

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 13th November 2022 - Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

Readings: Malachi 3:19-20, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners.

Kia ora koutou katoa. The beautiful readings for this Sunday reminds us "THE DAY OF THE LORD." The Prophets often spoke of a Dies Irae, a "DOOMSDAY," complete with fire, fearsome heavenly happenings and a Divine Judgement, Malachi, last of the minor prophets, saw this as God's answer to the superficial, religious practice of the day. Elijah, he prophesied, would come to announce this Day of Judgement. Jesus taught that Elijah had already come in the person of John the Baptist. He too spoke of that Final Day at length.

The end of the world was always part of Christian teaching from the beginning. Paul preached it to the Thessalonians. They were so impressed by it that they stopped working to watch the skies for Jesus' return. Paul had to write another letter to straighten them out. Many other things had to happen first, he wrote.

"Master, look at those stones!" the disciples said to Jesus. They were looking at the huge blocks of stones which Herod the Great had used in upholding the Jerusalem Temple.

Jesus' reaction caught His disciples by surprise; "the day will come when not one stone will be left on another." Was He speaking about the end of the world or about another fall of the city of Jerusalem? The language, apocalyptic in tone, is obscure, picturesque and fraught with many hidden meanings.

History tells the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and of a second fall in A.D. 135. Both events were catastrophes of such magnitude that they could not be described by using ordinary terms. Both were also signs of an even more awesome future event to come at the end of the world.

Natural calamities are symbolic of spiritual trials. The disciples of the Lord will indeed know persecution, hatred and betrayal. But with God's help, though, our faith will grow stronger and we believe that one day we will see God's kingdom reigning forever.

We commend to our loving God the souls of Anne Ruka and Allen Jones who have died this week. May they Rest In Peace. May the Lord of all consolations comfort their grieving families. Please continue to pray for our sick parishioners. Enjoy your weekend and let our weekend prayer be:

"Lord may our sufferings in this life make us worthy for your sake, as well as for your Day when it comes." Pray for those in difficulties, depression, unemployment, addiction, helplessness or insecurity, may people of goodwill provide them with the support, courage, hope, love and comfort that they are longing.

Stay safe. Blessings

Fr. Simone Ah Lo sm.

The Parish Rosary Intention for November Is for: The Kaihu Community

MASS TIMES for the week of 15th to the 20th NOVEMBER 2022

15th November: Tuesday Church Open for Prayer

Wednesday 16th November: Liturgy 5.30pm 17th November: Liturgy Thursday 5.30pm 18th November: Liturgy Friday 11.am

19th November: Mass Saturday 5.30pm Ruawai

20th November: Mass Sunday 9.30am Feast of Christ the King

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19th and 20th NOVEMBER

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 5.30pm - D De Silva, L Fluhler Sunday: 9.30am - M Marinkovich, T Neems

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Sunday: 9.30am – R Hanipala Vaa

GIFTS and COLLECTION BASKET

Sunday: 9.30am – F Whiteman, S Lees

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING

Recent Deaths: Anne Ruka, Allen Jones

Death Anniversary: Harry Moran, Leo Glamuzina

Sick:

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER WORKING BEE:

IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 9.30am

Tidy up time for our Church and Centre. Bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.



FAITH JOURNEY CAFE WITH A CUPPA:

These sessions will be held on the 2nd and 3nd Sundays of each month
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of the Sacred Heart Parish
Or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe.

Or want to know more about your Catholic Faith
Please join us for tea/coffee this Sunday 13th November

after the 9.30am Mass from 11.am to 12noon

Eucharist and Confirmation

We'll meet in the Mary McKillop Centre. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR REMEMBERING ALL THE HOLY SOULS.

A box has been placed at the foot of the Altar for you to place your loved ones names in.

There is paper available on the table at back of the church for you to use.

This prayer can also be said as a Chaplet using your rosary beads. In place of the ten Hail Mary's say the following prayer.

Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."

KEY REGISTER: We need to update our Key Register. Please can you let Ruth know or email the office what keys you have and what areas they are for. If you still have keys not being used anymore could you please return to the office thanks.

PARISH GIVING: If you would like to contribute to the Parish Giving by Internet Banking the bank account number is R C Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Dargaville 02 0100 0120958 14

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2023 \$12.00 DAILY MASS CALENDAR BOOKS \$3.00

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

MORNING TEA – Sasha is doing morning teas after Mass on Sunday. If someone could help her, that would be very good. Veronica is organising a roster. Phone 0211899369

Kids Korner: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/THIRTY-THIRD-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf
Parent Ponderings: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/6-Essential-Bible-quotes-for-teens-who-are-feeling-a-little-lost.pdf

Welcome to the November update from Te Rōpū Tautoko, the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care.

In this update we look back at the *Responses of Faith-based Institutions to Abuse in Care* hearing, that took place in October.

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