

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

6 Sept 2020

## Seeking to be reconciled.

The Gospel talks about the duty to correct an erring brother or sister. Jesus says, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him.' Obviously these kind of problems occurred even in the first Christian community.

It is presumed that the fault in question is serious, but has not necessarily been committed against oneself. But let us suppose that it has been committed against oneself. Today's Gospel gives us a way of tackling a problem like this.

First of all, however, let us look at the way we normally tackle the problem. We begin by keeping it to ourselves. It may be that we are ashamed or simply unable to talk about it to anyone. So we pretend that everything is normal. Meanwhile we brood over the injury. This tends to magnify it. We become sullen and sour and depressed, and may cut the offender off as a kind of revenge.

Eventually, unable to keep it to ourselves, we begin to tell others about it - friends, neighbours, and relatives. Sometimes total strangers are brought into it. We bring them in, not as advisers, but as people who will corroborate our reading of the situation and who will sympathize with us. The last person to hear about the hurt is often the person who is causing it.

Today's Gospel shows that there is another approach. We should confront the person who is causing the hurt. Indeed, we have a duty to do so. Failure to do so shows a lack of love for the person. Confrontation takes courage and involves a risk. But sometimes a little honest talking can clear the air. The person may or may not be aware of the extent of the hurt he is causing. He may see the light at once, which means you have won him over.

To seek reconciliation is, according to Jesus, more important than offering sacrifice to God. Reconciliation is hard, but for that reason it should not be left untried. Needless to say, the Christian will pray about it. Prayer disposes one to follow the Christian approach.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies  
Flor McCarthy SDB

## PARISH NOTICES:

**On Line Masses from our church. On you tube channel, starting Sunday 6 Sept at 10.30 am.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQTj8CVG66o>

**The church and parish office will remain closed during level 2. No Masses will be said. All parish activities will remain suspended. Please check our website for updates.**

**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 12-13 and 19/20 Sept. If you or any members of your family are able to help, please call Debbie Penk (818 4449) as soon as possible.

Any parishioner needing assistance with food or grocery items, please contact Lyn Smith on 0212597561. Please give your name, address, and number of family members.

Direct Credit donations to the parish and house accounts for the month of August—\$2,070.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The Season of Creation** is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

**Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics** a free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY. Registrations essential by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please register at [www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton](http://www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton)

**Job opportunity** Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer, [kdsdtan@gmail.com](mailto:kdsdtan@gmail.com).

**Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas** NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. Members of your community may know of people in this difficult position, and it would be great if we could let people know about the support available. Find out more at [foreignnationals.services.govt.nz](http://foreignnationals.services.govt.nz) 0800 RED CROSS (733 276).

## Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary** with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 7 September, 7-8.30pm: **Mary in the Gospel of Luke.**

Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-4/>

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son)** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

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### **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.

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**PRO LIFE FACTS:** Many of us watched loved ones die. But the referendum isn't on whether people should suffer or on whether euthanasia should be legal. We are voting on the specific details of the End of Life Choice Act. Even people who support euthanasia need to decide whether this Act would protect vulnerable Kiwis from pressure and wrongful deaths. *For more information see [euthanasiadebate.org.nz](http://euthanasiadebate.org.nz)*

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### **Pope Francis on the Season of Creation.**

Last year, the Holy Father Pope Francis officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual "*season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home*". As the Holy Father said, "*this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew,*" a season "*to reflect on our lifestyles,*" and a season "*for undertaking prophetic action ... calling for courageous decisions ... directing the planet towards life, not death.*"

**Happy Fathers Day. Have a great day!**

## READINGS THIS WEEK

**Mon: 7 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Luke 6:6-11

**Tues: 8 Sept:** Micah 5:1-4

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

**Wed: 9 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Luke 6:20-26

**Thurs: 10 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13

Luke 6:27-38

**Fri : 11 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27

Luke 6:39-42

**Sat: 12 Sept:** 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Luke 6:43-49

**Sun: 13 Sept, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

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