

12 February 2023 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading – Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5.17-37

Responsorial Psalm: "Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Memorial Acclamation:

"We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

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<https://pncathedral.org.nz/kotahi-ano/>

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We Are Given What We Choose: (*Matthew 5: 17 – 37*)

For 2000 years we've been living in the final chapter of this amazing story. Before it ends, Jesus wants us to get positioned for what's next even as we live in the undeniable context of what's now. For instance, we're tempted to feel pretty good if we don't kill or commit adultery. Not bad, eh Lord? The religious folk of Jesus' time said the same thing because they led morally correct lives according to the law. Don't kid yourself, Jesus advises. Claiming righteousness now puts us in a bad position for the dawning kingdom. The truth is we're ALL sinners in need of forgiveness. "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?" Jesus asks later in Matthew, "I'm after mercy, not religion" (9: 12 – 13). In light of this, it's better to settle our differences than to maintain conflicts. Reconciliation is key: that's why it's a sacrament! It's a visible sign of the inward reality of the kingdom. But to claim it, we have to practice it. Only by living in forgiveness do we experience it. **Pray:** God of our deepest yearnings, give us devoted hearts that seek to listen, think, and feel anew. Open in us the wisdom of Jesus, with the courage needed to travel his life-giving road. Amen.

You are invited to Alpha. Please come and join us on **Sunday 12 February from 12.30 pm to 2 pm** in the lounge of **Our Lady of Lourdes** for lunch followed by a short movie and discussion. No cost, no pressure. **Meet new people & explore faith together.** Watch an episode on a topic of faith and ask questions and share your thoughts.

Our Sacramental Programme is running during the Lent and Easter season this year (terms 1 & 2)! If your child(ren) is/are 7 years or older and would like to make their Reconciliation and First Communion, please come to our welcome & information meeting. For Our Lady of Lourdes: Wednesday 15 February at 5.30 pm in the OLOL gathering area in the Church foyer. For Cathedral of the Holy Spirit: Thursday 23 February at 5.30 pm in the Cathedral gathering area lounge. You can sign up for the Programme through the link below:

[Online Registration Form: First Holy Communion](#)

Emergency Appeal | Flood Response:

With heavy flooding continuing to batter the Auckland diocese, Bishop Steve Lowe has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes, and other essential supplies and support services.

Donations can be made online

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>.

Or by direct bank transfer to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-000

(Your surname & initials as reference.) For a receipt, please email info@caringfoundation.org.nz with your details.

Congratulations to Jan and Mike Keenan who celebrated their

50th Wedding Anniversary, Friday 10 February.
We beseech you, Lord, to continue to safeguard and guide them on their journey together. Amen.



We Pray For:

Our deceased: Mons John Carde and Mary Roberts.

Mass intentions: John Thazhathukaringanattu (A), Barrie Goswell (A), Charlie McCormack (A), & Letitia Wapp (A)

We pray for those in our community who need our prayers: Tulita & David Hobbs, Helen Donovan, Mary Bennett, & Wayne Dorn.

Mass, Prayer, Liturgies – All Welcome

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion every Monday – Cathedral at 12.05 pm. (Not on Public Holidays)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Lourdes every Friday, 10. 30am to 11.45 am.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit every Friday, 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Praying the Sunday Gospel is a contemplative way of engaging with God through Scripture. Restarts Friday 3 February and continues every Friday at 11.00 am in the Cathedral Parish Lounge.

Rosary: Our Lady of Lourdes every Friday at 9.40 am (followed by Mass, Reconciliation, and Exposition). **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit every Wednesday** at 5.00 pm and **Thursday** at 5.30 pm.

From the Youth Team:

- 1.) Thanks for the prayer for the Young Catholic Leader Programme. Congrats to our youth minister Tausilia who ran the program!
- 2.) **Tertiary Student Welcome Mass** at the Cathedral at 6 pm on 26 February. **Hospitality** to follow at our Young Adult House 25a Amesbury Str. **Need a lift?** Contact Nick at 021 822 814.
- 3.) Are your young people heading away to another tertiary provider? National Catholic tertiary chaplaincies have welcome events for our young people. See more info on the notice board.

- **1st Sunday of each Month** hospitality is provided at the Cathedral after **7.30 am Mass, St Joseph's Shn after 9.00 am Liturgy & St Mary's Fxt after 10.30 am Mass.** All are welcome.
- **Every Sunday after 9.30 am Mass,** at the Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes, **hospitality is offered.** All are welcome.

Ladies Movie Afternoon

- Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.30 pm here in the Cathedral Lounge.

Blokes Morning Tea

- Every 2nd Tuesday of each month at Manawatu Golf Club Café, Centennial Lagoon (pay your own only).
- Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am in the Cathedral Lounge (morning tea provided).

Wednesday Mass and Morning Tea at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

- Every Wednesday morning, 10 am Mass followed by morning tea in Our Lady of Lourdes Foyer.

Next **SVDP Meeting is next Tuesday** 14 February at 5.15 pm in the Cathedral Lounge. All Welcome.

Our **St Vinnie's Shop** hours are **Tuesday- Friday 10 am - 4 pm & Saturday 9 am – 3 pm.**

We are now accepting donations of saleable goods.

Vacancies:

Caritas – Executive Assistant & Advocacy Advisor: Please visit the Caritas website for more info (<https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>).

SVDP – Young Vinnie's Worker: Contact Rose Semmens at 021 153 4810 for more information.

St Vinnie's Shop – Volunteers are needed. Please contact Toni at 06 357 6779 for more information.

