



Attending to Our Own Faults

It's easy to see the faults of another than one's own faults.

We can be blind to certain facts about ourselves which can be perfectly clear to anyone who has ever lived in the same house as us or worked in the same office. One of the main things that blind us to our own faults is a preoccupation with the faults of others. How anxious we are to correct others. Without realizing it, we can become faultfinders and critics.

There are times, however, when correction is called for. Some people have that responsibility - parents, teachers and leaders. Correction can be an expression of love. Jesus tells us that we must put our own house in order first before daring to try to put someone's else house in order. A leader can only lead if he sees the way himself.

Story 1 ~ A famous rabbi told the following story to his followers. He said, 'When I was young, I decided to improve the world. But then, I discovered that the world is vast. I had better begin with a definite place. So I decided to improve my native country. But then I realized the country too is very big. So I decided to improve the town I lived on. But there were a huge number of houses on it. So I decided to improve the house I lived in. But as I have a large family, that too proved beyond me. Finally, I decided I had better begin with myself.

'Have you succeeded in that?' one of his followers asked.

'I am still working on it,' the rabbi replied.

We cannot take anyone farther than we have gone ourselves.

Story 2 ~ There was a king who called one of his servants. The same servant was known to be cruel, mean and had no friends. The king said to him one day, 'I want you to travel the length and breadth of my kingdom and find me a truly good person.' The man went off. In the course of his travels, he met and spoke with a great number of people. However, eventually he came back to the king and declared, 'I have searched the whole kingdom as you asked me, but I could not find even one truly good person. All of them, without exception, are mean, cruel and deceitful. The good person is nowhere to be found.

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Times

Ash Wednesday ~ 9am, 12.15pm & 6.30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass ~ **Fri 07 Mar 9am** followed by *Morning Tea* with Kevin (hall) ~ first Friday of the month morning tea is back! All the dates for 2025 are on the noticeboard.

First Friday of the month ~ **Fri 07 Mar 6.30pm**

Church Carparks

We are in the process of getting the church carparks redone so that everyone is aware where to safely park when coming to church.

We ask that you do not use the Playhouse parking spaces – it is now officially a tow away zone.

Mass Intentions

Please note that the cut-off day for all mass intentions is *Monday 3pm*. All mass intentions will then be processed for the week (Tuesday through to the following Monday). If there is a sudden death in the family or any other unforeseen circumstances, email or call the parish office and it will be included in the same week.

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group is having a meeting **Sunday 09 Mar 4pm** (classroom) and every *second Sunday* of the month thereafter. Please refer to the noticeboard for upcoming meeting dates.

Safeguarding Workshop

Our parish is hosting a *Safeguarding Workshop* **Wednesday 19 Mar 7.15pm** (hall). All ministers in our parish are being called to attend this workshop.

For more info please email:

Lisa-May Gray (CDA) Safeguarding Coordinator lisam@cda.org.nz or call [09 360 3019](tel:093603019)

Easter Raffle



The Parish Council is organizing an *Easter raffle*. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of our lovely church and future raffles. Prizes include 2 cell phones and lots of chocolates. Tickets will go on sale after each mass (namely Sat 5pm, Sun 9am & 10.30am) starting **Sat 08 Mar until Sun 06 Apr**. Prizes will be drawn on *Easter Sunday 20 Apr* (after the 10.30am mass). Tickets: **\$2 each OR \$5 for 3** (cash only). Thank you for your support.

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**

World Apostolate of Fatima

We are blessed to offer the opportunity for parishioners to welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes. Additionally, we meet **every Friday** in church (after the 9am mass) and pray 20 Decade Rosary. *All welcome.*

For more info, please contact:

[Agnes Lafaele, WAF President,
Diocese of Auckland 021 293 1807](#)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass **Fri 07 Mar 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.*

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, 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 - \$1,288.50

Parish - \$2,014.10

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 03 Mar: Sir 17:24-29
Mk 10:17-27 Ps 31:1-2, 5-7
Tue 04 Mar: Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31 Ps 49:5-8, 14, 23
Wed 05 Mar: Joel 2:12-18 (Ash Wed)
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2
Thu 06 Mar: Deut 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Fri 07 Mar: Is 58:1-9
Mt 9:14-15 Ps 50:3-6, 18-19
Sat 08 Mar: Is 58:9-14
Lk 5:27-32 Ps 85:1-6
Sun 09 Mar: Deut 26:4-10
Lk 4:1-13 Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13

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Then the king called another servant. This man was known for his kindness, and was loved by everyone. The king said to him, 'Go and travel the length and breadth of my kingdom and find me a truly wicked person.' The man went and travelled far and wide. But eventually he returned to the king and declared, 'I have failed in the task you gave me to do. I found people who are misguided, misled, people who act in passion and in blindness but nowhere could I find a truly evil person. All of them are good at heart, despite the bad things they have done.'

There is an important lesson here for us. Those whose hearts are filled with goodness gaze upon the world and behold what is good in humanity. Those who look upon the world with the eyes of a critic find only the image of themselves.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Inner Healing Retreat

Jesus My Light Ministry invites you to a Lenten Inner Healing retreat on the following days at St Dominic Church, Blockhouse Bay.

- ♦ *Fri 04 Apr 6.30pm - 9pm*
- ♦ *Sat 05 Apr 9.30am - 5pm*
- ♦ *Sat 12 Apr 9.30am - 5pm*

A journey with Christ to release past hurts, nurture your emotional well-being and receive a deep sense of peace. Please bring your Bible, notebook and lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided. For more info please contact:

[Betsy Rego 021 165 3856](tel:0211653856)

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