

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

Parish Priest ~ Father Chris Denham ~ Presbytery: (09) 300 6372 ~ Email: frchrisd@gmail.com

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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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Tel 09 3790624

www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

**Zacchaeus was able to detach from his
possessions.**



In the *Eucharist*
we encounter Christ.

**Have those
encounters
prompted you
to detachment?**



St Leo's Catholic School

Nurture, The whole child | Gracious, Mercy Values | Excellence, No compromise

St Leo's 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.

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THIRTY~FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 NOVEMBER 2019

This is a delightfully touching gospel story about the boundless love that God has for sinners. It shows the forgiveness that he offers, with open arms, to the worst of us. Zacchaeus was the most hated man in the community.

People boycotted him and wouldn't give him the time of day because he was a cheat, a tax collector for the Roman forces of occupation. Popular estimation had written him off as lost. Yet Jesus made him feel special. He saw beyond the idle curiosity of the little man up the tree, into the pain and turmoil of his heart.

He made the first move and called: "Hurry, come down, I must stay at your house today." His whole being called out to Zacchaeus and the man's selfishness crumbled before the gaze of Christ. Zacchaeus desperately wanted to get outside of himself and make a break with the past. He was wealthy but not happy and he saw Jesus as the answer to his troubled conscience. The encounter made him mend his ways and think about his behaviour in a new light. He now saw something more worthwhile in life than lining his pockets with money. Close contact with Jesus had awakened in him religious impulses and opened his eyes to his real faults.

The message that Jesus is trying to get across to us is that nobody is beyond redemption.

There are no limits to the possibility of salvation offered by Jesus. God's grace is able to turn a life upside down and change a sinful person. The greater the sinner the more forgiving God is. There is no past, however shameful, that cannot be given a fresh start.



Lurking within each of us there is a sinful Zacchaeus, seeking out the Lord to save us and give us new hope. The call of Jesus, "Hurry, because I must stay in your house today," goes out to everyone in the congregation.

We must take full advantage of his passing, by acknowledging our sins and opening our hearts to his goodness. The real focus of the story is on the last line of the gospel: "The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Before Jesus, all people are sinners like Zacchaeus. The Lord has come to save you and me and he meets us at the point of our need, with no strings attached. He is waiting to change our lives as soon as we show a willingness to open the door of our hearts and let his salvation get to work in the very centre of our being.

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



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE & VESPERS

A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 30 November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent.

Please note there will be a retiring collection.

Validated parking is available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Sirach 35:12-14.16-19** Go shows no partiality for the rich and powerful, but listens to the humble prayer of the just and lowly.

~ **Psalm 34** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

~ **2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18** Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near. But his confidence is unshaken and his hope of the 'crown of glory' is bright.

~ **Gospel Luke 18:9-14** The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector.

Next Week's readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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

Rosary Prayer Group— Monday to Friday after the 12.10pm midday Mass here in church.

All are welcome to attend.

Florists needed—the parish is once again seeking volunteers who would like to help with the flower arrangements from time to time, approximately once a month, here in Church. Please contact Felina on 373 3132 or email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Remembering Our Dead

During November we will remember our deceased family members and friends in prayer. Please write their names on the cards provided and place them inside the wooden box located beside the door at the back of the Church. This box will be placed before the altar during Mass.

Columban Calendar 2020

are now available for purchase at the Church office. \$12 each.

North Shore Catholic Women's Fellowship

20th November, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield
Topic is the Fullness of Life in Christ with Rita and Roger Peterson

Prayer for healing and miracles

Everyone is invited to a healing service with Father John Rea SM, Saturday 16th November from 9.30am to 12pm at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Praise and worship, teaching and healing prayer. For information, contact Deidre Broome 09 4108899.

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.

Vacancy—Diocesan Project Manager

Maintenance Delivery—For a motivated property professional to join the small property team in a Project Manager role focussed in Maintenance Delivery. For information and to view the full job description, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Administration Tab—Staff vacancies. Applications close 6 November.

DRCNZ- Noah's Ark—DRCNZ (Potta) invites children aged 7 to 15 to the Seminar "Noah's Ark", on Saturday 30th November at Christ the King Church Meeting Room, Owairaka, from 10am to 1pm. The program is designed to nourish the children with valuable Life Lessons from Noah's Ark, and enlighten them, how to turn the challenges into opportunities. Don't miss the Boat! This is a free event. BYO Lunch. Please call Arthy on 0223193621 to express your interest. Visit www.drcnz.org.nz for more details.

Dementia for Families—Free event for families living with Dementia offered by Kalandra. Sunday, 17 November from 1.30pm -3pm at Kalandra Education Group, 10 Pioneer Street, Henderson, Auckland 0612.

RSVP to: Henderson.office@kalandra.ac.nz
See poster for more details.

Taizé— join Brother Matthew from the Taizé Community at an Ecumenical and Prayer Reflection event on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell.

Volunteer Marriage Educators wanted

Are you a married couple of 10 years or more, strong in your faith and you have up to 2 hours a week to assist engaged couples on their marriage preparation journey? There is specific training provided to support you in this role. They are especially looking for married couples who are fluent in English and either Māori, Samoan, Tongan or Mandarin. Please see the noticeboard for more information or email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz or phone 360 3025.

2020 Pilgrimage to Europe for Passion Play

Prague – Budapest – Vienna – Salzburg – Oberammergau – Munich – Lucerne. 26 August to 16 September. With an optional extension to Barcelona – Padua – Venice – Assisi – Rome 15 September to 26 September 2020. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. Inquiries to Laura at laura@skytrain.co.nz or 09 921 5106.

Pilgrimage—The Joy of Discovery

(following the footsteps of the Lord) with Fr Sherwin Lapaan. The joy of discovering the richness of the Holy Land and growing in faith through this pilgrimage. 15-29 June 2020 via Seoul, Korea. Limited number. Email Laura Yap at laura@skytrain.co.nz for more information.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

Available in the foyer for \$4 per copy.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

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.



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.

The 5th World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM) will be held in Samoa on 10-15 August 2020. The theme is "Divine Mercy – the Ocean of Love that Envelops the Whole World". Registration is now open until 30 November. For further details, please visit the website: <https://wacom5samoa2020.com/registration>

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

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, 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, Bunt 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 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 . . .

Conrad Saldanha, Moira Gleeson, Ros Nielson Webb, Sr Elizabeth Maher rsm, Aileen Clark, Bob Van Lunenburg, Sr Margaret Ellen, Des Clarke, Doreen Plumb, Colin Leathley, Pat Geary, June Courtney, Paul Austin, Luke Tipene, Brian Claney, Tarun Asantha, Campbell Adams, Paul Gallagher, Janis Noelle Coleman, Carolina Noionha, Carmel McCarthy, Cheekeong, Mary Conning, Shaun McKay, Terence Abreo, Rosann Laird, I Antoniraj, Ann Marian, Steve Noonan, Rosermay Mohi, Jim Waldron, Dallys Horne, John Gordon, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cuneen, Jim Butterworth, Leonard Lanigan, Monthi Fernandes, Margaret Chapman, Dan McCarthy, Jillian Paterson, Fr Michael O'Hara, Margaret McLean, Dorothy Bowerman, Venerable Catherine McAuley, Jose Tlentino, Maria do Carmo Noronha . . . Eternal rest grant to them.