

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

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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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TWENTY~SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 6 OCTOBER

October 2019

Extraordinary Month of Mission

At the beginning of this extraordinary month of Mission called by Pope Francis, we remember one of the great missionaries who came to New Zealand 150 years ago. Venerable Suzanne Aubert, born 19 June 1835, was just 25 years of age when she responded to Christ's call to leave her native country of France and travel to Aotearoa NZ. Her mission was to answer God's call to bring the love of Christ to all people of our sacred whenua – land of NZ.

Mother Aubert had a particular calling to serve Māori, and became known to the tangata whenua as Meri Hohepa – Mary Joseph. She established the first soup kitchen in New Zealand, which still serves thousands of meals a year; homes for abandoned children and the severely disabled and a hospital to care for the sick and dying. Suzanne died in Wellington on 1 October 1926. For the 66 years of her life spent in NZ, she sought to reflect the compassionate face of Jesus to all whom she encountered.

Venerable Suzanne has already reached the second of four steps on her journey to sainthood. The findings of an inquiry held earlier this year to investigate an alleged miracle through her intercession are currently being examined in Rome. If Rome accepts that the miracle occurred through Suzanne's intercession, she can be beatified, and thus universally acclaimed as Blessed Suzanne Aubert, a true and humble follower of Jesus, inspiring us on our own journey or hikoi of faith.

In our Sunday gospel the apostles sense the mounting opposition to Jesus' hikoi or mission and feel isolated. They are tempted to despair. In a conversation with Jesus, they ask for an increase in faith in order to accept his words

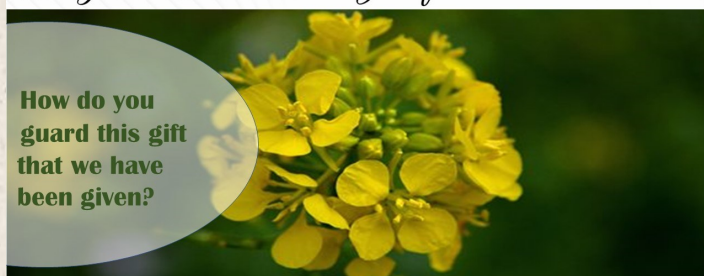
more easily and obey them more readily. Jesus emphasizes, in his reply to their request, the explosive power of the smallest possible amount of faith and uses the image of the tiny mustard seed uprooting a mulberry tree to express it. A faith that is deep rooted can achieve the impossible, because life takes on a new significance when the power of God is at our disposal.

The tragic happenings that are a part of our daily lives call us to share in suffering, and prompt us to question the ways of God. At times as we seek instant solutions to our problems, we bitterly complain of his absence. God so often seems to be silent and we are dumbfounded. The challenge is to remain faithful to God and religious values, especially at moments when they do not make sense. Whatever the evils of the world, the person of faith will always emerge victorious because they are in communion with God. For that reason we can join the apostles in their request to Jesus for an increase in faith.

This is a gospel call to give our lives to Jesus and make a special effort to push ourselves to our Christian limits. How many of us, who profess to be Christian, have a casual approach towards prayer, the observance of the commandments and the exercise of charity? Faith and good works are not alternatives for the Christian – they are inseparable. God's gifts to us, require that we are open hearted and generous toward others. No matter how we look at it, the kind of faith we have is best shown by the type of life we lead. This is a proper indication of Christianity. If we believe in the person of Jesus, we will give him unswerving allegiance in our everyday lives, by living as he would have us live and by loving God and our neighbour.

Blessings~ Pa Peter Tipene

Is your Faith the size of a mustard seed?



How do you
guard this gift
that we have
been given?

The Just One, because of his Faith, shall live.

- Habakkuk 2:4

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4** The prophet complains to God about the prevalence of injustice, and God responds by promising to save those who trust in him.

~ **Psalm 94** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

~ **2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14** Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to his ministry and to witnessing to Christ.

~ **Gospel Luke 17:5-10** A little faith, provided it is authentic, can do great things. The disciples are urged to serve God without any claim on a reward.

Next Week's readings: 2 Kings 5:15-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

Sacred Spaces— Are you interested in exploring Sacred Spaces of different Faith Traditions?

The Auckland Interfaith Council and the Auckland heritage festival invite you to Explore Sacred Spaces. Details from the website <http://www.heritagefestival.co.nz/events/default.asp?keyword=sacred&l1.x=0&l1.y=0>

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 and will take place on six Saturdays over a period of six months: 9.30 am – 3 pm, each day. Attendance at all of the sessions is required to complete the training. At Good Shepherd College, 20 Ponsonby Road. Register at 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. For more information and to download a position description please visit www.sheffield.co.nz, job number: 226441.

NZ Catholic Newspaper—Next weekend, October 12-13, free copies of an Auckland diocese-only edition of NZ Catholic newspaper, published by Bishop Patrick Dunn, will be distributed at or after Sunday Masses (and vigil Masses on Saturday evening). Please take home one copy per household. Enjoy reading and sharing. Please support the Catholic press in New Zealand.

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

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers

All parish volunteers are invited to share in a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrating all of the wonderful work you do in supporting the Body of Christ in our parish communities. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph Saturday, 9th November at 5.30pm. It will be the Vigil Mass. Validated parking will be available.

Organ Festival Concert at the Cathedral

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph are hosting an Organ Recital 6 pm Saturday 19 October. The International Organ Festival present International Organ Festival in the final concerts of the Festival, Michael Stoddart and Paul Rosoman team up for two performances with a difference. Their programme will showcase gems of the organ duet repertoire, alongside solo performances from each artist. The concert is free with a retiring collection.

For further information visit www.facebook.com/zimbelsternfoundation. Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2).

Taizé in Aotearoa - An Ecumenical evening to experience the depth and beauty of Taizé prayer led by Brother Matthew at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell on Tuesday 19 November from 7pm. Silence and singing simple songs based on scripture are features of Taizé prayer, aiding meditation and a sense of unity. The Taizé aspects of joy, simplicity and reconciliation reflect the kaupapa of Mother Suzanne Aubert, who opened her heart to "people of all creeds and none."

Extraordinary Month of Missions

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 an extraordinary month of mission.

This culminates in Mission Sunday which we celebrate on 20th October. For more information or you can visit <https://missio.nz> to find out more about overseas missions.

Annual Catholic Men's Retreat

in Auckland 18-20 October. To register online go to <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn> or contact Greg at greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz or 021 437 747.

Jubilee Bursaries— for theology studies at University. Applications invited for Semester 1, 2020. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursaries are a contribution toward university fees for Theology and RE courses. For information and an application pack please contact Michelle Jarvis, michellej@cda.org.nz.

Applications close Thursday 14 November 2019.

Fun Day out for Children with Special Needs and their Families

Auckland Interfaith Council share this unique family day, which is organised by an interfaith group of volunteers as a service to the larger community, on Saturday 19 October, 11am to 3pm, North Shore Events Centre. There will be food, games, educational activities, music, and it's all free.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

Scholarship for study at Good Shepherd College

Bishop Pat is pleased call for applications for 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 information and to receive an application form, email Linda McQuade, on lindam@cda.org.nz. Applications close is 14 October 2019.

Logo Competition - The Auckland Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations (ADCEIR) is looking for a logo, and seeks your artistic and design skills. The logo design requirements is to capture the statement "Unity in Diversity". For further information about the competition, visit our website at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/mission-evangelisation/ecumenism/>. Email ecumenical-andinterfaith@cda.org.nz to submit your design, and if you have any questions. Entries close on Monday 14th October, 2019.

What would Jesus Do? Mission in a Fractured World

- Sr Laurie Brink OP leads this seminar on prophetic dialogue on 19 October, 2-4pm, Sacred Heart College, Glen Innes.

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

Francine Morais, Yaroslav Khmel, Ann Sayegh, Steve Mascarenhas, Dori Handa, Patricia Devereaux, Maree C, Guozhi Wang, Chris Dwyer, Linus Broughton, Emy Calma, Peter Gheradi, Sue Wynne Davis, Michael Wong, AS, Sepi Fe'ao, Patricia Wright, Maurice Robinson, Alana North, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Alice Swann, Kirei Tua, Gavin Alexander, Yuliang Liu, 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, Anne Telles, Nicholas James, Judy Hanna, Pamela Vincent, Neira, Roy Carroll, Luigi Rocca, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Jon Manson, J. Harrington, Bunty Hart, Rodolfo Paragas, Frank Van Nieuwerker, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Ben Hunt, Jane Ireland, Marie Mole, Maria Martho, Serena Coughy, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Thils Vern, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Sheila Birnie, Wilfred Mansoor, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, 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 . . .

Stephen Nobilo, Fidel Dionisio, Albert Smits, Sr Moira Feeney rsm, Sr Lorraine Challis OP, Conchita Benitez, Sr Margaret Maher RSCJ, Jill Perry, Mary Ashton, Margaret Foster, Florence Neven, Hugh Laracy, Tony Brown, Neville Williams, Msgr Vincent Hunt, Fr Lawrie Sakey, Ken Giblin, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Fitzpatrick, Sue Neal, Mary McDiarmid, Matija Selak, Ruru Hotene Karnuth, Teresa Fisher, Emmanuel Santos, Senia Auv'a, Ann Melendes Tuazon, Karen Cipriano, John Rountree, Donna Carreon, Walter Homan, Cameron Murphy, Pat Hendry, Delfino Labay, Patrick Early Snr, Kaz Wisniewski, Maria Lette, Phyllis Revel, Kathleen Wiles-Pickard, Fr Peter Kay, Zita Kean, Kathleen Vanniselroy, Anna Mlekusch, Pamela Muffty, Marie Wratt, Anne Mayall, Rosemary Eller, Joan Little, Edward Waldron, Bobby Gee, Jim Walsh, Irene Roca, Austin Donegan

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.