

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 August 2024

Our Many Hungers

In 1885 Vincent Van Gogh visited a museum in Amsterdam in order to see Rembrandt's famous painting, *The Jewish Bride*. Having seen it he said, 'I would give ten years of my life if I could sit before this picture for a fortnight, with nothing but a crust of dry bread for food. My first hunger is not for food, though I have fasted ever so long. The desire for painting is so much stronger, that when I receive some money, I start at once hunting for models until all the money is gone.'

It is not only the body that gets hungry; the heart and the spirit get hungry too. We are creatures with not just one hunger, but with many hungers. We hunger for lots of things besides bread.

Not all of our hungers should be satisfied. Some of them are appetites that could destroy us if we feed them. But let us stay with the hungers that should be satisfied if we are to be properly nourished as human beings and children of God.

We hunger for a feeling of importance. Nobody wants to be a nobody. We all want to matter, if only to one person.

We hunger for acceptance. If we are not accepted, it becomes almost impossible for self-realization.

We hunger for motivation. Without it we are like a sailboat without the wind.

We hunger for faith, for a set of positive beliefs to guide us. Otherwise we are like a ship without a chart, compass or port of destination.

We hunger for hope. To give up hope is akin to going on a spiritual hunger strike.

We hunger for love. If this was fully satisfied then most of our other hungers would disappear.

However, there is one further hunger, one that underlies all our other hungers, including that of love. It is the hunger for eternal life. In other words, the hunger for God. To experience this hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing.

Everyday we see people emerging from supermarkets with trolleys loaded down with food and drink. But we won't find this other bread in the stores. If we could, we would be well nourished. Only God can give us this food. Only God can satisfy our deepest hunger.

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PARISH NEWS

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



*Lord Jesus,
we ask you to pour out your Holy
Spirit on all the children here today*

who are being Confirmed.

*Bless the children coming forward
to receive Holy Communion for
the first time.*

*Thank you for calling them to your
table as they share the spiritual
bread with you today.*

Minimarket



The minimarket ladies wish to thank everyone for their presence last Sunday supporting our minimarket. It was a blast! We made a total sale of \$513.40.

Email Scams

Parishioners please be aware that there are emails circulating at the moment pretending to be from our Parish Priests. If the email address is other than the ones listed at the back of our newsletter then delete it immediately. Alternatively you can report it as phishing or blacklist the sender's email address (if you have this option).

DIOCESE NEWS

2024 Auckland Prayer Breakfast

It is happening on **Thursday 24 October** at Eden Park North Lounge. This year's theme is **BUILD**. It is a word that is strongly used in the Bible. Doors open at 6.20am; Mihi 6.55am; breakfast 8.20am.

Early Bird tickets (\$40) on sale now, **closes 26 September:**

www.prayerbreakfast.nz/auckland

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**

Legion of Mary

Senior Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium) ~ Wednesdays
7.10pm (classroom)

Senior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Grace Praesidium) ~ Fridays 7.00pm (c)

Junior Legion of Mary (Our Lady Queen of Angels) (under 18) ~ Saturdays 3.30pm to 4.45pm (c)

Junior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Good Counsel Praesidium) (under 18) ~ Sundays 11.45am to 1.00pm (c)

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.

Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession.

If you are interested, please contact

[Marilyn 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357)

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, Aaron Ablan,
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover, Margaret Sampson

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,388.70

Parish - \$ 2,333.90

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 05 Aug: Jer 28:1-17
Mt 14:13-21 Ps 118:29,43,79-80,95
Tue 06 Aug: 2 Pet 1:16-19
Mk 9:2-10 Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9
Wed 07 Aug: Jer 31:1-7
Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28
Thu 08 Aug: Col 3:12-17
Mt 6:25-34 Ps 62:1-8
Fri 09 Aug: Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7
Mt 16:24-28 Deut 32:35-36, 39, 41
Sat 10 Aug: 2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26 Ps 111:1-2, 5-9
Sun 11 Aug: Eph 4:30 - 5:2
1 Kg 19:4-8 Ps 33:2-9
Jn 6:41-51

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The food Jesus gives sustains life permanently. To us pilgrims on the streets of time, we are driven by an irrepressible desire for immortality.

Jesus comes with the promise, 'He who eats the bread that I give will live forever.'

Flor McCarthy SDB

University Students

For all Catholic university students, join us **every Tuesday during semester** at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, Auckland, for mass at **12.10pm** followed by a delicious (free) lunch. For more info about what's going on for Catholic university students in Auckland, go to:

[instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

Job Vacancy

Administration Assistant ~ Marriage & Family Life are seeking an exceptional hardworking administrative assistant to join their team of marriage educators at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, St Mary's Bay. This is a part-time role of 16 hours, 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri) from 10am-2pm with some evening & weekend work in venues.

For full details and requirements, please visit the Diocesan website:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

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