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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...
welcome as we celebrate the
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
A special welcome to visitors or
newcomers to Good Shepherd today.

Using Our Gifts

The Parable of the Talents in today's Gospel from Matthew focuses on the idea of stewardship and responsible use of resources. It encourages people to make the most of what they have, rather than hoarding or hiding it.

The servants who doubled their talents took initiative and were rewarded, whereas the one who buried his was rebuked.

The message is about action and accountability. It tells us that what we're given—whether it's money, skills, or opportunities—should be utilized for a greater good. The idea is to grow and multiply these gifts, presumably for the benefit of the community or, in the religious context, for the Kingdom of God.

Fear seems to hold back the third servant, and he fails to do anything productive.

His approach is caution to the point of inaction, and he's criticized for it.

The parable suggests that doing nothing with your resources or abilities is not an option;

it's a failure to meet a basic responsibility.

The gospel is a call to make the most of what you're given, for the benefit of both yourself and others.

It pushes the point that being a good steward of your gifts is a key part of an ethical and faith filled life.

Prayer for a Blessed Home

(Based on today's Psalm 128)

E te Atua,

loving God,

we know you bless those follow you.

You provide for all of our needs.

Please bless all who live in our home.

Help us grow in faith and be fruitful.

*Help us to trust in your holy will
and to be close to you.*

*May our home see many happy days
of joy and love and laughter.*

*Be with us all of our lives
and grant us peace in our home.*

Amen.

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*Bless this house  
and those within.*

*Bless our giving  
and receiving.*

*Bless our words  
and conversation.*

*Bless our hands  
and recreation.*

*Bless our sowing  
and our growing.*

*Bless our coming  
and our going.*

*Bless all who enter  
and depart.*

*Bless this house,  
your peace impart.*

Many thanks to those who were able to contribute to Good Shepherd School fair. It was no doubt a success on many levels.

**Advent Anointing of the Sick at Mass**  
**Saturday 9 December, 9.30am**

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**25th November 2023 Gaudete:
Advent & Christmas Carols**

Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese. 3pm - 6pm Saturday, 25th November 2023 Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha | Free Parking Available

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. To purchase a book of details of hosts, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email me at marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

Are you are getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on **021 02247442**.



Monte Cecilia Housing Trust's Christmas Appeal

Christmas approaches quickly and Monte Cecilia is reaching out for our annual appeal, asking for your help in ensuring that children in Monte Cecilia housing have a joyful Christmas, with food on the table and a toy of their own.

We are asking for donations of children's toys and non-perishable food, which can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office in Mangere. If you are donating a wrapped present, please let us know the general contents so we can match it with an appropriate child. No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community houses, so every little bit helps.

Please kindly ensure your donations reach us by Tuesday 12th December, or alternately, you can make a monetary donation on our website. If you have any questions, please call 0800 624 848, or email us at info@montececilia.org.nz

Recommending Children's Liturgy at Good Shepherd

There will be a meeting after the 9.30am Mass today in the children's chapel for those interested in relaunching this ministry in the parish. For those unable to make it, but want to register their interest in helping, please email the office.

World Day of the Poor 2023: Join Us in Making a Difference Sunday, 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7).

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. **Get Involved!** Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! **Caritas Website:** caritas.org.nz
Caritas Facebook page: facebook.com/caritasaotearoa
Caritas Instagram: [@caritasaotearoanz](https://instagram.com/caritasaotearoanz)

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way.

We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelp@cda.org.nz for queries.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st December 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

St Vincent de Paul—Foodbank donations

Many thanks also to those who are able to bring non perishable goods for the foodbank each week.

Today's Readings (33rd OT)

FIRST READING • (Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31). The sage recounts and praises the qualities and actions of a good wife. It is the woman who is wise who deserves greatest praise.

SECOND READING • (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6). Paul believes that the Day of the Lord – the final judgment- is near. It will come suddenly and when it is least expected. Stay awake and sober.

GOSPEL • (Matthew 25:14-30). In the parable of the talents the servants carry a responsibility to be active and productive. We, too, are expected to play our part in the spreading of the kingdom and not squander our resources out of laziness or fear.

Next Sunday (Christ the King) : Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31-46



Readings for the Week

MON 1Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43-54-57 Psalm 119 Luke 18:35-43

TUES 2Maccabees 7:1-18-31 Psalm 3 Luke 19:1-10

WED 2Maccabees 7:1,20-31 Psalm 17 Luke 19:11-28

THUR 1Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50 Luke 19:41-44

FRI 1Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59 Cant. 1Chronicles Luke 19:45-48

SAT 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9 Luke 20:27-40

Witnesses of Faith Event

Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm.
St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland.

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers (including the Melkite Catholic Patriarch His Beatitude Joseph Absi from Syria) who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register :** www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses or email info@aidtochurch.org

Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ThirtyThird-SUNDAYof-OT.pdf>

The perfect Mistake

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/The-Perfect-Mistake-1.pdf>

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

The end of year meeting will be held at **7.30pm** on **Wed 29 Nov 23** at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. It will be a celebratory gathering for the successful year we have had in bringing Catholic men together in a spirit of fraternity, comradeship and learning/growing their faith. We warmly invite all men together with their wives/partners for a shared meal and fellowship. Please bring a plate. Refreshments will be available. You may bring a friend. For more information contact **Russell 022 034 5678**.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur in November... Eternal rest grant to them...

Maureen Brennan, Daniel Mellamphy, Ian Barker, Tereza Markovina, Colin Fraser, Eleanor Williams, Paul Watts, Merv Rust, Joseph Brady, Theresa Way, Anaiya Afelê-Esera, Fifita Pomee, Eileen Keane, Caroline McLean, Ada Harris, Sr Madeline op, Fr Luke Rawlings op, Peter Gardien, Valrae Collins, Sioli Lemeki, Deacon John Kooge, John Perillo, Des Raffles, Mary Teresa Anderson, Mr P Verghese, Peter Curtis, June Yong, Phil Jew, Vincent Behr, Helena Hannan, Gael Collins, Sr Columbia op, Alex Pinfold, Norman O'Sullivan, Peggy Hassall, Luke Tipene, Josephine Tipene, Margaret McLean, Des Clarke, John Draffin, Sheila Garchow, Jesus Golbin, Dorothy Nathan, Patricia Malone, Kathryn Angland, Mary Walker, Maureen Jamieson, James Hickman, Sau Lan Chau, Dorothy Sievers, Mary Benson, Maureen McQuoid, Desmond McGrath, Patricia Mercer, Agnes Fong, Maurice Donovan, Nancy Falls, James Smith, Denis Prendiville, Johannes Out, Albert Mair, Hannah Lewis, Ivy Hull, Joseph Baker, Hilda Laomb, Brian Cooney, Lata Rounds, Phyllis Hind, Robert Foster, Margaret Gleeson, James Beard.



There are forms in the church porch if you would like to join the **planned giving programme** using either envelopes or setting up an automatic payment/direct credit.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: Mass: 9.30am
(including Public Holidays)

Saturday

Saturday: Exposition & Rosary from 8.30am
followed by Mass at 9.30am

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 10am

**Wellness reminder—if you are sick
please stay home**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10am to 1.30pm

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CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS
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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

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02-0108-0708836-000

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

St Benedict's Newton

www.acfc-catholic.org.nz

info@acfc-catholic.org.nz

Chaplain: Fr Gilbert Ramos



Enrolment at

Good Shepherd School

Please phone the school office on
620 4962 for further
information or download the forms
from the school website

www.goodshepherd.school.nz

School visits welcome.

**THERE IS A FINE LINE
BETWEEN A LONG SERMON...**



AND A HOSTAGE SITUATION!

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry

www.facebook.com/AKCYM

www.instagram.com/acym2

Contact Sam Brebner – samb@cda.org.nz

Catholic University Chaplaincy

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Weekly Mass is celebrated at the Maclaurin
Chapel, Princes St, City every Tuesday in
term time at 12.10pm

Parking at Good Shepherd

For health and safety reasons we need to
provide access for emergency vehicles to the
School, Church, classrooms

and the Hall at all times.

Please park considerately
when coming to Mass.

KEEP ACCESS WAYS FREE.

No Double PARKING

please!

