

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 JULY 2021

A Treasured Story

The story of the feeding of the multitude was treasured by the early Christians. It is the only miracle that is found in all four Gospels. This shows how important it was regarded in the early Church. Why was it so important?

We cannot get back to what actually happened that day in the desert. But we can see what it meant to Mark and his readers. For them the miracle recalled the Old Testament story of how, at the intercession of Moses, God provided manna for his people in the desert. The gift of the manna stood out in people's memory. It became for the Jews the classic example of God's care for his people.

When Jesus fed those hungry people who had followed him into the desert, the early Christians came to regard him as the new Moses. In fact, they came to regard him as greater than Moses, because the bread he gave them was infinitely greater than the manna.

Even though the manna came from heaven, it was still earthly bread. It satisfied ordinary hunger. No more. Those who ate it still died. But those who eat the bread that Jesus gives—here we are no longer talking about the loaves and fishes—will never die, never die eternally, that is. And it was precisely to give this other bread that Jesus came on earth.

But on a first level, the miracle is concerned with ordinary bread and ordinary hunger. And it is this that is the focus of today's scripture readings. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves is a miracle of generosity. First of all there is the marvellous generosity of the boy, who with his gift of five loaves and two fish, made the miracle possible. It was a small thing in itself, but for the little boy it was a big thing because it was all he had. There are many who are willing to make a contribution out of the relative plenty that they have, but very few who are willing to give when it means going without themselves.

Then there is the astonishing generosity of Jesus. Not only did he feed all the people, but also he saw to it that each got as much as he wanted, and even so there were twelve full baskets of leftovers. Though the miracle harked back to the miracle of manna in the desert, it also looked towards the future. It pointed to another and infinitely more important kind of bread that Jesus would give—the bread that endures to eternal life, the bread he came down from heaven to give us.

The early Christians also saw in this feeding an anticipation of the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are the exact same ones that are used in describing the institution of the Eucharist at the last supper: 'He took the bread...blessed it...broke it...and gave it to them.' The Eucharist in turn anticipates the final banquet of the kingdom.

The Lord nourishes us here in the Eucharist banquet as surely and as generously as he fed the people in the desert. He nourishes us so that we in our turn may be able to nourish others.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies
Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NOTICES:

Mini market this Sunday after both the morning Masses.

COVID-19 Pandemic Appeal for Capuchin Friars.

This appeal for the St. Fidelis Province in North India is being run by our Capuchin friars and has been approved by Bishop Pat. Donation envelopes have been left in the church foyer.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

Caring Foundation Annual Appeal – July. Please support Bishop Pat's Caring Foundation's Annual Appeal. Through your generosity, grants are given to over 60 agencies who care and support the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. If you can, please make your gift in the second collection on Caring Sunday July 25th or visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Friday 6th August, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm, at St Benedict's Church (1 St Benedict's St, Eden Terrace). Soup and buns to follow! Come and pray for vocations in our diocese.

ENCOUNTER - Young adult event happening August 7th @5pm in the Cathedral. Bishop Michael will be giving a talk on the Transfiguration. Bring a friend.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism 2021 Talk Series Promoting Christian Unity invites you to a public lecture by Rev. Dr. Joseph Zachariah, ecumenical scholar, of the Syrian Orthodox Church, an Ecumenical response on the topic of Intercommunion – a search for the parameters for Eucharistic Communion | 7:00PM at St Peter's Syrian Orthodox Church | 15 Culperry Road, Glendene.

WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE – Liturgy Conference - *Te raranga ngātahi i ngā ritenga me te oranga* The liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass, is a mystery ever ancient, ever new. Be enriched in our understanding of the Mass. Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. 4.00pm 7th – 6.00pm 9th October. For more information, <https://wuss.org.nz/> – **registrations now open.**

OTHER NOTICES:

A tribute to Fr. Aniceto Nazareth...who passed away a few months ago. He was a well known composer of liturgical music and his tunes are sung all over the world. We his well wishers in NZ would like to celebrate his life on his 83rd birth anniversary through his music performed by a choir and musicians at a Mass celebrated by Fr Raphael Lobo, at St. Mary of the Avondale, on 30 July at 7.00 pm.

You: *Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body for Teens* at Holy Family Parish, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. Saturdays in August – 7th, 21st, and 28th from 2pm to 6pm for teens aged from 14 to 19 year olds. Refreshments provided, to register please email hfparish@xtra.co.nz. If you have ever thought about sending your teens to this course but you want to know more please watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/xaEiQEGGXfE>

Time Out Days – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Wed 28 July | Tue 24 August | Wed 15 September | Wed 20 October | Tue 16 November | Wed 8 December. Bookings: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Tel: 09 625 6651

DURING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY- Mass at 9 am , 10.30 am & 5 pm

MONDAY- Mass with Morning Prayer 8 am

TUESDAY & THURSDAY- Mass at 6.00 pm
with Angelus before Mass

WEDNESDAY- Mass at 9 am & 6.30 pm.
Rosary and Perpetual Succour Novena before
6.30 pm Mass

FRIDAY- Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment– 9 am followed by Mass at 10.00 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet M/W/F after the morning
Mass

SATURDAY- Mass 9 am & 5 pm.
Rosary after 9 am Mass.

CONFESSION- Wednesday evening before
6.30 pm Mass and Saturday after morning
Mass or by appointment.

Music group practice Monday 7 pm

Senior Legion of Mary Meeting Wednesday 7
pm

Junior Legion Meeting Friday 6 pm

Mary Mother of Grace Presidium, Legion meet-
ing, Friday 7.15 pm

Last Week's Collection:

House-\$1,170.40

Parish-\$1,831.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Counsellor – Catholic Social Services has a
vacancy for a full-time Counsellor to join its
Counsellor team, based in Otara and covering
the wider Auckland/South Auckland
Communities. The key function of the position
is to assist individuals, couples and families in
difficulties by the provision of culturally
appropriate counselling services within a
spiritual framework.

To view the full job advert and the position
description, please visit the Diocesan website
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan
Services and Staff Vacancies.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Patsy Nun Toon, Yvonne
Sommers, Gail Ware, Mary Holmes, Kanesi
Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn,
Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan
Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball,
Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Christine
Roberts Whitcombe, Robert Shearman,
Siufaga Maileoi Lillii, Lee Dunn, Alex So-
niega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora
Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Debra Farry,
Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan and Joy
Rapcsak.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 26 July: Exodus 32:15-
24, 30-34

Matthew 13:31-35

Tue: 27 July: Exodus 33:7-11,
34:5-9, 28

Matthew 13:36-43

Wed: 28 July: Exodus 34:29-35
Matthew 13:44-46

Thu: 29 July: 1 John 4:7-16
John 11:19-27

Fri: 30 July: Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-
16, 27, 34-37

Matthew 13:54-58

Sat: 31 July: Lev 25:1, 8-17
Matthew 14:1-12

**Sun: 1 August, 18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

ROSTER OF DUTIES FOR 31 JULY & 1 AUGUST 2021

	5 pm Saturday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Announcers	Lyn Smith	Clive Pereira		Justine Mitchell
Ministers of Communion	Raquel Biggar, Aloysius Fernandes, Kevin Biggar	Leila Vincent, Gloria Sofara, Talosaga Poasa		Theresa Chan, Tyralina Johannsson, Christian Malaitai,
Ministers of the Word	John Reyna Yvette Asthana	Cecilia Menezes Malia Tonga		Dixelle Sequeira, Janice Rodrigues
Altar Servers	Miguel, Marco	Semisi, Jessie, Lini	Vanessa Sionetalli, Joshua Pasina, Aubrey & Phillip Simanu	Philip Malaitai
Organists	Dominic Braganza	Evelyn Pereira	Parish Music Group	
Projectionists	Ash Fernandes		Parish Music Group	
Offertory	Gomes Family	Fesolai Euese family	Wright Family	
Children's Liturgy		Andy van der Salm	Rose Chu	Regina Cabuang
Cleaning – Wright family, Maria Matthes, Flowers – Salepou Wright, Prayer of the Faithful – Naomie Tham, Linen for August —Sue Cox.				

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