

07TH JUNE 2026



CORPUS CHRISTI

REFLECTION

Today, on this Solemn Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the fact that our God is so enamoured with us, that He allows Himself to become food and drink for our nourishment, that He allows His own Body and Blood to intertwine with our body and blood, so that we can act like Him, perhaps even bear the marks of His Body like Him.

This intimacy between our God and us is not only an amazing thing, but a challenging one as well. The challenge comes on two levels. The first level of mere believability: "How can it be that this tiny piece of bread and this small droplet of wine contain the King of the Universe? It is a valid question, for in many ways it does not add up. It is like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole, trying to fit a God who is infinite into the "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." But so is a God who takes on human flesh; so is a God who allows Himself to suffer, die, and be buried; so is a God who entrusts His message of salvation to twelve insignificant fishermen in an insignificant region of the world. God does not do things conventionally, and although we might scratch our heads as to how this can be, we have to be comfortable with divine mystery and, as our Sequence, *Lauda Sion*, reminds us, rest assured that though "sight has failed ...dauntless faith believes." This is hard, for we human beings do like rational explanations to our questions. However, we have to remember that love is less expressed in syllogistic formulae, and more in the affections of the heart that are not so easily expressed in words. The second level in which God's intimacy with us is challenging is the demand that we take upon ourselves in our eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ. St Paul tells us in our second reading that the cup we bless is a *participation* in the Blood of Christ, and the bread we break is a *participation* in the Body of Christ. What does this mean to *participate* in the Body and Blood of Christ? Perhaps it would be easier to discuss what this *does not* mean: this does *not mean* that we receive Holy Communion nonchalantly, without truly meditating on the great Mystery of love that it signifies. It is all too easy to get into the habit of going to Holy Communion simply out of rout habit: "I receive Holy Communion because that is what is expected of me". The motivation to receive Holy Communion should not be that of convenience or routine, but rather love.

To receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion is to receive Love incarnate.

Love is a powerful thing. It forever intertwines the lives of those with whom it comes into contact. May our lives forever be intertwined with the God of love, who day in and day out nourishes us with the food from heaven, which makes our bodies a lovely dwelling place for Him who wants nothing more than for us to live with Him forever in a life of perfect and perpetual Communion.

Extracts from the writings of Fr Ryan Ruiz and
Fr Nicholas M Colalella

Parish "Planned Thanksgiving"

Dear Parishioners, starting this weekend (6th & 7th June), we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community which will run over the next four weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Together we grow to reflect the face of Christ

INVITATION!

Our Parish Thursday Scripture Reflection: Theme "*Evangelising with Scripture*" continues in the Foley Centre
Time : 10.15am to 11.30am

FOOD BANK SHELVES ARE EMPTY!

De Paul House needs food and especially personal and household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand-wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, spray and wipe. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish and meat, coconut milk and cream, jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk, milo. Every little contribution makes a difference. If you want to run a food drive, please contact Lesley Farmer
lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz or call 480 5959

TAX RECEIPTS 2025-2026

For those on our Planned Giving Programme please email the office if you would like your receipt for the 2025 to 2026 tax period sent to you.
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2026!

Meeting Sunday 07th June after the 5.00pm Mass. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 is most welcome. Come along and meet other young adults in the parish for fellowship and to journey alongside one another in our Catholic faith.
Enquires Email: gnasrun88@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5.30pm Jeremy McCracken RIP (11th Annv.) **Wed. 9.15am** Luis Tiongson & Pochoiro Azucena RIP & Special Intention for Lilibeth Paredes

CAN YOU HELP DE PAUL HOUSE?

You can get some good bargains at The Warehouse or Briscoes! De Paul House needs your help to restock their warm bedding and towel banks. You will be helping homeless and low-income families and senior citizens stay warm this winter. De Paul House has had a huge increase in calls for help both with housing and support services. Please share the message with friends, family and work colleagues. Matthew 25:40 The King will reply "*Truly I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*"
admin@depaulhouse.org.nz ph: 480 5959

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS WHO WERE CONFIRMED ON FRIDAY EVENING AND WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Kennedy Shand, Yera Silva, Tadgh O'Brien, Kemuel Saldua, Damien Koe, Saskia Cashin, Claire Dmello, Renee Dmello, Psalm Barrameda, Hiruia Rupasinghe, Louiz Sendico, Mason Reilly, Zofia McLean, Alena McLean, Christian Coughlan, Samantha Arenas, Jerome Fernando, Miel Casaquite, Robynne Nano, Thehan Francisco, Jasmine Garlitos, Kiera Luo, Samuel Llaban, Luke Praveen, Finn Rodger, Adeline Crawford, Micah Farr, Alexander Dias, Alessandra Reid, Gianluca Reid, Jessica Hollewand, Hunter Noble, Charlotte Tucker, Light Rueda, Charlotte West, Emily West, William Crarer, Maria Encarnacion, Henry Yurak, Bryony Campbell, Micah Farr
And Charlie Huang (on 31st May)

Also to those Confirmed on Friday

Joanne Dmello, Aslesha Francisco, Max Llaban, Kaitlyn Llaban, Arimathea Barrameda, Senuth Rupasinghe

GIRL TIME

We extend an invitation to all women for our "Girl Time" meeting, a group for friendship, laughter, and inspiration. Join us for morning tea, as we explore topics that resonate with our lives and faith. A light luncheon will be provided. 10:15 AM on Monday, June 08th, in the Foley Centre, next to the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING

Fri. 12th June Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay 7-8pm Light refreshments will be served after prayer

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

If your child has been baptised, attends a non-Catholic school and would like to know more about their faith, these classes provide an opportunity for them to learn the faith. **The classes are a requirement for those children wishing to register for the Sacramental Programme later this year.** Classes are on a Sunday morning.
Enq. Childrenformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

PARISH NEWSLETTER

You can now subscribe to get a link to our weekly newsletters via email for updates on Parish and Diocesan activities. We encourage you to scan the QR Code, above, and subscribe now!



MARY'S PANTRY MID-WINTER FEAST FUNDRAISING DINNER JOIN US!

Friday 03rd July 6-11pm at St Mary's Parish Hall, an evening of food, fellowship and community spirit. Enjoy a great night out while supporting local families in need.

\$40 adults / \$20 children / Tables of 8 available— tickets

<https://events.humanitix.com/marys-pantry-mid-winter-feast>

We are also seeking raffle prize donations email: hello@maryspantry.org.nz Can't attend?

You can still donate via the ticket link



AUCKLAND INTER-FAITH COUNCIL

The Auckland Inter-Faith Council is pleased to announce our next AIFC Anniversary Event. Monday 15th June 7 to 9pm. We are honoured to have Dr Melissa Derby as our keynote speaker. Spaces are limited, so we ask you to please register on time before 10th June. We also congratulate our friends of the Council of Christians and Muslims (CCM) are also celebrating their anniversary, a special milestone, 30 years since their foundation Saturday 6th June.

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Is now accepting enrolments for the micro-credential on Management of Church Organisations. This is an online course over six weeks. Class starts on 20 July. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/churchmanagement.

CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us in 2026! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials search [aucklandcatholicchaplaincy](https://www.aucklandcatholicchaplaincy.org/).

ST JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP - ALBANY VILLAGE

"Pope Leo XIV proclaimed **"The Year of St. Francis"** a special Jubilee Year running from 10th January 2026 until 10th January 2027. It commemorates the 800th anniversary of the saint's death (transitus). Inspired by this we have thoughtfully curated a collection of books, statues, crosses, and devotional items reflecting St Francis's message of humility, peace, and love for God and all creation. You can see instore or online.

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, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S, Ronald B, Syrel C, Billy G, M. Angus C, Keira, Max W, David P, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Anselmo S, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla, Petros A, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Ann C, Letalie V, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Aesop N, Patricia W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Chike E, Emily G, June B, John R, John S, Patricia Maunsell, Mary G, Cath S, Anne J.

DAILY READINGS

Monday			
Reading	I Kings	17: 1- 6	Ps. 121
Gospel	Matthew	5: 1-12	
Tuesday			
Reading	I Kings	17: 7-16	Ps. 4
Gospel	Matthew	5:13-16	
Wednesday			
Reading	I Kings	18:20-39	Ps. 16
Gospel	Matthew	5:17-19	
Thursday St Barnabas			
Reading	Acts	11:21-26,13: 1-3	Ps. 98
Gospel	Matthew	10: 7-13	
Friday Sacred Heart			
1st Reading	Deut.	7: 6-11	Ps. 103
2nd Reading	John	4: 7-16	
Gospel	Matthew	11:25-30	
Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary			
Reading	I Kings	19:19-21	Ps. 16
Gospel	Matthew	5:33-37	
11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME			
1st Reading	Exodus	19: 2- 6	Ps. 100
2nd Reading	Romans	5: 6-11	
Gospel	Matthew	9:36-10: 8	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Youth Mass Last Sunday of each month 4.30pm February through November at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact youthmin@cda.org.nz

Canon Law in Practice Webinar Series, Msgr. Brendan Daly will be leading a 3 part webinar series during June. The series will focus on practical case handling, documentation, and rights-focused safeguarding. This series could be of interest to those involved in pastoral and safeguarding ministry. Session 2 10 June 7pm register

[Spc-vazom.us/webinar/register/WN_qZSMDJ4ASD6w8fgVxc71Qw](https://spc-vazom.us/webinar/register/WN_qZSMDJ4ASD6w8fgVxc71Qw)

World Youth Day Auckland 2026 10am to 8.30pm **Saturday 01st August** at Victory Convention Centre. Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victoria Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026—a massive joy filled day of faith, community and WITNESS. 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. For more info and to register to go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

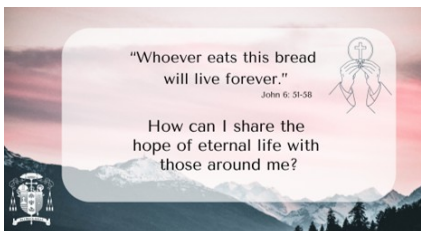
Calling all young Northcote parishioners 13 to 35 to join our parish group register here <https://forms.gle/KrqRMwaV6bDjzSo27>

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Marriage Preparation Programme The Catholic Diocese of Auckland are looking for volunteers to facilitate the Marriage Preparation Programme. Training starting soon, if you have been married for 5 years plus and feel drawn to helping engaged couples please call Gerry on 021 0224 7442
Mission Hub NZ How does our encounter with Christ in the Eucharist shape the mission of the church today? Join us for Mission Hub NZ with Tania Rimac from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and member of the International Eucharistic Congress 2028. The significance of the International Eucharistic Congress 2028: How the Eucharist forms missionary disciples: Practical ways parishes can foster Eucharistic renewal and mission. Monday 8th June 7 to 8.30pm online. To register email missionhubnz@gmail.com

WYD 2027 WEBINARS

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this years webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) For more info and to register www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026



"Whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 6:51-58

How can I share the hope of eternal life with those around me?

CHURCH CLEANING

13 June Kimberley G
20 June Upton Family
ALTAR LINEN
07 June Anne H
14 June Prisca T

PROLIFE FACTS

In the times of the Roman Empire, slaves were considered property to be used or discarded. Similarly, infants who were unwanted, inconvenient, or born with disabilities could be abandoned or killed. In contrast, early Christians held that every human being was made in the image of God and possessed intrinsic, unearned dignity. Therefore, they rescued abandoned infants and raised them as their own. To many Romans, this was bizarre, even foolish. But as the Christian community grew, their influence grew, and cultural norms were gradually transformed. This is an early example of a wider truth that inspires the pro-life movement today: when a society recognises the inherent value of every human life, it can become more humane, more just, and more compassionate.

For pro-life info, visit w.voiceforlife.org.nz.