun 08 Dec** ~ **Croatian Mass** 1pm
- ♦ **Tues 10 Dec** ~ Parish **Advent Reconciliation** 7pm (in church)

### Columbans Calendar 2025



On sale now at the bookshop or available at the office during office hours.  
**\$13** a copy

## Thank You!



We have been receiving beautiful comments from parishioners

complimenting on the flower arrangements in our church.

Thank you to the flower ladies who does an immaculate job every week beautifying our church.

## DIOCESE NEWS

### 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)

## Musical Ensembles

Join us for an evening of unforgettable performances at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre ~ **Sat 30 Nov 5pm** (gates open) \$10 ticket. For more info and to book your tickets, visit

[www.nzmeltingpot.com](http://www.nzmeltingpot.com)

### 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](mailto:christopher.navarro@parishoffice.org)

**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 - \$ 1,342.40**

**Parish - \$ 2,284.90**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Readings For The Upcoming Week

**Mon 18 Nov:** Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5  
Lk 18:35-43 Ps 1:1-4, 6

**Tue 19 Nov:** Rev 3:1-6, 14-22  
Lk 19:1-10 Ps 14:2-5

**Wed 20 Nov:** Rev 4:1-11  
Lk 19:11-28 Ps 150

**Thu 21 Nov:** Rev 5:1-10  
Lk 19:41-44 Ps 149:1-6, 9

**Fri 22 Nov:** Rev 10:8-11  
Lk 19:45-48 Ps 118:14,24,72,103

**Sat 23 Nov:** Rev 11:4-12  
Lk 20:27-40 Ps 143:1-2, 9-10

**Sun 24 Nov:** Rev 1:5-8  
Ps 92:1-2, 5 Dan 7:13-14  
Jn 18:33-37

## 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)

## 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

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

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

For more info and to book, visit: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call [09 625 6651](tel:096256651)

## 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**. 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)

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