

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

28 June 2020

Hospitality

Both the First Reading and the Gospel stress the greatness of hospitality shown to the envoys of God, that is, those who are bearers of God's word. But there is another kind of hospitality that is stressed again and again in the Bible, namely, hospitality to the stranger. Hospitality is the hallmark of a Christian.

At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street the people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight and warmth poured into their homes. "Thank God for spring!" Thank God for the sunshine!" they exclaimed.

Just then a beggar appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains drawn silently, and the locks put back on the doors. The beggar knocked on every door on the street, but not one door opened to him.

Forlornly he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and fresh air poured in, and the people rejoiced. Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Hospitality is a beautiful thing. But nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the old days when nobody locked their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, peep holes, alarm systems, dogs....Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and friendliness. In the world today there is a lot more of loneliness and there are lots of strangers and displaced people.

Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to a stranger is a great thing. However, there is a risk involved.

But Christ calls us to welcome the strangers in our midst. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

If Christians retreat into ghettos where they secure themselves and their property against those they consider as socially inferior to them, what hope is there for the world? Christ calls us to reach out. And the rewards are great. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water, would not go unrewarded in heaven. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones-the growth of understanding , friendliness, and cooperation, things our neighbourhoods are crying out for.

This is the kind of spring we ourselves can cause to visit our homes and streets, a spring that will banish from our midst the winter of mistrust, fear and hostility. For the followers of Christ, hospitality is not an optional extra. It is at the very heart of the Gospel. And the ultimate motivation is clear: to welcome the stranger is to welcome Christ himself.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies

Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NOTICES:

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: on Friday 3 July during the 10.00 am Mass. If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive the Sacrament at home, please let the parish office know.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020. The Parish Council has decided due to the COVID-19 pandemic and on the advice of the Sacramental Programme Coordinator that the programme for 2020 be postponed until 2021. This will mean that there will be no classes in 2020, for children, parents, Godparents and sponsors for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation.

The safety of our children and families are our priority and so it has been decided that in 2021 the Sacramental programme will be for those who would normally have received the Sacraments in 2020 and those due to receive in 2021. We know that everyone who would have been involved in 2020 will be disappointed and thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Diocesan Vacancies. Accountant – Pompallier Diocesan Centre. A full time role is responsible for managing the financial functions contained within the role responsibility. The Accountant will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information to ensure the Diocese fully meets statutory requirements and achieves strategic goals.

Assistant Accountant – Pompallier Diocesan Centre. The Assistant Accountant is responsible for co-ordinating and effectively delivering the financial functions contained within the role responsibility. This role is full time and works closely with all members of the Finance Team to ensure the highest standards in financial processing and reporting are delivered for the Diocese.

Hospital Chaplain Northshore Hospital Applications are sought from experienced or otherwise suitably qualified persons for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at North Shorth Hospital. To view the full advertisements and position descriptions, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under the Administration Tab and Staff Vacancies.

DURING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY—Masses 9 am, 10.30 am & 5 pm

MONDAY—Mass with Morning Prayer 8 am.

WEDNESDAY—Masses 9 am & 6.30 pm.

Rosary and Perpetual Succor Novena before 6.30 pm Mass.

THURSDAY—Mass at 6 pm. Angelus before Mass.

FRIDAY—Mass 10.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday from 9 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet M/W/F after the morning Masses

SATURDAY—Masses 9 am & 5 pm.

Marian Devotions on Saturday after 9 am Mass. Rosary during Devotions.

Confession—Wednesday from 6.00 to 6.30 pm and Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

*Junior Legion Meeting after 10.30 am Mass
Sunday*

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 6.45 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium, Legion meeting, Friday 7.00 pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Sealy who died last week. May her soul rest in peace.

Last week's collection:

House—1,255.00 Parish—2,235.10

Thank you for your generosity.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020 AT 1:30 PM – 3 PM. Fight For Our Families March. Aotea Square

Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand will be having their 4th Sunday Eucharistic Celebration at Christ the King Church, Owairaka, on 28th June at 4.00p.m. Praise and Worship, Sharing the Word, Holy Mass and Adoration.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Christopher Hennings, Patsy Nun Toon, Iluminada Dorado, Claire Geddes, Pat Devereaux, Yvonne Sommers, Gail Ware, Maryanne Pasina, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Celestina Gardiner, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whitcombe, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Leota Mike Kaisa, Aloysius Thoman, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega and Barbara Lynch.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 29 June: Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

Tues: 30 June: Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12

Matthew 8:23-27

Wed: 1 July: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24, Matthew 8:28-34

Thurs: 2 July: Amos 7:10-17

Matthew 9:1-8

Fri: 3 July: Eph 2:19-22

John 20:24-29

Sat: 4 July: Amos 9:11-15

Matthew 9:14-17

Sun: 5 July, 14th Sunday in Ord Time

Zech 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-3

Matthew 11:25-30

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 4 & 5 JULY 2020

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Anne Cairney	Bonita Smith	Venicio Dourado	Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Tina Nicholson, Giselle Mascarenhas, Arlene Lee	Epi Poasa, Regina Smuga, Mesepe Tatu	Avis & Victor Hebia, Maryanne Pasina	Nerissa Navarro, Tyrulina Johnson, Herman Tauata, Chris Navarro, Lina Mitchell
Ministers of the Word	Irene Sumner Rachel Almeida	Anau Cheesman Patrick Katoa	Paul Corcoran Nikita Sionetalli	Vienna Domingo Rachel Vaz
Altar Servers	Antacia, don, Dean, Rafael			Joshua
Organists	Dominic Braganza	Evelyn Pereira	Parish Music Group	Evelyn Pereira
Projectionists	Ash Fernandes		PMG member	
Offertory	Abrogena family	Fesolai Euese family	Mareko Emani family	
Children's Liturgy				
Cleaning -Legion of Mary members, Flowers -Grace Sia, Prayer of the Faithful —Margaret Newcombe, Linen for July —Sue Cox.				

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