

## 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

Catherine van Veen

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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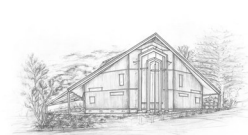
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### TWENTY~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### INHERITING THE PLACE OF HONOUR AT THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived.

The places that a person ate - at the home of a tax collector Luke 5:29, the people with whom a person ate: 'sinners' Luke 5:30, whether a person washed before eating Luke 11:38, and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating, were all important. In today's gospel, Jesus warns guests coming for a banquet to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives.

This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is an advice on how to find our true place in the Kingdom of God, and on how we can find true happiness at the heavenly banquet by what we do rightly here on earth.

Jesus invites us to think of ourselves as always, the last and the least, this calls for humility, it has nothing to do with poor self-image nor with psychological problems! Rather, it is an invitation to live in truth with others and to forge a new relationship by changing our way of thinking and dealing with them.

The gospel of today invites us to think about how we think and act in relationship to others. When we are in the company of others, do we put ourselves first or do we stay in the background unless we are called forward?

As a practical spiritual exercise, today we might try to be still and silent and just listen to others and see what that listening does to us. If we listen attentively, we will know that we are humble as humility is regarded as having an attentive ear.

Humility is also known in a person who listens attentively to wisdom stories, to proverbs and to real life situations, these help us not only to understand ourselves and others, but also to respect them.

The climax of today's good news is: 'The importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey.'

Most importantly as the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2559 states: "*Humility is the foundation of prayer.*" Only a humble heart can come to God in prayer. "*Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth, honour, and life*" (Proverbs 22, 4).

A humble person is always ready to ask for guidance from God and others. They are also ready to listen and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and, to ask for forgiveness.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of humility for us. Though a guest of honour at a wedding, she does not take the honoured seat, but instead gets involved in household chores, it's there that she notices the shortage of wine, it would be an embarrassment for the Bridal couple, so she in all humility approaches her son and intercedes for them, "Son they have no wine." Jesus could not refuse this humble plea and he works a miracle, but not until the stewards, humbly heed her advice, "Do as he tells you."

So, let us humbly implore the Lord, that we too, may acquire this humility by his grace, as we pray: "*O Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours. From the desire to be honoured and esteemed deliver me!*"

**Blessings ~ Fr George Carlos**

### Pope Francis ~ Prayer for the Earth

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.*

*You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen*



### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Sirach 3:17-20.28-29** There is praise for the person who is humble.

~ **Psalm 67** O Lord, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

~ **Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24** This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.

~ **Gospel Luke 14:1.7-14** Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

**Next Week's readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://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 has been away .

Regular office hours will resume on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



### 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](mailto:cl5597315848@protonmail.com).

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for Catholics, encouraging the Catholic community to pray for our common home. It is also the beginning of the “Season of Creation”, an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

### St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport—is a small

Catholic school a short ferry ride from the city centre. They welcome 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 Auckland ferry terminal. For further information phone 4459339 or email Maureen Harris at [principal@stleos.school.nz](mailto:principal@stleos.school.nz).

### NZ Catholic Newspaper

Available in the main foyer for \$4 per copy.

### Cathedral Pasifika Dinner-Dance

You're invited! Join us for an evening of dinner & dancing - celebrating contributions of Pasifika culture. Bring family and friends.

21 September 2019, 7-11pm,  
89 Galway St, Onehunga.

Tickets \$50 includes food & entertainment.  
Available for purchase at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).  
Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.

### Abortion Law Reform Bill—was given its

First Reading on 8 August. Details and a Submissions Guide are available by the noticeboard [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://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](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill).

### St Patrick Cathedral's Annual Appeal

Next weekend, 7—8 September is the annual appeal for the Cathedral.

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph is the spiritual ‘home’ to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a ‘House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace’ in Auckland’s busy city centre.

Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs.

Donations can be by direct credit can be made to St Patrick’s Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05 with contact details emailed to [frances@stpatriks.org.nz](mailto:frances@stpatriks.org.nz) for a tax receipt.

**Divine Retreat Centre** - New Zealand (DRCNZ) is organizing a Mission and Live in retreat in Auckland led by Fr Augustine and his team from 29th September to 7th October 2019 in various parishes around Auckland.

Mission and Live in Retreat details:

- 29th September- St. Therese Church, Three Kings from 1.30 to 7.30 pm.
- 30th September –Christ the King Church, Mt. Roskill from 7 to 9 pm.
- 1st October—St. Mark’s Church, Pakuranga from 7 to 9 pm.
- 2nd October - St. Joseph's Church, Takapuna from 7 to 9 pm.
- 3rd October - St. Dominic's Church, Blockhouse Bay from 7 to 9 pm.

**Live in Retreat** - Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson from 5 pm Friday 4th October till 2 pm Sunday 6th October.

For details and to book for the Live in retreat visit [drcnz.org.nz](http://drcnz.org.nz) or email [drcnz@hotmail.com](mailto:drcnz@hotmail.com) or phone Brian 0210309144

### Parish Education in Faith Coordinator

The Pastoral Services Group at the Auckland Diocese is seeking an additional full time member for its Faith Formation team to renew and promote programs for Education in Faith (EIF) and Catholic formation of older children at parish level.

To view the position description for the visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration and staff vacancies.

### YOUNG ADULTS

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

**LifeTeen XLT Night**—Saturday 21st September, 5:30 pm -10 pm at the Cathedral. There will be praise & worship, an inspirational talk, and Adoration.

**The Life Teen Aotearoa Camp 2020** - At Forest Lakes, Otaki and for teens and parish leaders a chance to encounter God, deepen their faith and build a stronger parish community. For the first time ever, the camp will be extended over 2 WEEKS to accommodate the growing numbers.  
Week one: 14-18 January 2020  
Week two: 20-24 January 2020

For more information about the camp and to register visit <https://lifeteen.nz/>.

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### Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother with 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.

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 6th September at 7 pm.  
St Mary’s Church, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina’s relic.  
All Welcome.

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

Dori Handa, Guozhi Wang, Linus Emery, Peter Gheradi, 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 Devereaux, Mahuika Anderson, Angus Macleod, M Lima, Leonie Lawson, Fatima Enari, Andy & Trish Goodwin, Louise Chesbrough, Ivy Hi, Mary Bratton, Michael Lyall, Julie Nicholls, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Baby Uji, Tom Keane, Linda Mole, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Brendan McFadden, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, BC, 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, Bunty Hart, Rodolfo Paragas, Frank Van Nieukerk, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Ben Hunt, Jane Ireland, Marie Mole, Maria Martho, Serena Coughy, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hoppood-Luyers, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Thilsy 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 . . .*

Fr Felix Donnelly, John Lane, Dan McCarthy, Maria Herzer, Heather Adlington, Dominador Cebes, Zarko Millich, Fr Kevin McKone, Lizza Tagle, Bill Roche, Erlinda Gonzales, Ernesto Guin, Jenny O’Shea, Joy Kane, Cyril Creado, Sr Bernadette McCarthy, Colleen Beguely, Bonifacia Jogejo Hermosilla, Michael Tipene, Kathleen Rowland, Ken McLean, Colleen Quinn, Michael Moodabe, Sr Cyprian SMSM, Ruth Dimatulac, Cipriano Santiago, Donald Crawford, Augustina Cabrera, Lesley Smith, Neville Pearson, Matthew Slykerman, Kevin McBreen, George Goodwin, Anecita Carrucan, Anneke Brandt-Bantzing . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*