OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Body and Blood of Christ

11 June 2023

<u>A Human Being Does Not Live On Bread Alone</u>

'Man does not live on bread alone'. We have heard that message a thousand times, but each time we tend to miss the word 'alone'. Our dualistic nature – flesh and spirit – require sustenance from both material and transcendent realities.

Ethiopia suffered a terrible famine during the years 1984-86. The late Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster told about an incident that happened when he visited Ethiopia in the middle of the famine. One of the places he visited was a settlement up in the hills where the people were waiting for the food that was unlikely to arrive. He was taken there in a helicopter.

As he got out of the helicopter, a small boy, aged about ten, came up to him and took his hand. He was wearing nothing but a loincloth round his waist. The whole time the Cardinal was there the little child would not let go of his hand. As they went around he made two gestures: with one hand he pointed to his mouth, and with the other he took the Cardinal's hand and rubbed it on his cheek.

Later the Cardinal said, 'Here was an orphan boy who was lost and starving. Yet by two simple gestures he indicated our two fundamental needs or hungers. With one gesture he showed me his hunger for food, and with the other his hunger for love.

'I have never forgotten that incident, and to this day I wonder whether that child is still alive. I remember that as I boarded the helicopter he stood and looked at me reproachfully.'

We need ordinary bread. That is our first and most basic necessity. However, ordinary bread nourishes only half of us – the physical side. But we also have a spiritual side. It too cries out for nourishment. Even that starving little child realised that.

For this spiritual we need another kind of bread, bread that only God can give us. We get this bread abundantly in the Eucharist. In the Eucharist we receive the bread of God's word in the Scriptures. This nourishes our mind, our heart and our spirit. And in Holy Communion we receive Jesus the bread of eternal life. And the Eucharist also addresses our hunger for love. By inviting us to partake of the sacred food of the Eucharist, Jesus makes us his companions and friends. We are therefore sent forth to nourish others.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy

We urgently need people who can be leaders of Children's Liturgy for Sunday masses at 9.00am & 10.30am. Training will be provided. Please contact -<u>Marta Cullen on 021-898345</u> or email <u>marta.cullen@gmail.com</u>

2023 Church Life Survey NZ

On Saturday 24th June & Sunday 25th June, our parish will be conducting a survey at all masses. This survey is a request from Bishop Steve. Its aim is to determine who is present at the mass in terms of demographics, what do you appreciate about parish life, how you are on your faith journey and how you contribute to parish life.

Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit your home?

Members of The Legion of Mary can leave her statue at your place for 2 weeks. Gather the whole family and pray the rosary daily. Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession. If you are interested, please contact <u>Marilyn on 021 299 4357</u>.

International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Do you believe Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist? Come and see our exhibition (in the crypt) conceived and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

Saturday 10th June 4pm -7pm.

Sunday 11th June 10am -12pm and 4.30pm -7pm.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

On Sunday 11th June, there will be an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in the crypt) from 2pm-4pm.

DIOCESE NEWS

Marriage & Family Life

At M & FL we are again offering the course starting in August and finishing in October. The feedback we had last year was awesome so we've decided to offer it again.

Alpha for Couples via Zoom

Are you dating, engaged or a married couple and want to improve and deepen your communication with your partner/ spouse? This is a free course and you don't have to be a Catholic to register. Registration open until 20th July 2023. To register or find out more -

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha couples/ or contact Gerry Smith 021 02247 442

<u>Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation</u> <u>Course</u>

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course at <u>www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/</u> <u>discipleship/our-courses/</u>

Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance your wedding date. For more information email <u>marriageandfami-</u>ly@cda.org.nz or contact Gerry Smith.

MASS TIMES:

Mon:		9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs		6.30pm
Wed: Novena		6pm
Fri:		9am
Sat:		5pm Vigil
Sunday	9am,10	.30am,5pm

Reconciliation by appointment, please contact the parish office.

Theology of the Body for Teens

What is love? Where do I get my identity from? What is the purpose of my sexuality? How can I live in authentic freedom, grow in virtue and build healthy friendships? Weekend courses on Saturday 22 July 2-6pm and Sunday 23 July 12-6pm at Hillsborough, Auckland. Ages:13-19 year olds. To register or for more info:<u>theologyofthebody.nz</u> or email <u>tobauckland@gmail.com</u>

Caritas Aotearoa

Every year, Caritas NZ provides materials to mark the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants ~ 18 June 2023. This year they are encouraging communities to reflect on the theme of "*Building a Future for All.*"

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Please Pray for our sick parishioners: Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lilii, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes,Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

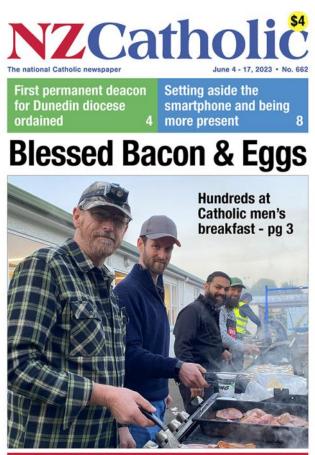
Last Week's Collection: House - \$1,261.80 Parish - \$1,739.60

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the upcoming week

Mon 12 Jun: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12 Tue 13 Jun: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16 Wed 14 Jun: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19 Thu 15 Jun: 2 Cor 3:15, 4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26 Fri 16 Jun: Deut 7:6-11 Mt 11:25-30 Sat 17 Jun: Is 61:9-11 Lk 2:41-51 Sun 18 Jun: Ex 19:2-6 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36 – 10:8 **Friday 16th June ~ Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Mass at 6.30pm and the usual morning mass timing.

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