

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



16<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

19 July 2020

## An inclusive church

There have always been two views of the Church—one exclusive, the other inclusive. The exclusive view holds that the Church is for good people. The inclusive view holds that the Church must be open to all, to saints and sinners.

For some, the presence of sinners in the Church is a cause of scandal. If they had their way, only saints would be admitted. The issue of sinners in the Church was a big one for the early Christians. How did they resolve it? They turned for guidance to the teaching and practice of Jesus.

As regards his teaching, they had the parable of the wheat and the weeds to guide them. This parable was a response to this very question. The key sentence is: 'Let them both grow until the harvest'. This implies an inclusive view.

But it was especially Jesus' practice that guided them. Not only did he not exclude sinners, he directed his mission at them. He sought them out. He befriended them. He called them to a new way of life. And many responded by changing their lives. When self-righteous people (like the Pharisees) criticised him, he responded, 'I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners'.

Jesus knew that human beings are complex. If only there were evil people, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. To some extent each of us is like that field in the parable: wheat and weeds grow side by side in us. In other words, there is good and evil in each of us.

Jesus also knew that people could change. A weed will always be a weed. Not so people. A person may commit a grave sin, but, by the grace of God, can redeem himself/herself. St Paul is a very good example. At one stage he was a leader in the persecution of the early Christians. Yet he was converted, and went on to become one of the greatest champions of the Christian faith.

So what should we do? As far as ourselves are concerned, the best thing we can do is take a good look into our own field. If we find some weeds there, as no doubt we will, there is no law against trying to rid ourselves of them. If we try to do so, we will discover what a painful process this is.

As far as others are concerned, we should try to act towards them as Jesus acted. We too must believe that people can change. Just because someone has a past does not mean that the person cannot have a future.

To sum up: The Church can do no better than imitate its Founder. It has to be big enough and loving enough to hold sinners in the fold. Otherwise, it would not be the Church founded by Christ. Besides, a Church that admitted only saints would make as little sense as a hospital that admitted only healthy people.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies

Flor McCarthy SDB

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#### **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Foodbank Volunteers:** Thank you for the amazing generosity for the foodbank. As we are now established we need some volunteers to help with the co-ordinating and distribution of food. If you are able to help please email Lyn Smith at [lyns@cda.org.nz](mailto:lyns@cda.org.nz) by Friday 24 July 2020.

**Legion of Mary “ ACIES”** annual ceremony will be held on Sunday, 26 July 2020 at 2pm in St Joseph’s Church , 470 Great North Rd Grey Lynn. Active and Auxiliary Legion members must attend for the consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please bring a plate if you can. If you need transport, please contact Cristy at 021 1706809 or see other Legion members.

**HELP REQUESTED FOR DELIVERING ANTI-EUTHANASIA FLYERS.** Please support this effort by our parish to inform the voting public of the dangers of the End of Life Choice Act. We plan to do this by delivering flyers to local letterboxes during the weekend of 1-2 August.

If you or any members of your family are able to help, please call Stephen and Debbie Penk on 818 4449 as soon as possible so they can plan for the numbers taking part.

#### **FROM THE DIOCESE:**

**CARING SUNDAY: THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE CARING FOUNDATION** Please remember the work of the Caring Foundation on Caring Sunday, July 26th and support our annual appeal and families and communities in need.

With your support, The Foundation gives grants to social services across the diocese who care for our brothers and sisters in need. A gift to our annual appeal will support struggling families in hardship, our young people, our vulnerable elderly, and mothers and their babies and so much more. Please consider a gift today through the second collection, or through our website [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or to directly to our account: 02-0100-0242648-00. To find out more about the work of the Foundation, please visit our website. Caring Foundation newsletters available in the foyer.

**A reminder about Caring Foundation Emergency Grants.** During these challenging times, please remember to contact us regarding emergency grants. An emergency grant is available for parishioners in financial hardship and/or an unexpected emergency situation that has occurred and is impacting on their already difficult circumstances.

**The Peace and International Justice Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission is looking for new members. Our activities have included advocating for better support for migrants during the current pandemic, organising interfaith gatherings over the Syrian crisis, supporting clergy persecuted by the Philippines government, expressing solidarity with West Papua and Palestine, and monitoring climate change migration issues. If you have the background and interest in serving the Diocese in this area please contact: Convenor Phillip Cass [cass.philip@gmail.com](mailto:cass.philip@gmail.com).

### 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.

Rosary before 9 am Mass.

**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*

Music Group practice, Monday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting, Wednesday 7 pm

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

### Last week's collection:

**House—1,124.00, Parish—1,721.10**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Diocesan Youth Mass, Sunday July 26 at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**Liturgy Conference 2020.** An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference 1-3 October at Baradene College. Worshipping under Southern Skies | *Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi* - Weaving together Liturgy and Life | *E rarangatia ana ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata*. Please visit the website [wuss.org.nz](http://wuss.org.nz)

### 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: 20 July:** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Matthew 12:38-42

**Tues: 21 July:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Matthew 12:46-50

**Wed: 22 July:** 2 Cor 5:14-17

John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thurs: 23 July:** Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Matthew 13:10-17

**Fri : 24 July:** Jeremiah 3:14-17

Matthew 13:18-23

**Sat: 25 July:** 2 Cor 4:7-15

Matthew 20:20-28

**Sun: 26 July, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

**ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 25 & 26 JULY 2020**

	<b>5 pm</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 am</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 pm</b> <b>Sunday</b>
<b>Announcers</b>	Margaret Newcombe	Christine Richards	Olinda Domingo	Justine Mitchell
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Arlene Lee, Tina Nicholson, Giselle Mascarenhas	Sebastian & Maria Richards, Talosaga Poasa	Catharina & Joop de Mooy, Ophelia Sequeira	Herman Tauata, Lina Mitchell, Tyralina Johansson, Chris and Nerissa Navarro
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Irene Sumner Rachel Almeida	Funaki Tonga Faustina Hickson	Ralph Dias Paul Corcoran	Dixelle Sequeira Janice Rodrigues
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kimberly, Kaitlyn, Malaika, Loren	Christie, Genelle, Lini, Rosa		Joshua
<b>Organists</b>	Dominic Braganza	Parish Music Group	Samoan Choir	
<b>Projectionists</b>	Ash Fernandes	Parish Music Group	Samoan Choir	
<b>Offertory</b>	Whyburd family	Fruean family	Matthes family	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Rose Chu	Regina Cabuang	Christina Gomes
<b>Cleaning-Gonsalves family, Flowers-Kalala M Fesolai, Prayer of the Faithful—Naomie Tham.</b>				

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