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**“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”**  
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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**CHURCH LIFE SURVEY NZ**

**What is the Church Life Survey?**

It is a nationwide survey of church attenders, run every 5 years in line with NZ Census years. Every church is invited to take part.

The 2023 survey is administered by the Christian Research Association of NZ, in partnership with Wilberforce Foundation and Auckland Church Network. These organisations want to strengthen & support the NZ Church by equipping leaders with quality research & data.

The survey questions were compiled by experienced church researchers & leaders from a range of denominations & movements.

**Why participate in the Church Life Survey?**

The Catholic Bishops of NZ have agreed to jointly participate this year, in the Church Life Survey NZ (CLS). The survey is available in multiple languages covering parishioners' experience and involvement in their local community.

Our parish has significantly changed since the COVID pandemic. The survey endeavours to provide an opportunity to find out the demographic profile of our parish. It also provides a great method for hearing all the voices in your church or parish. It will also provide the leaders in the parish a robust evidence base for making decisions. Furthermore, the survey provides a snapshot of the spiritual health of your church or parish.

**How can I participate in the Church Life Survey?**

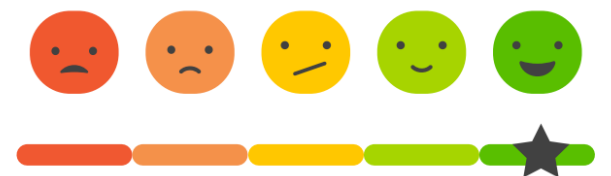
Those who are aged 15 and above are greatly encouraged to participate. The forms are available in English, Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Filipino, Cebuano, and Spanish.

There are three ways to participate:

- Via QR code on the smartphone
- Via weblink on the laptop or computer: <https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01GZFKRMPCSMWDPAJY3YW4DSJS/en-rc>
- Via paper copies available in the foyer. It will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Each diocese has chosen its own 3-week 'window' for completing the survey and ours in the Archdiocese of Wellington is for the period: **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive).**

**CHURCH LIFE SURVEY**  
NEW ZEALAND



**YOUR FEEDBACK  
MATTERS!**



## PARISH NOTICES

**SOCIAL GROUP** As usual on Tuesday at 1pm.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** We are rostered to do the week of 11th-15th September. If you can help please contact Yoka on 022 5022645 or [dekkernz@gmail.com](mailto:dekkernz@gmail.com)

### On Children and Youth

**IGNITE:** Year 4 — 6, every 1st and 3rd Friday

**EDGE:** Year 7 — 11, every 1st and 3rd Friday

**ELEVATE:** Year 12 up, except 3rd Sunday

**YOUTH MUSIC GROUP:** All ages

**YOUTH APPEAL** what makes the youth group even more inviting is the food. especially for hungry mouths. We would like to ask for your kind support. Any finger food, fruit, or drinks will be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Gretchen or Teresa Mason.

**ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT** will be held on Saturday 2 December in the Parish Centre from 12 noon (starting with a shared lunch) until 5.00 pm. The theme is “**Advent- a new beginning?**” Register with Bridget at [bybridget@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bybridget@xtra.co.nz) to ensure enough handouts are available.

**YOUR CAR MAY BE TOWED AWAY** by the council if you park in an unsafe place outside the church. There are plenty of spaces in the school grounds. Please park there.



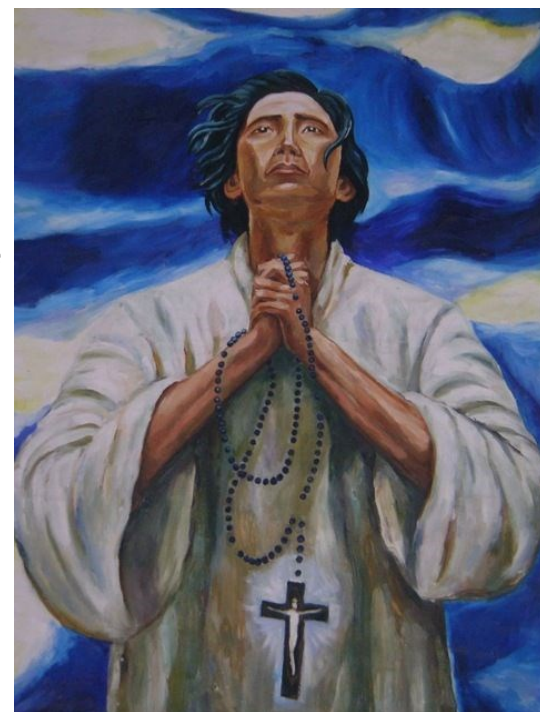
### Thought for the week:

*We need to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering, and thus discover what each of us can do about it.*

*Pope Francis Laudato Si #19.*

### The BARANGAY SAN LORENZO RUIZ Filipino Community

would like to invite you to its Patronal Feast Day of St. Lawrence of Manila on the 16th September (Saturday) from 4pm at St. Joseph's School Hall. There will be Mass, heaps of food, games and entertainment that awaits you. This is a thanksgiving celebration for the many blessings that the Filipino Community has received from God through the intercession of St. Lawrence of Manila. See you there!



**CERTIFICATES** for completing the Biblical Study and the Catholic Social Services Workshop will be awarded to participants on September 17th 2023, Sunday morning Mass.

**OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH.** There will be daily rosary from 5.30pm at the Church. Everyone is invited to take part.

### St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

The month of August was the busiest this year for food parcel requests. A little over 250 adults and youngsters were provided with food which kept our delivery members “on their toes”. We don't really know what the demand is going to be each month, but the current cost of living is certainly causing “pain” for many. The continued support from our Parish community plays an important part in helping us to meet the needs of those in our local community who reach out to us for a hand up. Each family receives a food parcel of nutritious goods – enough for a week. Our sincere thanks for your generous support.

**SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11**



### BABY ASSIST

**Bernie** 021 406 427  
**John** 06 367 2467  
**Kilian** 022 695 0056  
**Bridget** 021 482 178

Thanks for all the donations – they bring great joy to the families that receive them. Please continue donating jerseys for ages 3-5 years. You may like to consider buying an item in the children's clothing sales, such as a packet of socks – the price of a cup of coffee! Contact [bybridget@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bybridget@xtra.co.nz)



Resolution for September

This month, when we celebrate the World Day of Care for Creation, let us think of small ways that we can contribute to a better environment – reducing the use of plastics; start composting; car share; consider a plant-based diet. Psalm 8:3-9:

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

SEASON OF CREATION

- Members of the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission are promoting the Season of Creation and planning events in the Archdiocese. Follow this link to see resources and details of all the events happening around the Archdiocese:  
[wn.catholic.org.nz/adw\\_community/season-of-creation-2023/](http://wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/season-of-creation-2023/)
- It is high time to watch again the video documentary in Youtube entitled: **THE LETTER**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII&t=120s>
- It is also timely to be reminded of Laudato Si', an encyclical letter about the environmental crisis to every single person in the world.

Financial Report	
Income - July 2023	
Automatic payments	\$4717.00
Envelopes	\$2525.70
Cash	\$2030.60
Peter's Pence	\$ 216.50
	\$9489.80

# The Clergy Jubilee

on the 13th September, 2023

**25th**

Fr. Kevin Purcell  
and Fr. Frank Maguire

**60th**


Fr. Owen Sinclair  
And Fr. Jim Dooley SM

SPECIAL MENTION:

**40th**

Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Michael Young SM, and Fr. John Murphy SM

**10:30 am for Mass @St. Anne's Church, Newtown**



**FR. ALLISTON FERNANDEZ** will be around for the sacramental needs of the parish while Fr. Dennis is away in Rome for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Fr Alliston has Licentiate Degree in Pastoral Theology at the University of Malta. More details about his background in the next issue.



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

Christina Brownlee   Dorothy Adams   Victor Villagonzalo   Jimmy Basanes  
Roberto Del Rosario   Jim Smith   Paul Twaalfhoven   Mary Horn  
Brian O'Neill   Catherine Himona   Neil Thomas   Sue Lewin   Hinga Gardiner



# Suzanne Aubert says...

He to whom God has entrusted the care of assisting the poor ought not to feel less pleasure in procuring for them some little help than a tender father feels when he presents some comfort to his children.

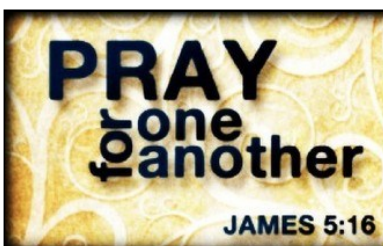
## Reflection:

Those who work for others often tell of the rewards they receive in serving. The joy of a prisoner accepting his guilt and seeking forgiveness. The joy of a poor child to whom a gift has been given. The gratitude of the derelict, treated as a person for once. These are treasures which we cannot buy.

Why is this so? Because Jesus has said, "Whatever you do for one of these, you do it to me", and he will not be backward in blessing us with such treasures.

## Prayer:

Lord, may I always seek and find you in the poor I serve.



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



## HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going to the hospital? Just  
phone the Community  
Line at 022 314 4642 and  
let us know your details before you go. The

## W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 11th Sep	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 12th	9.30am	Holy Mass, The Most Holy Name of Mary
	1.00pm	Tuesday Social Group,
Wednesday, 13th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St John Chrysostom
	10am	Holy Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 14th	9.30am	Holy Mass, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	7pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition
Friday, 15th	11.10am	Exposition, Our Lady of Sorrows
	12.10pm	Holy Mass
Saturday, 16th	5.30pm	Vigil Mass,
Sunday, 17th	9:30am	Morning Mass
	11am	Legion of Mary Kiribati

## BOOKINGS

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

**TIME and TALENT FORMS** are in the foyer.  
**Please drop** them in the basket in the foyer  
after filling them out.

## ARE YOU HOUSEBOUND?

*Or do you know anyone who is?*



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

## Readings at Sunday Mass

(10/9/2023) **1st Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 **2nd Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Psalm Response:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

(17/9/2023) **1st Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9 **2nd Reading:** Romans 14:7-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35