OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ **07 June 2026**

The Bread of Life

As human beings we cannot live on bread alone. We suffer from many kinds of hunger. In the Gospels we see the various kinds of 'bread' Jesus offered to people, thus satisfying their many hungers.

To the people who followed him into the desert and who were starving: he offered ordinary bread.

To the leper whose body was falling apart: he offered the only bread that mattered to him - the bread of physical healing.

To the lonely woman at Jacob's well: he offered the bread of human kindness and thus satisfied her hunger of acceptance.

To sinners: he offered the bread of forgiveness and thus satisfied their hunger for salvation.

To the rejects and outcasts, by mixing with them and sharing their bread: he offered the bread of companionship and so satisfied their hunger for self-worth.

To the widow of Nain who was burying her only son, and to Martha and Mary who had just buried their brother Lazarus: he offered the bread of compassion and showed them that even in death we are not beyond the reach of God's help.

With Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector who had robbed the bread from the tables of the poor: he began by inviting himself to his table. Then having awakened within him a hunger for a better life, he got him to share his ill-gotten money with the poor.

To the thief wo died at his side: he offered the bread of reconciliation with God, thus bringing peace to his troubled soul.

Surprisingly, there were some who refused his offer of bread. The Pharisees to whom he offered not once, but several times, the bread of conversion, they refused to eat even a crumb of it. There were the people of his beloved city of Jerusalem to whom, with tears in his eyes, he offered the bread of peace but they refused it with the result that their city was destroyed.

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PARISH NEWS

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri 12 June
Mass 9am & 6.30pm

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 13 June
Mass 9am & 5pm

Foodbank

With the colder weather making its presence felt, could the following donations be considered for our foodbank?

Tinned products: beans, fish, soups, legumes, tomatoes, meat

Spreads: peanut butter, jam

Sauces: for pasta and rice

One item per month per family.

Many thanks, Anne

DIOCESE NEWS

Marriage Preparation Programme

The Auckland Diocese is looking for volunteers to facilitate the *Marriage Preparation Programme*. Training is starting soon. If you've been married for more than 5 years and feel drawn to helping engaged couples, please call **Gerry Smith 021 022 47442**

Alpha in the Catholic Context

While the Alpha Course originally started in a Protestant, Anglican context (Holy Trinity Brompton, London), it has been heavily adapted for the Catholic context.
The programme provides a relaxed, non-judgemental environment where people can explore the basics of the Christian faith, ask big life questions and connect with others. All are welcome to attend any one or more of these sessions via Zoom. Registrations are essential. Please contact Clare Bell:**Clare@alpha.org.nz**

- *17th June 7pm*
- *22nd July 7pm*
- *19th Aug 7pm*
- *16th Sep 7pm*

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"This is my body which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.
The cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Corinthians 11:24-25

Mass Intentions to be submitted by **Monday 3pm** for the current week - (Tuesday through to the following Monday).

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Mary Holmes, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lilii, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Aaron Ablan, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover, Pratima Hollomon

Last Week's Collection:

House - $1,768.30
Parish - $2,888.60

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 08 Jun:	1 Kg 17:1-6
Mt 5:1-12	Ps 120:1-8
Tue 09 Jun:	1 Kg 17:7-16
Mt 5:13-16	Ps 4:2-5, 7-8
Wed 10 Jun:	1 Kg 18:20-39
Mt 5:17- 19	Ps 15:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11
Thu 11 Jun:	Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3
Mt 10:7-13	Ps 97:1-6
Fri 12 Jun:	Deut 7:6-11
Mt 11:25-30	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 10
Sat 13 Jun:	1 Kg 19:19-21
Mt 5:33-37	Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-10
Sun 14 Jun:	Ex 19:2-6
Ps 99:2-3, 5	Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36 - 10:8	

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There was Pilate to whom he offered the bread of truth, but he had no appetite for it because it meant putting his position at risk.
Jesus shared himself with others in many different ways, and under may different forms, before offering himself to them as food and drink at the Last Supper.
Jesus nourishes us in all of the above ways, and of course especially in the Eucharist. God alone can satisfy all the longings and hungers of our hearts, because he alone can give us the bread of eternal life. St Ignatius of Antioch defined the Eucharistic Bread as a '*medicine of immortality, an antidote to death*.'

Flor McCarthy SDB

World Youth Day - Auckland 2026

Sat 01 Aug 10am-8.30pm Victory Convention Centre

Inspired by the scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day - "*You also are my witnesses because you have been with me*" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world. All young Catholics are invited to register at: **www.events.humanitix.com**

Engaged? or know of someone who is thinking of marriage? Did you know the Diocese of Auckland runs a superb pre-marriage course.

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