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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C/6TH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Tena koutou katoa,

Today is the 6th World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis chooses “Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor” (cf. 2 Cor 8:9) as this year’s celebration theme. With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. During his visit to Jerusalem, Paul met with Peter, James and John, who had urged him not to forget the poor. The community of Jerusalem at that time was experiencing great hardship due to a food shortage in the country. So, the Apostle Paul immediately organized a great collection in Corinth to aid the poverty-stricken. The Christians of Corinth were very understanding and supportive. At Paul’s request, they collected what they could save every first day of the week, and all proved very generous.

This is not the first time that collection is done for the poor. In the time of Jesus, we heard Judas Iscariot criticizing the act of Mary anointing Jesus’ feet with pure nard, an expensive perfume. “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor?”

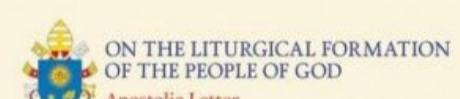
We can deduce from the above statement that Jesus himself was supporting the poor through any donation given. Judas Iscariot was the treasurer or keeper of the money bag.

I wonder where our collections go. Every Sunday, during the celebration of the Mass, we do the same thing, pooling our offerings. But in our time now, do we have this tradition for the same reason? So that the community can provide for the needs of the poor? Let us pause for a while and ponder. How does the parish support the poor in all its forms in our community?

This celebration comes as a healthy challenge, helping us reflect on our lifestyle as individuals and as a parish and on the many forms of poverty all around us. We are asked to reflect on the summons of the Apostle Paul to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, who “though he was rich, yet for [our] sakes became poor, so that by his poverty [we] might become rich” (cf. 2 Cor 8:9).

In Christ,
Pa Dennis

**POPE FRANCIS
DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI**



Talk/Formations by
Fr. John O'Connor and
Catherine Gibbs
On December 9th from 6pm
and 10th from 10am.
Parish Centre



**Please register. Form in the
foyer.**



ARE YOU HOUSEBOUND?

Or do you know anyone who is?



You are still welcome to receive Communion in your own home. You can also enjoy a visit from the ministers. Just phone the **PARISH COMMUNITY LINE: 022 314 4642**

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CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Raising funds to send delegates to Invercargill National Conference. 3 prizes. 3 tickets for \$5 or \$2 a ticket. On sale first 3 Sundays of Advent.

RETREAT 2022 Many thanks to all who attended the Retreat and contributed to a very prayerful afternoon.

TUESDAY SOCIAL GROUP on Tuesdays at the Parish Centre from 1 pm. **Everyone welcome!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Kati and I would like to thank all of you for your support and generosity. Your love, prayers and donations help more than you know. Makes a huge difference before, during and after surgery. It is only a few more days until we head off. Kati is quite nervous and scared. To be honest, so am I. It is a long surgery, and will be hard to wait as they operate.

We are leaving it in God's hands to guide the surgeons, as we pray for a successful outcome.



YOUTHS BAKE COOKIES!!!

The youth are baking cookies on Friday at 6pm to raise funds for the upcoming Youth Camp in January. Please buy their cookies this Sunday after Mass

BRAIN TEASER

Catholics and Orthodox Christians (not Protestants) include the seven Apocryphal or Deuterocanonical books in their bibles. What are the names of the 7 books?

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bees; as well as additions to Daniel and
Ecclesiasticus; First and Second Maccabaeans;
Answer: Tobias; Judith; Baruch; Wisdom;

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

BLANK PANTHER 2: WAKANDA FOREVER

DATE: Sunday 27 November 2022 5:00 PM - 7:20 PM

LOCATION: Focal Point Cinema and Cafe Levin, 14-16 Salisbury Street, Levin 5510

PROCEEDS: to support the One in Faith Youth Group, SJPL's (St Joseph's Parish Levin) for their upcoming LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AOTEAROA 2023 from the 18th - 22nd January at Saint Peters College, Cambridge.

TO BUY TICKETS, please click the link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/MCH>

Or scan the QR code:



Please support this initiative.

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

This weekend's Sunday is dedicated to the World Day of the Poor. When reading this we likely think of the poor in Africa, Asia and other key areas of the world where Refugees and the homeless abound – the desperate situations they find themselves in that are frequently shown on the evening news. A seriously troubling aspect of this reality is the presence of poverty in our own country and that which exists in our own community – right on our "doorstep". Vinnies efforts are primarily directed to our own local community focussing on their needs and also on raising awareness of the more widespread growing problem. The need for more to help support this ministry is great indeed. You are welcome to come and join us.

Bernie 021 406 427
John 06 367 2467
Kilian 06 367 0474

SVdP Levin Bank a/c for direct donations:
11 6932 0308328 11

BABYASSIST Thanks for continued lovely donations. Special needs now are: jerseys for 4-5 year olds, and blankets, especially large cot and single bed sizes.

Please contact Bridget on 021 482 178 or bybridget@xtra.co.nz.

The next Vinnies' meeting is on Tuesday 15 November @ 7pm.

Financial Report

Income - October 2022

Automatic payments	\$5847.00
Cash	\$1706.60
Envelopes	\$2207.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 323.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00

WATCH THIS!!!

The Letter: Laudato Si Film



The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

The Letter tells the story about the Pope's call to care for our planet. For info on translated versions and how to take action, visit <https://TheLetterFilm.org>

November: A Month of Prayer for our Faithful Departed



There is a box in the foyer where you can drop in the names of your loved ones who passed away. These names will be offered and remembered in our Friday Masses in this month of November. You are also invited to offer personal prayer and light a candle for them in the chapel.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

May the souls of our beloved dead and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Rest in Peace

Bob Norris Billy Grealsih Eutiquio Nacorda Sr.

Synod on Synodality.



Themes submitted to Rome.

Gathering: There is great love for the Mass, but also concerns about inclusion and lay participation. A new English translation of the Roman Missal is needed. Homilies must help people to encounter Jesus in the reality of their lives. If lay people are allowed to give homilies, they must have good formation. Small groups for prayer, formation, scripture study, and mission to build community are needed.

ADVENT SUNDAY READING REFLECTION GROUP

The faith formation committee is encouraging parishioners to meet in small house groups to pray with and reflect on the Scriptures for the four Sundays of Advent. If you would like to host a group or participate in one, please let Marie Vaney know and indicate whether daytime or evening would suit you best. Reflections from Fr. Alan are available each week and Fr. John's O'Connor's Food for Faith reflections are available online. Please contact Marie Vaney, Bridget Taumoepeau, Harry Bennik, Helen Clifford, etc.



NOVEMBER 2022 PARISH SCHEDULE

- ♣ 13th November, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
- ♣ 17th November, COMMEMORATIVE MASS FOR OUR DEPARTED PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
- ♣ 20th November, FIRST COMMUNION/ WORLD YOUTH DAY

Suzanne Aubert says ...

The great evil of our age is to have no longer the courage to suffer, nor the need to love. It is to have no longer faith, which is the source of penance and of love. Penance and love make Saints – let us strive to lengthen the chain of them.

Reflection: When I look at goings on around the world, I see plenty of suffering and little love evident. My life is largely protected from such extremes of pain and persecution so it is hard for me to appreciate the depth of them. The ultimate goal in life, according to our modern world, is to avoid suffering, of course, and to some extent I go along with that. I don't like suffering.

But I am called to holiness, whether I like it or not. And the only way to get there is to follow Jesus in His journey through this life - via love and suffering. Do I have the courage for the perseverance and penance involved?

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to love, to suffer, alongside you and to join the long line of saints.



Submit
your
prayer request.

PRAYER CHAIN

Pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners in your own home and in your own time. Phone the Parish Community Line: 022 314 4642.



HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going to the hospital? The Catholic Hospital Chaplain is on hand to look after you. Just phone the Community Line at 022 314 4642 and let us know your details before you go.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, 14th Nov	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 15th	9.30am	Mass, St Albert the Great
	1.00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 16th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude
	10am	Holy Rosary in the Chapel
	6pm	First Communion Practice
Thursday, 17th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Elizabeth of Hungary
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition
	6pm	Filipino Choir Practice
Friday, 18th	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10	Holy Mass, Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul Apostles
	6pm	Youth session
Saturday, 19th	5.30pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, 20th	9:30am	Christ the King Sunday Mass
	11am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

BOOKINGS

Please book the venues of your events/activities at the foyer of the Church. Those who have booked will have priority. Please comply with the **Guidelines for Use**. Clean the kitchen, switch off the water heater, close the windows, etc.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(13/11/2022) **1st Reading:** Malachi 3:19-20 **2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Psalm Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

(20/11/2022) **1st Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3 **2nd Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43