

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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www.parnellcatholic.org.nz

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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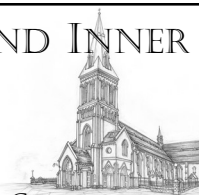
www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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TWENTY~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

The world is full of wishful thinkers who dream and talk but never succeed because they are unprepared to make an effort. While addressing a large crowd who are eager to join up and be his disciples, Jesus bluntly dampens their enthusiasm by challenging them in a way that is off putting. He is not interested in gaining a large following by softening his words and watering down the requirements needed, so he leaves his listeners under no illusion about the cost of discipleship. Nothing short of total commitment, even life itself is required.

In fact he is saying something like this: *'If you want to be disciples of mine, you have got to think seriously. Do not act on the spur of the moment or on impulse because it's not for the starry eyed. Give careful consideration to what it's going to cost because I have no time for half-hearted recruits. I'm not inviting you to walk in my footsteps for a day, a month or even a year but for a lifetime. What's more I am looking for followers who will measure up to my expectations.'*

The gospel presents us with a series of sayings on what the demands of a life of discipleship involves in terms of suffering and self-sacrifice. The life to be led and the conditions laid down are anything but easy: you give God everything and hold nothing back. Whole hearted service is demanded and there is no room for compromise.

The price to be paid is the heavy burden of cross-carrying and it may mean the parting of company with close friends. The journey to God is so valuable that it is worth stripping our lifestyles down to the bare essentials. By doing this we realise that discipleship is more important than acquiring possessions.

This gospel makes us feel uncomfortable because our lives should demonstrate that we are carrying the cross. When the cross is absent from our lives then Christ is not present either. Putting God first in our lives is a choice we must make every day. We can hardly consider ourselves as feeling the pinch and standing up for what we believe if all we show is Sunday mass with communion and a few prayers hastily said. At moments when the struggle becomes too great, it is good to remember we are not alone; Christ is walking along every step of the road with us. We are called to be disciples at home, in the family, in our place of work, in our dealings with our neighbours, treating them all as our friends and appreciating their true worth.

To follow Christ through time into eternity costs nothing less than everything!

*Blessings ~ Pa Peter Tipene
Dean, Cathedral of
St Patrick & St Joseph*

**Social Justice
Week**

**FAIR,
YOU
SAY?**

**HE TIKA, KI TŌ
TITIRO?**

**SEE
TIROHIA**

**JUDGE
WĀNANGATIA**

**ACT
MAHIA**



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Wisdom 9:13-18** Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history and the mind of God.

~ **Psalm 90** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

~ **Philemon 9-10.12-17** Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother.

~ **Gospel Luke 14:25-33** Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation
-we must be prepared to accept the cost.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 32: 7-11.13-14; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

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

Season of Creation—We are in the “Season of Creation”, an ecumenical initiative 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.

Copies of the pamphlet “23 green tips – small steps towards a sustainable life” from the Justice and Peace Commission are available online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.
Simple practical ways to make a difference.

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.
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.

Social Justice Week: Fairness—See Judge-Act

Social Justice Week begins today the theme **FAIR YOU SAY? HE TIKA, KI TŌ TITIRO?** It challenges us to ensure that everyone gets a fair go.
In employment, housing, healthcare or education any place – we all deserve to be treated with human dignity and to have a fair opportunity to flourish

There are brochures available in the Church for you to use as a reflection tool regarding what Fairness means and how we can act more fairly and with mercy towards others.

St Patrick Cathedral's Annual Appeal

This Sunday, 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 Aotearoa, NZ.

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@stpatricks.org.nz for a tax receipt.

Choral Mass for the Exaltation of the Cross

*O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.*

Saturday 14 September at 7.30 pm we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross with a Choral Mass with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes, the Assistant Director of Music. Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks at Hobson Street (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2). Bring your ticket to validate in the Cathedral.

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 eventbite.com.

Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.

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 or email drcnz@hotmail.com or phone Brian 0210309144

Holy Cross Seminary—invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. At Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, 5 pm Monday, 16 September.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

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

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.

Life Teen Retreat | Sunday, 22 September

There will be another John 15 Retreat for young adults Sunday, 22 September starting at 10.30am - 6pm at Liston Hall. Young adults are welcome.

There is a \$10 registration cost that will cover meals (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). You can register by visiting Facebook event www.facebook.com/events/637315176754873/ and following the link.

If you have any more queries, please contact Joey (joeyb@cda.org.nz).



Forming Intentional Disciples

Sherry Weddell, is an internationally-acclaimed Catholic writer and speaker and the Executive Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. (USA)

She will be in Auckland sharing about her book, 'Forming Intentional Disciples' Saturday, 21 September from 10am at

St Michael's Remuera Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Auckland. To register or for more information, email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz. \$5 koha.

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

Dori Handa, Guozhi Wang, Linus Broughton, 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, 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 Nieuwerkerk, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Ben Hunt, Jane Ireland, Marie Mole, Maria Martho, Serena Coughy, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Thilsi Vern, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Sheila Birnie, Wilfred Mansoor, Msgr Brian Arahihi, 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 . . .

Elizabeth Hales, Diana Ross, Sean O'Keeffe, Kirk Badiola, Maurice Churton, Emile Kielar, John Lane, Francesca Goodwin, Miriam Adique, George Celedonio, Kath Allen, Mary Herbert, Patrick Smith, Terence Oliver, Bill Doyle, Soagia Vaelaa Upega Faga, John La'Croix, Ryan Carduzo, Don Crawford, Aisla Duffy, JoAnn Swartz, Luis Tura, Aisling Cooke, Juanita Banzon, Esther Gill, Jean Mullan, Teresita del Valle, Michael del Valle, Moira Bryant, Janette Currie, Bryan Lynch, Theresa Carroll, Elizabeth Ihaka rsm, Toi Rapiara, Kitty McKewen, John Chambers, Ongo Kaihea, Fr Joe Foley, Joe Paraise, Br Francis Erni OFM, Br Francis Russell, Jovita Antao, Boris Srhoj, Maria Madalena, Er Werder, William Thode, Geoff Bruce, James Marinovich, Douglas Paterson, John Jude, Jack Smith, Kevin McBride, Ric de la Cruz, Mark Gleeson . . . Eternal rest grant to them.