OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Trinity **31 May 2026**

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The mystery of The Most Holy Trinity is understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct persons in one God, sharing the same divine nature. Our mind cannot grasp the doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it and the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it.

Story

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand.

'What are you doing my child?' asked Augustine.

The boy replied, 'I am trying to empty the sea into this hole.'

'But that is impossible my dear child,' said Augustine.

The boy stood up, looked at Augustine straight in the eyes and replied, 'What you are trying to do - comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible!'

Then he vanished.

The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: 'You see the Trinity if you see love.'

According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century who came from Constantinople (known today as Istanbul) and later lived out his vocation in Egypt said: '*God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God*.'

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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

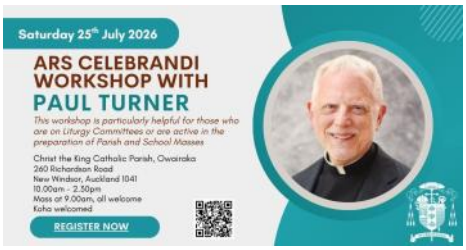
Sat 13 June
Mass 9am & 5pm

DIOCESE NEWS

Ars Celebrandi Workshop

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference warmly invites clergy, parish liturgy teams, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy to this special workshop with international liturgist *Fr Paul Turner* **Sat 25 July 10am-2.30pm** at Christ the King Church, Owairaka.
Mass is at 9am, all welcome.
Morning tea provided, please bring your own lunch. Koha welcomed.

This workshop will explore the *ars celebrandi* - the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, and fidelity to the mind and heart of the Church. Register now.



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Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass **Fri 05 Jun 7pm** at St Mary's Parish, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All welcome.

WYD Launch Event

Join us **Sun 07 Jun 2.30pm** at *Holy Family Korean Parish*, 28-32 Bishop Dunn Place, Flat Bush, for the official launch of the Auckland and Hamilton diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Steve. Registrations are essential.
Go to: **www.events.humanitix.com**

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

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

Prayer for The Most Holy Trinity

O Most Holy Trinity,

undivided unity.

Glory be to the Father,

who by his almighty power and love created me.

Glory be to the Son,

who by his precious blood delivered me from darkness.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,

who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity now and forever.

Amen.

Last Week's Collection:
House - $1,657.10
Parish - $2,681.30

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 01 Jun:	2 Pet 1:2-7
Mk 12:1-12	Ps 90:1-2, 14-16
Tue 02 Jun:	2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18
Mk 12:13-17	Ps 89:2-4,10,14,16
Wed 03 Jun:	2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12
Mk 12:18-27	Ps 122:1-2
Thu 04 Jun:	2 Tim 2:8-15
Mk 12:28-34	Ps 24:4-5, 8-10, 14
Fri 05 Jun:	2 Tim 3:10-17
Mk 12:35-37	Ps 118:157, 160-168
Sat 06 Jun:	2 Tim 4:1-8
Mk 12:38-44	Ps 70:8-9, 14-17, 22
Sun 07 Jun:	Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
Jn 6:51-58	1 Cor 10:16-17
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	

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

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All prayers in Church begin in the name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments (*Baptism*, *Confirmation*, *Anointing*, *Reconciliation*, *Marriage*, *Ordination of Bishops*, *Priests* and *Deacons*) are administered in the name of the Holy Trinity.
Where church bells ring three times, they remind us to pray for the Holy Trinity.
We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.
We need to see the Trinity as the model for our Christian families. We are created in love to be a community of loving people, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
St Francis Xavier's favourite prayer was: '*Most Holy Trinity who live in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and I love You*.'

Source: Vatican News
Reflection for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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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