



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Catholic  
Church Balmoral

~ 10 NOVEMBER 2024 ~ CELEBRATING THE 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~

**Kia ora koutou katoa**

**A special welcome to visitors  
and newcomers to Good Shepherd Parish  
'The quality of love'**

Today we reflect on Mark 12:38-44 and hear Jesus denounce the scribes who seem to be overly concerned with prestige and wealth, and he praises the widow who gives of her all. Jesus contrasts the pride of the scribes, who seek honour and recognition, with the humble generosity of a poor widow. She offers only two small coins (two mites) at the temple, yet Jesus reveals that her gift is the greatest, because she gave "all she had to live on."

Her offering might seem insignificant, but it reveals a generous trusting heart, open to God. In her we see love in its purest, most self-giving form and significantly it reflects last Sunday's themes on the greatest commandment.....

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your mind, with all your strength'

For us, this story shows that  
**the quality of love matters  
more than the quantity.**

Our culture often values  
grand gestures,  
popularity, or status,  
but Jesus flips this around.  
Real love isn't about  
impressing others  
or seeking attention.



Instead, it is deeply rooted in humility and sacrifice. The widow's gift is powerful because it comes from a place of genuine care, not calculation.

Her love and trust in God led her to give everything, even when no one else noticed.

In our lives,  
**the quality of our love shines through  
in small, intentional acts  
that don't demand applause.**

We can follow the widow's example by  
focusing on how we love others  
in ways that truly matter.

Loving without counting the cost or  
keeping a ledger.....Giving in any form,  
not only from our surplus, but at times  
knowing it might hurt a little.

Sometimes life can feel like a race to achieve  
and prove worth. Sometimes, like for the  
widow, it can be a huge struggle.

But Jesus calls us to a love that's measured  
not by outward success but by the quiet  
sacrifices we make for others.

Like the widow, we can find joy  
and purpose in giving our time,  
resources, our prayer, our kindness and  
sensitivity. wholeheartedly.

The quality of our love,  
shown through humble  
acts of service and  
compassion, is the most  
powerful gift we can offer  
the world. ....Bernard

## AED DEFIBRILLATOR

The parish now has a defibrillator in the foyer. Please check out its location in the foyer, especially those who are familiar with its functioning.

**The access code is C2017**

## 'THE BELOVED'

An adult faith enrichment/sharing/formation group meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 7pm at Good Shepherd..... spiritual books, shared wisdom. Contact eamon\_david@hotmail.com

## ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

For 'Time Out Days' and retreat opportunities visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

Next Retreat, 22/23 Nov. Time Out Day, 26 Nov

## NOVEMBER MASS COUNT

Each November the Diocese requires that parish conduct a Mass count. Last Sunday we had 585 people 190/395 attending over our two Masses .

## TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. Visit [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz)

## ADVENT PRAYER SERIES

This Advent consider joining Dianna Fouhy on Wednesday evenings reflecting on Pope Francis' latest encyclical Dilexit Nos - ' He loved Us' contact [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR MED STUDENTS

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Applications close 15 November 2024. For info please email [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)

## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

Names can be placed in the box at the head of the aisle of deceased loved ones we remember at Masses in November. 'Eternal rest grant to them O Lord'

## CATHOLIC SINGLES

'Night at the museum" Tuesday 12 November for those in their 30's & 40's Bookings essential, contact [aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com)

## BALMORAL YOUTH

We are preparing for the Good Shepherd Youth Mass 9.30am Sunday December 1st.  
Newcomers welcome! Preparation dates:  
Sunday 10th, 17th, 24th after Mass.  
See - [Katbabymarie28@hotmail.com](mailto:Katbabymarie28@hotmail.com)

## UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Distance learning programme available for the study of Christian Theology through Otago in 2025. Theology papers also count towards degrees when you are studying towards careers in other fields.! Find out more at [theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:theology@otago.ac.nz)

## NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025

A pilgrimage to the north, the cradle of Catholicism. Following in the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, 10th to 12th January 2025.  
Information Evening 20th November 7pm-8pm.  
Register and enquiries at [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

## CONCERT AT ST MICHAEL'S

Hosted by James loelu & Edward Laurenson.  
Uplifting classical songs from shows & opera by an Operatic Baritone & a Bass Baritone.  
Tickets \$60 to \$95, Saturday 16th November, 7pm. St Michaels, Remuera. Tickets on [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

## AUCKLAND YOUNG CATHOLICS

Join the Auckland Young Catholic groups going to The Send, Saturday 23 November!

Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well is worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at: <https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>

## ABUNDANCE OP SHOP EAST TĀMAKI

(supporting the charity Pregnancy Choice) are seeking volunteers for their store, half-days and full-days available, Mondays-Saturdays.  
Contact parishioner Rebecca 0211491320

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS & BIBLE DIARIES

Will be available towards the end of this month

Msgr Bernard is on retreat next week.  
Please keep him in your prayers

**READINGS FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING** - 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow of Sidon shares her last meal with the prophet Elijah  
and is rewarded by God.

**SECOND READING** - Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus stands in the presence of God to intercede on our behalf.

**GOSPEL** - Mark 12:38-44

The Widow's Mite - The rich contribute lavishly to Temple funds from their surplus,  
but Jesus commends the poor widow who gives her all.

**In Mark's Gospel it is the 'little people'  
who exemplify the values of the Kingdom:**

The little people increasingly gain the  
readers' attention as the story develops.

In this regard, a parallel to the whole story is  
achieved through the single episode in which  
Jesus summons the disciples to watch the poor  
widow. In the same way, the whole story leads  
the reader to see the world with different values,  
to notice the little people and to learn from  
them. In this regard, their role in the story  
comes to parallel that of Jesus, giving the reader  
other figures with which to identify and other  
characters in whom to see 'the things of God.'  
In a sense, the little people function as 'Christ'  
figures in the story world.

D. Rhoads and D. Mitchie, *'Mark as Story'*

**St. Ignatius Prayer for Generosity**

Lord teach me to be generous;  
teach me to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen.

**The Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen

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

Len Lewis, Maureen Brennan, Daniel Mellamphy, Ian Barker, Tereza Markovina, Colin Fraser,  
Eleanor Williams, Paul Watts, Merv Rust, Joseph Brady, Theresa Way, Anaiya Afele-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 Columba op, Alex Pinfeld, 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 Pren-  
diville, Johannes Out, Albert Mair, Hannah Lewis, Ivy Hull, Joseph Baker, Hilda Laomb, Brian  
Cooney, Lata Rounds, Phyllis Hind, Robert Foster, Margaret Gleeson, James Beard.



## **SAFEGUARDING MATTERS**

As a parish it is important that we foster an environment which is welcoming and safe for all. While WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE MINDFUL OF SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN, those who minister directly with children and vulnerable adults are required to complete diocesan safeguarding courses and to be police -vetted.

Thank you to Jane Hahn who is our parish Safeguarding coordinator and is overseeing the implementation of Church policies and protocols within GS Parish. Her contact email is [janehahnz@gmail.com](mailto:janehahnz@gmail.com).

Safeguarding information is available via the parish website and on our notice boards. The Catholic Church's overseeing Safeguarding Agency is NOPS the National Office for Professional Standards - Tel 0800114662 [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz)



Thanks to Colin Nelson (See Mark 12:41-44) 10-05-2007

**DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, WIDOW HARRIS PUT TERMITES IN THE COLLECTION PLATE**

### Sunday Masses

**Saturday Vigil:** 6pm

**Sunday:** 9.30am

### Weekday Masses

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

### Saturday

**Saturday:** Exposition & Rosary from 8am followed by Mass at 9.30am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 9am before the 9.30am Mass

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

### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

**Parish Priest:** Msgr Bernard Kiely

**Seminarian:** Ryan Sy

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**CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS**

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### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

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**Principal:** Ben Fahey

[principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz)

For enrolments please phone the school office  
on 09 620 4962 for further

information or download the forms from the school website  
[www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz) School visits welcome.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL & FOODBANK

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If you, or someone you know, need assistance  
Contact Phone (09) 815 6122 or 0800 680 090

email [auckland@stvincies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvincies.co.nz)

Food Bank email [foodbank@svidpak.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@svidpak.org.nz)

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