

**EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
01 AUGUST 2021**

**REFLECTION**

This text comes at the beginning of a long discourse that forms the basis of the Eucharistic teaching in John's Gospel. The crowd has been amply fed by the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and now they come looking for more.

But Jesus is aware of their shallow motives.

They seek only to fill their bellies rather than looking for the true meaning of his actions or the mystery behind the signs.

The translation of this text urges the crowd to work for the food that Jesus 'is offering' in the present tense, but the Greek is actually in the future tense: 'Work for the food ... the Son of Man will offer you.'

This points forwards to the time when Jesus will be lifted up and exalted on the cross—the pivotal moment of John's Gospel. This self-gift of the Son is the food that will endure to eternal life.

The people are being directed beyond their immediate needs to something that will satisfy a much deeper and more fundamental need. Belief in Jesus will provide the nourishment for that deep need.

- What deep and fundamental needs prompted you to begin this journey you are on?

- What feeds your inner yearnings?

**ENCOUNTER—YOUNG ADULT EVENT -  
BISHOP MICHAEL**

5pm Aug. 7 in the Cathedral a talk on the Transfiguration.

**COUNSELLOR –CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

A Vacancy for a full time Counsellor based in Otara covering the Auckland/South Auckland Communities. The key function is to assist individuals, couples and families in difficulties by the provision of appropriate counselling services within a spiritual framework. To view the position description go to

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

Under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS ON FRI-  
DAY 6 AUGUST 7.00PM**

At St Mary's 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chant of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.  
**ALL WELCOME!!!**

**ALONE AGAIN?**

A weekend away to help those suffering the Heartache of Separation, Divorce or Widowhood. On 13-15 August. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again, Offering an opportunity to turn pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Cost is \$350 or early bird \$325 by 23 July more info. Lynda 027 489 8003 or Kelly 027 686 4416

**PARISH FEAST DAY - 15TH AUGUST  
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Is fast approaching. We intend to have a triduum of Mass 12th & 13th August 7pm, Preceded by the Rosary at 6.30pm and Saturday 14th Mass 9.15am followed by the Rosary after Mass. All weekend Masses, starting with the Vigil Mass (5.30pm) on Saturday 14th and the 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm Masses on 15th will be followed by a free Sausage Sizzle!

This will be a very special weekend as New Zealand will be re-dedicated to Mary Mother of God assumed into Heaven!  
More details later.

**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

A programme for children not attending Catholic Primary Schools and is on a fortnightly basis during term time. Starts this Sunday 01st August. Meet at 9.35am alternate Sundays. If you wish to enrol a child for the Sacramental Programmes later this year and the child does not attend a Catholic Primary School, the child must attend EIF Classes for at least 6 months to be accepted on the Sacramental Programme Course Enquiries email: [info@northcotecatholic.org.nz](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org.nz)

**CHORAL VIGIL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

At the Cathedral 7pm Saturday 14th August. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks Durham Lane \$2 and Hobson St \$4-validate ticket in the Cathedral.

**TIME OUT DAYS 9.30 AM - 2.30PM  
(\$30 includes lunch) 24 Aug.**

15 Sept. book [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**HOLY ROSARY SERIES**

A 6 session series to learn about the history, the prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands on teaching to make your own Rosary 2 to 4pm Sunday 8 Aug. (\$15 per session includes all Rosary making materials and pm tea. To register or more info. Contact [rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY- PLEASE NOTE!**

If your child has been Confirmed & received First Holy Communion he/she should stay in church for the whole of Mass, NOT go out with the little ones. Sessions are aimed at young children, having the older children present is distracting for the little ones and makes it difficult for Catechists.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Please continue to bring non-perishable food along for us to distribute to those families in need in our area. You can leave it in the church or take it directly over to De Paul House. We are in need of Tea, Coffee, Milo, Sugar, Tinned Fish and Meat, Breakfast cereals, Jam, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Pasta & Pasta Sauces, As well as Shampoo, Soap, Toilet Rolls, toothpaste/toothbrushes.

Thank you for your monthly cash Donations, if you don't carry cash you can donate online directly to ASB ACCOUNT 12-3035-0505571-00

**ACCOMPANYING MINISTRY**

Need a listening ear? Journeying through a challenging and difficult time? Our trained mentors are ready to walk with you in such times. Our Parish Office is ready to help you make an appointment. Appointments are available Monday to Friday 10.30am to 3.00pm and Saturday 10am to 12pm. Strict confidentiality and safeguarding Principles are in place for you.

**MONTHLY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Friday 6th August 7 to 9pm at St Benedict's Eden Terrace, Soup and Buns to follow. Come and pay for vocations in our Diocese.

**WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE  
CONFERENCE**

Promises to be a moment of joy, delight and insight along the way of our post-Covid journey. Come!! Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Venue: Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. Date/time 4.00pm 7th October to 6.00pm 9th October. Info from website: <https://wuss.org.nz>

**Registrations now open**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - PARKING !**

We have had some complaints from our neighbours on Onewa Road, advising that some parishioners, when coming to Mass at the weekend, are parking in such a way that they are blocking driveways and obscuring the view of traffic movements making entering or leaving their properties extremely dangerous. You should park 1 metre away from a driveway for safety. Please be more careful to avoid being towed away and fined.

**AUCKLAND INTER-FAITH COUNCIL (AIFC)**

AGM Thurs. 12 August, venue 24 St Stephen's Avenue, Parnell. Some parking available in adjacent lot, or on the road. Time 7.30 to 8pm, guest speaker & discussion 8.30 to 9pm Coffee, tea & light refreshments. All Welcome to attend.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sun. 5.00pm** Gregory Moverley & Ronan Walker RIP;

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE GROUPS**

continue this Thursday mornings 10.15-11.30, evenings 7.30-8.45 Seven Deadly sins, Seven Lively Virtues— A Robert Barron series.

**DE PAUL HOUSE - FOOD BANK  
THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!**

Can you help to replenish our food bank? Basics needed breakfast cereal, tin fish or meat, rice, pasta, long life milk, jam, honey, peanut butter, shampoo, toothpaste, Tea, coffee, milo etc! All donations much appreciated Telephone (09) 480 5959

**HALL FOR HIRE - phone 480 7357 or  
Email [info@northcotecatholic.org.nz](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org.nz)**

**INVITATION FROM BISHOP PAT**

"I am writing to invite you to the **Rejoice: Auckland Catholic Festival** to be held on **Saturday 16 October 2021** at Sancta Maria College/ St Luke's Church, Flat Bush.

Come and gather to be affirmed, inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics so as to continue to love and serve as missionary disciples in parishes, ethnic communities, schools and our wider society. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Everyone in the Diocese, no matter how young or old, is invited to be part of this exciting event. Here is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to rejoice in the Lord - the source of our joy. As Pope Francis says *'Now, more than ever ... we need a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world.'* (Let Us Dream 2021). So please bring your community to join Bishop Michael and myself in Flat Bush for this all day event on Saturday 16 October. As a Diocese, let us take this opportunity to encounter Christ afresh and celebrate our Faith.

We begin with a Festival Mass at 9.00am and the day concludes at 5.0pm. There will be talks, workshops, prayer fellowship and fun. A separate programme for children will be offered alongside the main programme. This is a family-friendly event! Lunch will be provided and the whole celebration is free. Registrations open in August and further announcements will be made on the line-up of speakers. In the evening, a Youth Festival will be held from 7 to 10pm at the same venue.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Patrick Dunn Bishop of Auckland"

**FAMILY ROSARY IN ST MARY'S PARISH**

The family Rosary will be introduced in the parish. It is a devotion wherein a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary visits the home of a Family or an individual for a week (Saturday to Saturday). It encourages the family to pray the Rosary for their own intentions and for the intentions of the world. This will commence on the first Saturday of September 2021. A roster to be organised of families/homes who wish to be visited. More info. please email name, address & preferred Saturday date and month to the familyrosary21@gmail.com

**Please pray :** For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Johann, Linda F, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L. Shannon, Owen B, Susan C. Brian, Neil M, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S. Ronald B. Paula & Peter O'S, Syrel C, Billy G M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Mark B, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Jill O'N, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Marie B, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, George & Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Sharon L, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Elliot T, Denise C, Jocell D-V

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday -</b>			
Reading	Numbers	11: 4-15	Ps. 81
Gospel	Mathew	14:13-21	
<b>Tuesday- St Dominic</b>			
Reading	Numbers	12: 1-13	Ps. 51
Gospel	Matthew	14:22-36	
<b>Wednesday St John Vianney</b>			
Reading	Numbers	13: 1- 2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35	Ps. 106
Gospel	Matthew	15:21-28	
<b>Thursday -</b>			
Reading	Numbers	20: 1-13	Ps. 95
Gospel	Matthew	16:13-23	
<b>Friday - Transfiguration of the Lord</b>			
1st Reading	Daniel	7: 9-10,13-14	Ps. 97
2nd Reading	II Peter	1:16-19	
Gospel	Luke	9:28-36	
<b>Saturday -</b>			
Reading	Deut.	6: 4-13	Ps. 18
Gospel	Matthew	17:14-20	
<b>Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time</b>			
1st Reading	I Kings	19: 4- 8	Ps. 34
2nd Reading	Ephesians	4:30- 5: 2	
Gospel	John	6:41-51	

**NGA TAPUWAE PILGRIMAGE**

Auckland Diocese are planning a Northland historical pilgrimage, Nga Tapuwae (sacred footsteps) for any parish or group or community who would like to participate. All parishes are cordially invited to get a group of people together, to travel the road, hear the stories and remember our Catholic roots in Aotearoa New Zealand. This will occur from 6th through 9th January 2022 culminating in the celebration of the remembering of Bishop Pompallier's first Mass at Totara Point in 1838. Start planning your group of young adults (20 years and above), hire a van and gather some chaperones now, and we will keep you updated with details of what package we will provide for your group. Formal announcement and registrations of Nga Tapuwae, registration packs will be provided prior to travel. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

**COVID\_19 HYGIENE**

Please continue with your good personal hygiene, frequent washing of hands and sanitise when entering the church. PLEASE SCAN OR SIGN-IN WHEN YOU COME TO MASS and continue to follow the 'rules' according to which Covid level we are in! Please stay at home if you have a cold or are unwell and contact your medical Practitioner or the Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice Regarding Covid testing.

**CARE OF CHURCH LINEN** 01 Aug. Louise D - 08 Aug. Maha S  
**CHURCH CLEANING** 07 Aug. Judy L - 14 Aug. Issa N

**FIT FOR MISSION**



**WEEKEND 07/08 August**

MASS	ALTAR	PROJECTIONIST
<b>5.30pm</b>	Nathan E Reagan L	Gary S
<b>8.30AM</b>	Caitlyn C, Chenelle F, Ana T	Kristine T
<b>10.30AM</b>	Kassandra B, Helena L, Yesaya M, Dashiel W-D	Maria R
<b>5.00PM</b>	Olivier & Anthea T	Maha S

**PRO-LIFE FACTS**

Rotorua Voice for Life held a Candlelit Vigil for Life on the darkest day of the year, June 21st. Thirty-five people of various churches and of all ages came together to pray for the pro-life movement, the people involved and all those affected by abortion. The vigil was took place outside Rotorua Hospital where 15 babies are aborted per week. The rain stayed away and allowed for a brisk but calm 30 minutes together. The Kaupapa of this event was to bring pro-life people together in a peaceful and prayerful event in the spirit of unity and support. There were no signs or banners, just people holding a light for life in the darkness, praying and singing together. If you would like to organise a candlelit vigil, you are welcome to contact Jenny Chapman for a plan template on 0273615011.

For more information visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)