

Catholicism Series Bible Study

The Genesis to Jesus team brings you the "Catholicism Series" - a series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of key Catholic topics like Mariam, Lent, Angels & Saints, Catholic Art & Architecture and more while deepening their understanding of our rich faith. 10 Video sessions in all, held every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 7 October from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

Sacred Music Workshop with Dr Robert Loretz

Calling all interested in liturgical music - Saturday October 11 from 10am - 4pm at the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall in Boulcott Street, Wellington. \$20pp all inclusive. To register email smoayasing@gmail.com and you will receive a link to our registration form. For more information phone Monica on 021 2991138

Exposition

Exposition is held each morning Monday-Friday at 6.30am—7.20am and every Friday from 11am until 11.50am. The Friday Exposition is followed with Benediction. We invite you to come.

5pm Music Liturgy- Interested in being involved?

We are looking for more people (singers and musicians) to be part of the music liturgy at the Sunday 5pm Mass. Music is an important component of the Mass and our aim is to support the congregation to pray and sing. There are no big rehearsal commitments or auditions. If you are interested and would like to contribute, please get in touch. Find us before or after Mass, or email: Kathy (5pm music- kathyperreau1@gmail.com) and William (Director of Music - wmcelweemusic@gmail.com).

Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver

Shared Spring Dinner Fundraiser held on Saturday 11th October at 6pm in St Anne's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street Newtown. Please bring a plate of food to share. Tickets available from the hall entrance from 6pm. Adults-\$15, \$10 6-12 year olds, free for 5 and under.

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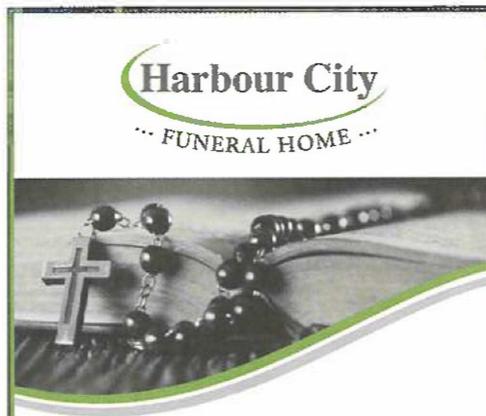
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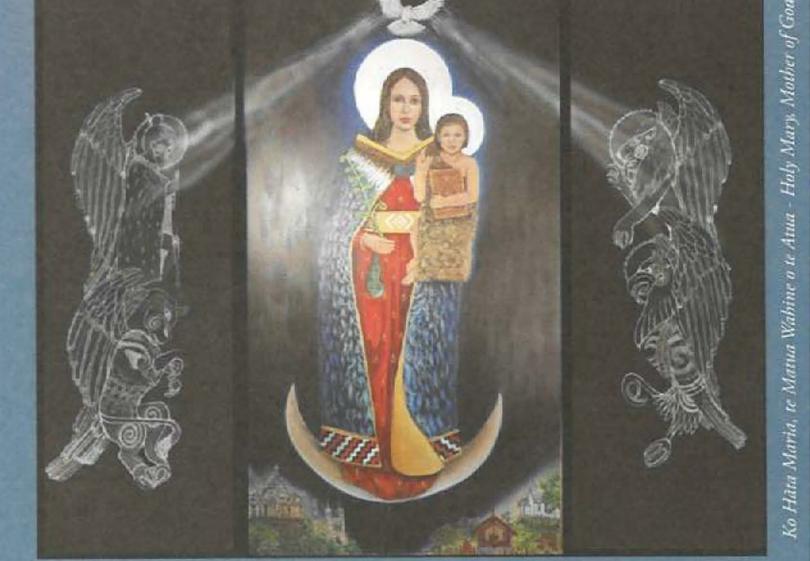
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Indifference

The rich man Lazarus; a parable which is well known. A rich man was not a wicked man, and Lazarus, (Lazarus which means 'Help from God') was simply there, asking nothing. Between these two was an unbridgeable gap. A chasm of ignorance, egoism, self-sufficiency has opened around the one who enjoyed himself; his slumbering conscience untouched by poverty's reproach. The one who lives so well must take care, death has its consequences. Judgement lies in wait for him who is unable to accept the call to change his ways.

In today's Gospel parable the rich man ended up in hellfire, not because he did something evil to Lazarus, who was lying at his door. He did not object to this poor man's presence outside his door; he did not call the police to have the poor man removed from his house; he did not kick and push the man off his property. He did nothing to the poor man. That is the precise reason he ended up in hellfire. *He did nothing*. He was indifferent. He was simply a spectator. He did not notice the poor man outside his door. He was utterly indifferent. And when the rich man did see the poor man, it was too late. 'From his place of torment,' he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.'

What today's Gospel condemns is the sin of INDIFFERENCE- the sin of 'doing nothing' in the face of human suffering, the sin of looking the other way and refusing to get involved. This is the sin of the priest and the levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan (luke 10:29-37) and the sin of those condemned to eternal punishment in the parable of the Last Judgement (Mt.25: 31-46) "What you did not do to one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did not do for me."

We need to model our lives on Jesus' selfless example of love and service, particularly in caring for those in need.. The parable is a stark warning; those with possessions and privilege have a duty to share them generously with those less fortunate. The readings are a profound reminder that our actions, or lack thereof have eternal consequences. Our choices regarding the poor and suffering are a direct reflection of our commitment to God's will.

Sr Frances Gibbs- Pastoral Worker

