



A Modern Version Of The Miracle

Christ fed 5,000 people in the desert. Everyone got as much as they wanted, and still there were twelve baskets of food left over. It was an astonishing display of compassion and generosity on his part. But he couldn't have done it without the five loaves and two fish given to him by a young boy, and without the help of the apostles.

Jesus was concerned about those who were hungry. However, he didn't just feed the people, he nourished their minds, their hearts, and their spirits. They went home that day fully nourished in body and in spirit. The miracle involved a lot more than giving food to people. It was an expression of the care and love of God for his people. The food is a symbol of the life God wants us to have – life here on earth, and eternal life in the hereafter.

The story of the feeding of the multitude was treasured by the early Christians. The miracle recalled the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. During this feeding the people saw an anticipation of the Eucharist. It was at the table of the Eucharist that Jesus nourished them. It is only at God's table can we get the nourishment our hearts are longing for.

Mother Teresa fed 9,000 people everyday in Calcutta. But she couldn't have done so without the generosity of many people around the world, and the assistance of the nuns and lay helpers. Here is an example of the kind of generosity that made this daily miracle possible.

One day a young couple came into their house and gave them a large sum of money.

'Where did you get so much money?' Mother Teresa asked.

'We were married two days ago. We decided not to have a wedding feast, but to give the money to feed the poor instead,' they replied.

'Why would you do this?' she asked.

'Because we love each other and wanted to begin our married life with an act of sacrifice,' they replied.

What made their act of generosity all more meaningful was the fact that both of them were high-caste Hindus, who normally will have nothing to do with the poor. Any gesture can take on an importance far beyond its actual value.

FLOR McCARTHY SDB



PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sacramental Program this year. A special thank you to our teaching team ~ Lyn Smith for the Organisation/Parents. Evelyn Pereira, Malia Tonga and Rodolfo Cabuang for the Children.

Feast of the Assumption

There will be a mass at 9am (in addition to the usual 6.30pm mass) **Tuesday 15 August** to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Winter Warmers

If you have clothes or bedding items you wish to give away this winter, please leave them at the parish office. It was successful last time and we are being encouraged to do more if we can. Thank you.

DIOCESE NEWS

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

The Sisters of St Joseph invite all to a time of prayer to honour Mary MacKillop on her Feast Day **Tuesday 8 August at 5.30pm** at Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. A light finger food tea will follow in the dining room.

Special Mass

A special mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child, on **Saturday 02 September 5pm** at St Michael's Catholic Church, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera.

Spiritual and psychological healing is necessary after this life experience. Along with the healing process, counselling is often necessary. You may want to address grief at some stage. Fr Tony Dunn can refer you to an experienced counsellor. For more info, please contact [Brenda Brightwell at St Michael's Church on 027-6415615](mailto:Brenda.Brightwell@stmichaelscatholic.org.nz).

Administrator/Communications Officer ~ Job Vacancy ~

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of PSG Administrator & Communications Officer. The successful applicant will provide administrative and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and provide communications support for the Diocese. This is a part-time role of 25 hours per week with flexibility of hours between 9am and 3pm. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Applications close Friday 18 August

MASS TIMES:

Monday: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Friday: 9am
First Friday: 6.30pm
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment,
please contact the parish office.**

******* IMPORTANT NOTICE *******

Parish New Bank Accounts

The Parish has recently changed their bank accounts which was necessary to comply with the latest banking regulations.

Please take note of our new bank accounts:

Parish Account: 02-0108-0707868-000

House Account: 02-0108-0707868-001

If you are donating through AP (automatic payments), you do not need to make any changes to your bank account details as it will automatically route to our new bank accounts. On the other hand, if you have set up the Parish as your payee, please ensure that you update your payee record with our new bank accounts.

Thank you.

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 Lili, 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 - \$961.60

Parish - \$1,415.20

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 07 Aug : Num 11:4-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tue 08 Aug: 1 Kg 17:8-16

Mt 6:25-34

Wed 09 Aug: Num 13:1-2; 14:26-29

Mt 15:21-28

Thu 10 Aug: Ps 111:1-2, 5-9

Jn 12:24-26

Fri 11 Aug: Ps 76:12-16

Mt 16:24-28

Sat 12 Aug: Deut 6:4-13

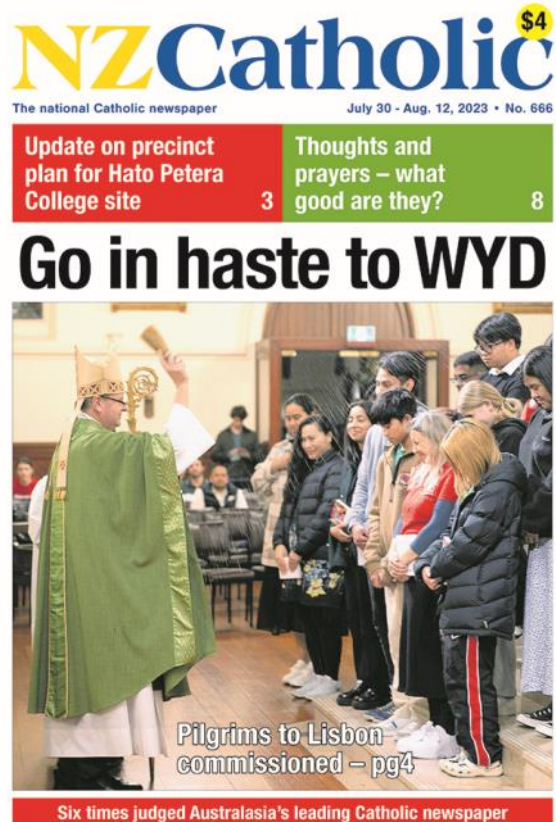
Ps 17:2-4 Mt 17:14-20

Sun 13 Aug: Ps 84:9-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

On Sale Now



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 [Marilyn on 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357).

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