

31 JULY 2022
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

"Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide.

This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision.

That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle this week.

Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool"— a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1). We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven.

We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us."

WANTED

We are looking for someone who can play the keyboard to accompany and be a part of the Gregorian Choir. If you are interested please contact the office on 480 7357 or info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are involved in our Planned Giving Programme and would like a Tax receipt Please email the office at info@northcotecatholic.org.

COVID_19 HYGIENE

Please continue with your good personal hygiene, frequent washing of hands and sanitise when entering the church. Please stay at home if you have a cold or are unwell and do a Rapid Antigen Test, if you test positive then please contact your medical Practitioner or Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice.

The parish have some RAT's Test Kits available if you are unable to source them yourselves. Please enquire at the Parish Office

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS HELP!

Ministers of the Word @ 10.30am 5pm
Church Cleaners-good family job
Care for Altar Linen
Mass Coordinators 8.30am 10.30am & 5pm
Projectionists 5.30pm & 10.30am
Training given to all and these ministries are rostered
On a monthly or six weekly basis contact the office if YOU can help please 480 7357 or info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New sets of envelopes through to end of June 2023 are now available in the church for collection. Please take yours today. If your set is not there please email the parish office info@northcotecatholic.org.nz or call on Monday 480 7357 and we will ensure that your set will be available next week.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME THE EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS ONLINE (FEW PEOPLE CARRY CASH ANYMORE). TO ARRANGE FOR ON LINE DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

Or call (09) 480 7357.

If you join you can obtain a Tax Receipt at the end of the Financial Year and claim back 1/3rd of your donations, a great form of saving!!

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

A training/retraining of all Altar Servers has been set down as Follows:

4.30pm on Friday 26th August & 4.00pm on Saturday 27th August

Once you have attended ONE of these sessions, we will again be able to roster you at the Mass your family usually attends.

Any queries please contact the office on 480 7357.

MEMORIAL MASS

1.30PM SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST FOR JILL O'NEILL

Some of our longstanding parishioners will know Jill, she was a parishioner here at St Mary's for many years. Involved in our Craft Group, Pregnancy Help, Dove fellowship and many other aspect of parish life. Once ill health set in she moved to Australia to be looked after by her daughter. Jill went home to God early in May this year, she was cremated and her Ashes have been returned to Auckland for internment.

Fr Carlos Guleng will be the celebrant, and there will be refreshments in the hall after the service.

ALL WELCOME

COVID UP DATE

Numbers in church UNRESTRICTED
You no longer have to book for Mass.

However, we are still in Level Orange, so we would still encourage you wear a mask while in church and sanitise your hands as you enter. You may keep up-dated by visiting our homepage at www.northcotecatholic.org.nz or our Facebook Page [facebook.com/northcotecatholic](https://www.facebook.com/northcotecatholic) or

Email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

If all else fails then call the office

480 7357



HEARTS AFLAME
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HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lecturers, uplifting prayer and authentic Community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing Experience for young adults 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton from 30/12/22 until 8/01/23! You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on social media.

RESOURCES IN TIMES OF COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

Diocese has a page dedicated to key info. places of worship at this time go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/

We pray for all of our Parishioners who are sick or who are struggling with many challenges and difficulties at this time.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ON LINE
Mary of Nazareth

with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn
fms Monday 22 August 7-8.30pm ZOOM Koha/
Donations Welcome www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at . www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/

NZ CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER ONLY \$4 (UNCHANGED FOR 8 YEARS)

Headlines for the current issue
Bishop Michael Gielen installed in Christchurch.

Mental Health focus of CWL appeal.
Cardinal Dew at Plenary Council in Sydney.

Presbytery housekeeper in Gore for nearly 30 years

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Thank you to all that contributed to and listened through the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. The synthesis document of the voices of the people of Auckland has been submitted. It can be read/downloaded from the diocesan website

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

DE PAUL HOUSE

Have provided housing & family support services for the most vulnerable for over 30 years. A Vacancy for a caring & experienced community support worker/ social worker. Please visit De Paul House website: www.depaulhouse.org.nz/work-with-us

For full details then submit CV to admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AND MASS

Friday 5th August 7pm St Mary's Mt. Albert

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass. Followed by a general blessing of St Faustina's Relic. ALL WELCOME!!

ROSARY BEADS FOR REPAIR

Can be left in the container provided in the church foyer with your name/contact number. They will be collected and repaired by a kind parishioner FREE OF CHARGE. You can also place beyond repair blessed beads in the container, they will be used to repair other Rosaries.

LINKS FOR KIDS CORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

Kids Corner www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EIGHTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf

Parent Ponderings www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Man-and-the-Birds.pdf

SEE THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Enquiries are invited for a 21 day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan & Palestine, leaving on 2nd May 2023. Led by Pat McCarthy, former Editor of NZ Catholic., Chaplain Fr Chris Denham. Itinerary includes 6 nights Galilee, 5 night Jerusalem, 4 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Petra & 1 night by the Dead Sea. More details patmuzie@slingshot.co.nz

SUNDAY MASS A reminder that the Diocese continues to broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded Saturday night (as per Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow> from 6 February it will also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2pm Free-to-air TV Channel25, Sky TV Channel 201

CHRISTINE BELL COACHING

Achieving your goals, step by step Phone: 021 234 4765 Diabetes | Weight loss | Relationships Mental Health | Addiction

CARE OF ALTAR LINEN 314 July CHURCH CLEANING 06 Aug. Aida Ayo

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, 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, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Denise C, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Tui O'S, Maselino L.

DAILY READINGS

Monday St Alphonsus Liguori

Reading Jeremiah 28: 1-17 Ps. 119H

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday

Reading Jeremiah 30: 1- 2,12-15,18-22 Ps. 102

Gospel Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday St Dominic

1st Reading Jeremiah 31: 1- 7 Cant. Jeremiah

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday St John Vianney

Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps. 51

Gospel Matthew 16:13-23

Friday

Reading Nahum 2: 1,3;3:1-3,6-7 Cant. Deuteronomy

Gospel Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday- The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14 Ps. 97

2nd Reading Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Matthew 17: 1- 9

Sunday 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

1st Reading Wisdom 18: 6- 9 Ps. 33

2nd Reading Hebrews 11: 1- 2,8-19

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Mission Map Momentum

10.30am—2.15pm Saturday 27.08.22,—St Francis Xavier, Whangarei RSVP 22.08.22—Our Lady of the Assumption, Onehunga RSVP 19.09.22 15.10.22—St Joseph's, Takapuna RSVP 10.10.22 The Diocese will provide lunch Please register with Aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum

How relevant is the Old Testament in our lives today?

Find out more, register for this course I Auckland SC501 Understanding the Old Testament. Saturdays 06 August, 03 September & 01 October (9am to 4pm) St Columba Centre, Ponsonby. Lecturer: Rev. Kevin Wadie SM Enquire at office@ctc.ac.nz or call 819 8380 Catholic Theological College www.cyc.ac.nz

CDA CONNECT

Check out this month's issue of CDA CONNECT :

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/> it is a great way to find out all that is happening in the diocese and how you can get involved.

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION

Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal on Caring Sunday 31st July (THIS SUNDAY). The need in our community is even greater this year! A donation to our annual appeal will help families throughout the diocese! For ways to donate go to www.caringfoundation.org.nz or please take home our latest newsletter.

Accompanying Survivors of Sexual Harm: A workshop for Church Leaders

If you lead a ministry in the church or are involved with supporting the vulnerable in your community, come and join us for a one day workshop facilitated by Dr Rocio Figueroa (Theologian & Lecturer at CTC), Dr Emily Colgan (Snr Lecturer & Academic Director at Trinity College), and Lisa Spriggins (Head of Counselling at Laidlaw College. Saturday 20th August 9am to 4pm CTC Campus, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Registration fee \$15 (includes tea/coffee but excludes lunch—plenty of options around Ponsonby area). Free parking on site go to <https://forms.office.com/r/x8KstC4xEs> Register and for programme overview www.tekupenga.ac.nz/accompanying-survivors

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Alone Again? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23 to 25th September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. The total cost for two nights accommodation, meals, materials and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 8th August. For further information please phone Lynda on 027 489 8003 or (09) 478 9742 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

GIANNA'S CHOICE PREGNANCY OPTIONS & SUPPORT

Under the patronage of Bishop Emeritus Patrick Dunn ...pledges to all women and girls facing an unplanned pregnancy, regardless of creed or personal Circumstances, every possible help with practical, moral and financial support as necessary, in order that they may give life to their baby.'

We also have a very well appointed and staffed home, *Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies*, situated close to all motorway access south of Auckland All enquiries are welcome Individual plans and programmes are made for each mother and their baby Mothers out of Auckland, all travel arrangements will be made free of charge For more information, please phone 0800 367 5433 or email nzgiannaschoice@gmail.com to request an information pack.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY NZ

Is running a symposium in Auckland to celebrate Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful catechesis on human love and dignity. Sat. 8th October. Early Bird Registration \$80 (ends 1st Aug.) Full registration \$95. Early bird participants to go into a draw to win one of three prizes. Register at: theologyofthebody.nz



Do we let greed take our Focus away from Christ?