

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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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

How do you deepen your
faith commitments?

Do you struggle to be in
service to God?



**Make the Poor and those who care for them joyfully sing,
"Praise the Lord who lifts up the Poor." - Psalm 113**

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TWENTY~FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

Hopefully it doesn't need saying that our Lord is not recommending dishonesty in today's Gospel. The point to the story of the dishonest steward is found in what Jesus goes on to say about money. The whole reason that the steward has been dishonest, presumably, is that he is obsessed with money. Yet when he finds himself in trouble he realises that there is something more important than physical money, and that is how others regard him. And so rather than one last attempt to extract money from his masters accounts for himself, he uses them to assist others, in the hope that he will be assisted himself. He isn't any more virtuous than he was; he is still very much, as our Lord calls him, one of the children of the world, but he is a little wiser.

If that perspective can come even to the children of the world, how much more, Jesus suggests, should those who hope to be children of light see things.

This Gospel passage remind me of a homily preached by emeritus Pope Benedict in the days when he was still Cardinal Ratzinger. He was reflecting on what truly lasts, and points out that very little that we count as human achievement does. The most splendid buildings will one day be demolished or fall down. The most popular songs will be forgotten. Once successful books will be left unread to moulder away. In fact the only truly lasting impact we have is on the only truly eternal things we encounter:
human souls.

Worldly success and fame, even if honestly and worthily achieved, are of little account compared to what effect we have on those among whom we live. It is never a pretty

sight when we see those who have had success show no care for others. Which is why Jesus stresses the point about two masters.

We are all, I hope, aware that it is always and everywhere wrong to treat people as the means to an end. Our fellow men and women are always ends in themselves, not just tools to achieve something we desire. But it is also wrong to treat things that are only meant to be the means to something better as ends in themselves.

That is the great problem with greed and materialism. It is making something that is meant to be only a tool into an object of desire, seeing it as a goal. It is like the man who needs a warm home obsessing about his magnificent collection of hammers, rather than using them to create a house.

That is our Lord's great point. There is a wonderful house prepared for us, which God wants to give us. But if we obsess about our tools, rather than using them for what they were designed, we shut ourselves off from that great gift. A proper use of those worldly tools, however, opens the way for us to receive the gift.

Even a dishonest steward, our Lord says, can get some glimpse of that truth, and in his own flawed way start to move towards it. How much more then should we, who wish to be children of light, seek to live that truth in our daily lives, and seek to use the things of this world for the good of our brothers and sisters.

**Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
John the Baptist, Parnell.**



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Amos 8:4-7** The prophet Amos condemns the exploitation of the poor.

~ **Psalm 113** Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

~ **1 Timothy 2:1-8** Since God wants everyone to be saved, we should pray for everyone, but especially for those who bear the responsibility of public office.

~ **Gospel Luke 16:1-13** Jesus shows how greed for money can ruin a person, and insists that we can't serve both God and money.

Next Week's readings: Amos 6:1.4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-17; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

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Mayoral Forum—Hosted by the

Catholic Peace & Justice Commission

The Panel includes Mayoral Candidates:

Craig Lord, Phil Goff and John Tamihere.

Wednesday 25 September 7—9 pm at the
St Columba Centre, Vermont Street, Ponsonby.

Free event with refreshments to follow.

Training for Lay Leaders- The Liturgy Centre and Good Shepherd College are hosting training and formation for Lay Leaders of the Word. This is training for people to lead Liturgy of the Word on weekdays, in the absence of a priest. The course will take place on six Saturdays over a period of six months: October 19th, November 23rd, February 22nd, March 7th & 28th & April 25th, 9.30 am – 3 pm, each day. Attendance at all of the sessions is required to complete the training.

The course will be held at Good Shepherd College, 20 Ponsonby Road. To register email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz by October 16th.

Diocesan Staff Vacancy - Financial Controller

The Diocese is seeking a commercially savvy Financial Controller, reporting into the Chief Financial Officer, and has responsibility for monitoring financial performance, enhancing operational excellence and helping drive a culture of continuous improvement. Preferred candidates should be CA qualified, progressive, energetic and possess highly influential leadership skills.

For more information and to download a position description please visit www.sheffield.co.nz, job number: 226441.

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers,

Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for New Zealanders who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

They are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2020 departure. Volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centred around working with young people in educational settings. There are volunteer opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

For more information and to apply visit <http://cagliero.org.au/>. Applications close October 15, 2019. Email Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project at lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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Auckland Hospital Chaplaincy

Department is looking for people of Christian faith who feel called to Hospital ministry to assist the chaplains. If you are interested, please contact Robert Burley, Chaplaincy Assistant Training administrator at aucklandhospitalchaplaincy@gmail.com.

Choral Mass for the

Month of the Rosary at the Cathedral

Join us at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street, Saturday, 5 October as we celebrate the tradition of the Month of the Rosary.

Beginning with the **Rosary at 6.45 pm**
followed by a **Choral Mass at 7.30 pm**,

our Choral celebration is a beautiful way to begin the month with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes.

Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

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.

What would Jesus Do? Mission in a Fractured World - Sr Laurie Brink OP. 19 October, 2-4pm, Sacred Heart College, Glen Innes.

Mass at the PEACE PLACE - Saturdays 8 am
22 Emily Pl, Auckland CBD.

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.

Diocesan Youth Mass at the Cathedral

7 pm Sunday 29 September. Hosted by the Vinnies. The theme '*We Give Thanks To You, O God.*'

Scholarship for study at Good Shepherd College

Bishop Pat is pleased call for applications for a scholarship known as the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College. It is for those who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Graduate Diploma of Bachelor of Theology degree in 2020. For further information about and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, on lindam@cda.org.nz. Applications close is 14 October 2019.

Oberammergau Tour 2020

Go and see the 42nd performance of the Passion Play on this 11-day tour. Tour starts on 28 August in Munich with many inclusions and ends in Zurich. Viewing of the Passion Play will be on day 7 in Category 1 seats. From \$6499 twin or \$7299 for a single. Airfares are additional.

For information visit <https://helloworld.co.nz/lambtonquay/Store/31/StoreEvent/105>
And to book contact Kally Cunningham at k.cunningham@helloworld.co.nz or 04 473 1199.

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

Steve Mascarenhas, 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, Emy Calma, 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, Bunt Hart, Rodolfo Paragas, Frank Van Nieukerk, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Ben Hunt, Jane Ireland, Marie Mole, Maria Martho, Serena Coughy, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hopgood-Luyypers, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Thilsi Vern, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Sheila Birnie, Wilfred Mansoor, 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 . . .

Msgr Brian Arahill, Myra Cawthorn, Angus Gomez, John Fitzmaurice, Assid Corban, Pauline D'souza, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Joan Tibbles, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Cyril Breslin, Florence Gomez, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Ann Foss, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Nancy Kelly, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Rose Blaicklok, Patricia Borg, Alma Sands, Joseph Ang, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Des Rosser, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne IC, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez, Victoria Cano, Bonifacio Sanchez, Sharon Lim . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*