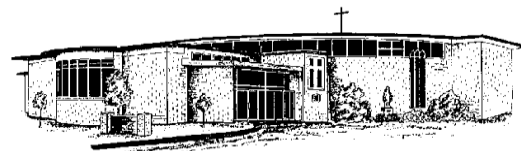


St Mary's Parish



Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st October 2017

In the parable of the two sons, the sons responded oppositely to their father's request that they work in his vineyard. The first son refuses at first, but later he changes his mind and goes. The second son says that he will go, but in fact he does not go to work in the vineyard. This time, the opponents of Jesus answer his question, stating that the son who did the father's will was the one who actually worked in the vineyard.

As Jesus applies the message of the parable, he states that "the tax collectors and the prostitutes" are entering the kingdom ahead of the religious leaders. The sinners who repent are like the first son because they actually work in the vineyard despite their initial refusal. The religious leaders, on the other hand, are like the second son because they promise to work but they actually do nothing. Even though they claim to do God's will and even have heard the preaching of John the Baptist, they refuse to repent and demonstrate an obedient faith.

The parable teaches that disciple is fundamentally about what one does, not just about what one says. Some may claim in words to be religious, but their lack of deeds and lack of genuine repentance and obedient faith betray their hypocrisy. Yet amazingly, the grace of God shown in repentance can draw even notorious sinners into the kingdom. The kingdom is promised not to those who merely say "I will go" but to those who actually do the will of the Father. The test of our allegiance to Christ lies in keeping the promises that we have made and doing his will, whatever it might cost.

Fr Robin Kurian IC

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Annette Bristow, Barry Nolan, Carmel Walton, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Trish Collis, Sue Fryer, Laura Roberts, Stephen Mullin, Neil Burton, Wiki & Delastro Maniapoto, Marie Hubbard and all in rest homes and hospital care.
Prayer Chain - please phone Sally: 326 9209.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gregory Wright, Fr Des Moosman, Lila Smith, Paul Andrew, Valerie Russell, Sr Noreen Murphy OP (Dunedin), Frank Rochecouste, Kathleen Hemi (Fr Tom's cousin), Paul Beauchamp Legg, Toili 'One 'One, Pa Steve Hancy, James Crosswell, Margaret Brown, Brian Bowe, Fr Des Levins, Fr Pat McCullough, Maureen Grover, Mathew Croad, Walter Hayde, Jose Landeros (USA).

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Zentveld 4, Peter Chow 11, Biddy Walshe 11, Bridie Cameron 19, Regina Andrews 22, Ivan Gildea 23, Sophia Nyirabuhake 28, Colleen Kane 31.

MISSION SUNDAY 2017

We start our preparation to celebrate Mission Sunday. Choirs, Scripture readings, prayers of the faithful and hospitality will be organised by different ethnic groups on each Sunday. Please note your turn –

8th October – Indian

15th October – Tongan

22nd October – Filipino

On Mission Sunday, after the Mass we will have a shared lunch, the parish will provide a BBQ and parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share with others on this day.

WEL-COM

Pick up a copy of the latest Wel-Com from the foyer today.

MASS TIMETABLE : 2 - 8 October

Monday	Mass	9:00am
Tuesday	Mass	12:00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9:00am
Thursday	Mass	9:00am
Friday	Mass	9:00am
Saturday	Mass	9:00am
	Vigil Mass @ St Columba's	5:00pm
Sunday	Mass	10:30am
	Latin Mass @ St Columba's	11:00am

Reconciliation is available after Saturday morning Mass and on request.

This week's Readings –
Ezekial 18:25-28,
Philippians 1:1-11, Matthew
21:28-32

Next week's Readings –
Isaiah 5:1-7,
Philippians 4:6-9,
Matthew 21:33-43

OFFICE CLOSED

The office is closed next week as Susan is overseas. Linda will be in the office from 9th October. Please ring the bell outside the office door, if you wish to see a priest.

HOLY ROSARY

As we are in the month of the Rosary in October, all parishioners are encouraged to recite the Holy Rosary especially every Saturday at 8.30am before the Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
10am every Tuesday
Followed by Mass

ANOINTING MASS @ St Mary's
21st November 12 noon

ST MARY'S PARISH AGM
26th November, after Mass.

QUIZ NIGHT

All are welcome to participate in the upcoming Quiz Night on 7th October at St John's Hall in Feilding. Please make up a team and register your team as early as possible. For more details, see the noticeboard.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still many envelopes and packs of Special Collection envelopes for parishioners who use automatic payments, awaiting collection from the foyer. Thank you for your generous gifting to our Parish.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER –
8th October

Mass Co-ordinator: Shinoy Xavier
Sacristan: S.Thomas
Greeters: H.Autagavaia & family
Altar Servers: S.Sibi, N.Binto,
 A.Joseph-Shijo
Readers: A.Anthony, T.Makiwa, K.Dench
Offertory: I. & J. Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers: M.Pratt,
 I.Tavake, J.Muwunganirwa, M.Wilson-
 Munday, P.Walsh, S.Munday, M.Munday,
 S.Tavake
Counters: R. & R.Brooks
Collectors: M.Hoy, P.Zimmerman,
 B.Regan
Hospitality: Autagavaia family
Prayers of Faithful: L.Sunga
Altar Linen (Oct): S.Sebastian
Floral Arrangers: P.Hayes
Cleaners week beginning 8th
October: Sae family



Please encourage our students who are at the age of 11 to 15 to be part of our youth programme. If you are 16 to 18, you are also welcome to be part of this group as leaders and mentors. Our aim is to nourish their faith by strengthening their bonds to their parish and each other through prayer, fun and friendship. **There will be no gathering during the school holidays. Please mark the date of the next youth gathering at St Mary's parish hall @ 6pm to 7.30pm. 21st October** For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.

2017 DIOCESAN JUBILEE MASS

Parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Diocesan Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, 10th October at 5pm. This year's Jubilarians are –

- Fr Joe O'Sullivan (60 years)
- Brother Bill Archer SM (60 years)
- Brother Raymond Kelleher SM (60 yrs)
- Fr Dominic Heslin (55 years)
- Fr Paul Kerridge (55 years)
- Fr Fergus Reeves (55 years)
- Fr Terry Carr (50 years)
- Fr John Mori SM (50 years)
- Fr Joe Grayland (25 years)
- Fr Kevin Neal (25 years)

After Mass there will be hospitality for everyone in the Cathedral Gathering Area. All welcome!

(Msgr Brian Walsh V.G.)

INQUIRY EVENING RCIA
7.30 – 9pm

3rd October in OLOL Foyer
See the noticeboard
For more information.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4.15pm – 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

PARENTS' ROOM

Can we just remind you that the parents' room in the church is for use by the mother or father and the infant who may be unsettled.

WORKING BEE

Mark your calendar, Saturday, 18th November 10am – 12 noon. We plan to have a working bee at the church and hall, to get all spruced up for Christmas!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, longlife milk, spreads and rice. Thanks to you all.

RED CROSS REFUGEE SUPPORT

Looking for people to help refugee families arriving on 8th December to build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home. Volunteer training courses start 2nd Nov. Please contact Red Cross phone 356 8152.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tracey and Matthew Radford welcomed a new baby into their family this week, a brother for Benjamin.

MOTHER AUBERT'S ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

When Suzanne Aubert died in 1926, her funeral was the largest ever witnessed for a New Zealand woman. Humble yet determined, she had made an extraordinary impact on society, and thousands – from the upper echelons to the very poor – lined the streets of Wellington to pay their respects as her body was drawn through the city. For 66 years of her life she had brought hope and courage in our land of Aotearoa New Zealand to all especially to the needy. Today Mother Aubert continues to inspire us by her writings and example. Many of the social challenges and injustices Suzanne faced are still with us now. This anniversary prompts us therefore to ponder deeply our response to the social, health and educational needs of Maori, Pakeha and indeed all those who today call New Zealand home. Suzanne Aubert founded the Sisters of Compassion in 1883 and still today the Sisters continue her pattern of service founded on faith, love and compassion. Please pray today for the Sisters and may our nation be blessed through further vocations to the Sisters of Our Lady of Compassion. *(Bishop Charles)*

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a tertiary student in the Manawatu? Our facebook page is **Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students.** Were you a tertiary student in the Manawatu recently? Our facebook page is **PN Catholic Young Professionals.** Are you interested in what is happening in Young Church across the diocese? Our facebook page is **Diocesan Young Catholics.** We have a vibrant young church community in the Manawatu that we invite you to be part of. We have big events throughout the year that we hope you will get involved with. Make yourself known to Nick Wilson, Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplain, Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or phone 021 822 814.

AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Auckland 2 – 4 December
 We are taking a group to this event. \$175 includes transport, accommodation, most meals and festival and concert ticket. For more info about this trip contact Lucy 021 509 439, lingie@pndiocese.org.nz If you would like to make your own arrangements, you can book your own ticket through www.catholicyouthfestival.nz

MARIST CRICKET CLUB is Recruiting
Players for next season –
see the noticeboard for info.

RETREAT

A guided Retreat in Daily Life will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, on 4th, 11th and 18th October, with chat time after. The Retreat nights will be based on the teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola. Enquiries to Rob 021 152 7915.