

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Masses ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7 am & 9.30 am

Masses ~ Monday to Friday 12.10 pm

Masses Saturdays & Public Holidays 9 am

Reconciliation ~ Saturday 9.30am

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Parking in St John's Car Park

Those attending Sunday or weekday Masses do not need to pay if using the St John's car park. On a Sunday, you may leave your car in the car park for one hour after Mass (that is, till 11.30am) without payment. Cars left beyond that time could be towed away.

On weekdays, you have fifteen minutes after Mass only.

CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH

43 Wyndham St, Auckland CBD

Sunday Mass

8am, 11am, 4.30pm, 7pm

Children's Liturgy at 8.00 am, 11.00 am & 4.30 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass last Sunday of month 7 pm

Weekdays

Mass Monday-Friday: 7.00 am & 12.15 pm

Saturdays & public holidays: 8.30 am

Exposition Holy Hour - Working weekdays 11 am

Reconciliation

Mondays to Fridays 11.30—12.10pm

(except Public Holidays)

Cathedral Parish Secretary

Rebecca Knibb

info@stpatricks.org.nz

Tel 09 3034509

www.stpatricks.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: Tel 815 6122

ST BENEDICT'S NEWTON

1 St Benedict's Street (off Upper Queen St)

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6 pm & Sunday 9.30 am,
5.30 pm in the crypt

Mass in Spanish: 12.00 pm the second & fourth
Sundays of the month.

Weekdays

Mass Monday - Friday: 7 am

Monday: 12.10 pm Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion

Tuesday - Friday: Mass 12.10 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm- 5.45pm

St Benedict's Parish Secretary

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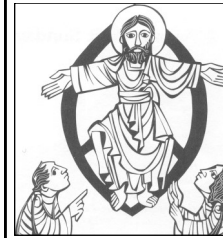
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 AUGUST 2019

For those who believe in THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE



Today we are presented with the tragic figure of Jeremiah who has been thrown into the mud. This image must be one of the most pathetic images

in all of Scripture. Here is the great prophet – representative of God - and counsellor to Kings – totally dejected, thrown into a cistern and left for dead.

Jeremiah is stuck in the mud.

In all of our lives our struggles with faith and the crisis in our lives often leave us stuck in the mud. So often we end up stuck going nowhere. Our prayer is empty, our church going is dull and boring. We can't pull ourselves out and then some Ebed-Melech comes to save us from the cistern.

In our secular society today we see a cooling of belief and Christian faith. Jeremiah lived out his faith within the machinations of state politics, at times persecuted for what views he held.

He was committed to the truth of his conscience, he had a vision of faith that enabled him to go beyond what was immediately relevant.

In the gospel Jesus tells us that standing for truth is no easier today than it was for Jeremiah or his earliest followers.

Jesus, just like Jeremiah, proclaimed a message of reform and rebirth – which would result in division. Jesus sees his role as that of setting “the earth on fire”.

On a number of occasions in recent weeks I have found myself reflecting on truth, as I have watched our Parliament debate the Bills on age assisted death and the reform of the Abortion Act.

In the debates there seems to be a shallowness that is devoid of any real search for truth. Nowhere do I hear members speak in regard to the Mystery of Life.

In a society ruled by science and proof it's hard to come to terms with Mystery. When we reduce the Mystery of Life to the horizontal we too will end up stuck in the mud going nowhere.

An authentic life grapples with mystery – its beginnings and endings are apart of that awesome Mystery.

It is the bold vision of faith that sees life as mystery rather than something that we regard as immediately relevant. In the Christian Vision of things it is the truth that will set us free.

As Christians may we be genuine searchers for truth and be ready and willing to share that truth in gentle and authentic ways with others.

Msgr Paul Farmer
Pastor, St Benedict's Church
Newton



THE LORD HEARD MY CRY

HE DREW ME OUT OF THE PIT OF
DESTRUCTION - PSALM 40



How have you responded to family resentments and challenges?
Jesus reminds us as Baptized Faithful's, we find PEACE in God.

LORD, COME TO MY AID!

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10** This describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah, whom Christians see as a figure of Christ.

~ **Psalm 39** Lord, come to my aid!

~ **Hebrews 12:1-4** The author exhorts his readers to persevere in their faith, drawing strength from the example of Christ and all those who have gone before them.

~ **Gospel Luke 12:49-53** The coming of Christ marks a time of division in which people will be called on to declare their loyalties.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13; Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

Presiding Priests this Sunday

Saturday Vigil at 5 pm Fr Chris Denham

7 am Fr Chris Denham

9.30 am Fr Chris Denham

Masses this Week at St John the Baptist

Monday to Friday 12.10pm

Saturday and Public Holidays 9am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Felina Away – Felina will be away for two weeks.

The office will be closed from 19 August to 30 August. Regular office hours will resume on Monday 2nd September. Emails and phone messages will be checked from time to time during this period. For any urgent queries, please get in touch directly with Fr Chris Denham.

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Accommodation Available

Furnished studio apartment. Sleeps 2 people.

Has a garden and off-street parking available.

Rent is \$350/week (water and power included)

For enquiries, please phone 5200436.

Live-in Caregivers needed – two live-in caregivers

are needed to help look after an elderly parishioner residing in Parnell. Free board and lodging. Meals and wages to be agreed upon.

For further details, email Carmen at cl5597315848@protonmail.com.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

North Shore – Warmly invites all women to their

August meeting: Living by God's Standards

Speaker: Linda Fisher. Wednesday 21 August

7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Parish Hall, St Thomas

Moore Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

For further information contact Sylvia

09 4437477 or visit www.dove.org.nz.

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother

Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass

from 29th August to 8th September at 6.30pm.

St Mary's Parish, 134 Great North Road, Avondale

and join the pilgrimage. For more details please

call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798.

Catholic Overseas Aid Committee/Caritas

Aotearoa New Zealand – 50th Anniversary Mass

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is celebrating a

'Jubilee Year' this year, representing 50 years

since national bodies were established for justice,

peace and development, including the provision

of Catholic volunteers overseas. Bishop Patrick

Dunn will celebrate a special Mass to mark this

occasion for the Auckland diocese. In conjunction

with the Auckland Justice & Peace Commission

and the Mangere East parish of St Thérèse,

Caritas invite you to join us for this celebration.

All are welcome. 5pm, Saturday 24 August,

St Thérèse's Church, 10 Wickman Way,

Mangere East.

Abortion Law Reform Bill – was given its

First Reading on 8 August. The proposed Bill:

- liberalises late-term abortion.
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Further details and a Submissions Guide are available www.voiceforlife.org.nz. Submissions close on 19 September. Emailed submissions are not accepted. Post or send via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill.

Auckland Interfaith Council presents The Imam

and the Pastor – 27 August, 7.30 pm – 9 pm, in the Hillsborough Room, of the Fickling Centre, 546 Mount Albert Rd. Admission is free but a koha will be collected to support their NZ visit and their work in Africa.

McAuley High School Class of 2009 Reunion

An invitation to McAuley old girls and staff of 2009 to attend a class reunion celebrating 10 years since graduation. Scheduled for Saturday 16 November in central Auckland. If you would like more information, please contact Sela Jane Hopgood via e-mail, sjaho009@gmail.com.

St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport – is a small Catholic school a short ferry ride from the city centre. They welcome the enrolment of all primary aged pupils. After school care is available and they may be able to arrange to have an adult accompany your children to and from the city ferry terminal. Please phone 4459339 or email Maureen Harris at principal@stleos.school.nz for further information.

Flatmate wanted – Double room available at Mount Eden. Looking for a single person only. Student or full-time worker. Female preferred. Please contact 0284134862. No pets or smokers.

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Sue Wynne Davis, Michael Wong, Sepi Fe'ao, Chris Dwyer, Patricia Wright, Maurice Robinson, Alana North, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Alice Swann, Kirei Tua, Gavin Alexander, Yuliang Liu, MF, Patricia Deveraux, Mahuika Anderson, Angus Macleod, M Lima, Leonie Lawson, Andy & Trish Goodwin, Louise Chesbrough, Ivy Hi, Mary Bratton, Michael Lyall, Julie Nicholls, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Fatima Enari, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Baby Uji, Tom Keane, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Brendan McFadden, Linda Mole, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Rosily Chacko, Bronwyn Ryan, Nicholas James, AS, Maree C, Judy Hanna, Pamela Vincent, Neira, Roy Carroll, Luigi Rocca, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Anne Telles, Jon Manson, J. Harrington, Emy Calma, Rodolfo Paragas, Frank Van Nieuwerkerk, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Ben Hunt, Jane Ireland, Marie Mole, BC, Maria Martho, Serena Coughy, Bunt Hart, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Thilsi Vern, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Sheila Birnie, Wilfred Mansoor, Msgr Brian Arahill, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Phil Wilkinson, Baden McPherson, Peggy Bell-Booth, Shannon Kavanagh, John & Gloria Gillespie.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .

Dr Warren Moran, Sr Isabelle Harding sm, Sr Maria Goretti Vaughan rsj, Mike Speedy, Anne Jennifer Medrano, Skawomir Wujkowski, George Dyer, Laurie Neeson, Phyllis Murphy, Milan Grbin, Mary Farmer, Nancy Shanly, Fay Simpson, Fay Lobb, Elvira Navarro, Aretha Franklin, Roberto Jongco, Jeanette Stephenson, Wiki Sylva, Helen Bridgman-Robinson, Allan Luke, Maria Yolanda, Boguslaw Januszkiewicz, Antonio Gomez, Teofista Cruz, Gustavo Jesus Bautista, Ramon De Jesus, Peter Collins, Henry Wesley, Dominic Marinas, Joseph Barrett, Christine Angela, Maryanaygam Regina, Teodoro Asunsion Sr, Sean Reilly, Mervin De Rosario, Kitty McKewen, James Mortimer, Hendrika van Dam, Catrina De Nave, Lynette Collins, Kevin Barry, Eithne O'Leary, Fr Peter Prendergast, Bernard McCahill, Benjamin Contreras Snr, Martha Tripp, Noel Anthony, Monica Chan, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Annette Gilbert, Molly Neal, Mary McLean, Rosie Dennison, Augusto Cosio, Paul Devereux, Varona (GG) Henderson, Peter Berdee, Dave Bussi, Angelina Cencho, Fr Desmond Hickey, Bishop Edward Gaines, Msgr Philip Purcell, Msgr Patrick O'Reilly, Domenico Spinale

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.

YOUNG ADULTS

Outreach – for people 18-30s – For more information contact Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

Diocesan Youth Mass – Sunday, 25 August, 7pm at the Cathedral! Hosted by the East region. The chosen theme is 'All nations and tongues united as one'.

Save the Date - Life Teen Young Adult Retreat

Young adults, do save the date for a Life Teen young adult retreat happening on Sunday, 21 September. Details soon.

MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

104 The Drive, Epsom. 09 638-6238.

Dreamwork 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)

With Margaret Bowater. Saturday 24 August, 9.30am-4pm. \$95. This is a second-level workshop. You will practice skills of respectful enquiry and role-interviews; and learn how to recognise and respond appropriately to trauma dreams and nightmares.

Retreat Day: Thank you – A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful with Fran Francis & Kris Telfer. Saturday 24 August, 9.30am-4pm. \$65 incl. lunch. Email info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or visit www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz