

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

Wednesday - 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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11 OCTOBER 2020

Once again we are able to gather together for Sunday mass. After another period of restriction, we are once again, free. But that very freedom challenges us to remember why we come together at mass. Is it really worth the bother.

It can be all too easy to be like the people invited to the wedding feast in our Gospel. It is a bother to get dressed up for the party, and I've got other things to do, seems to be their response. And there will be all sorts of people there, many of them people I don't know, and don't usually associate with. We can understand the reasoning, we may even feel the pull of it.

But, again and again, Jesus uses the image of a feast, or a banquet, to describe the Kingdom of God. It's not just because we are promised a good party, but because it is something we experience and enjoy together.

We can't do it alone, because we are not alone. Whether we like it or not we are part of a family, our own family, the family of the Church, the human family.

The 17th century poet John Donne perhaps put it best in his famous lines meditating on the sound of a funeral bell:

*No man is an island entire of itself;
every man is a piece of the continent,
a part of the main;
if a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less,
as well as if a promontory were,
as well as any manner of thy friends or of
thine own were;
any man's death diminishes me,
because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

Our coming together in worship helps to remind us that we are one body. Those others

at mass, even visitors I have never seen before and may never see again, are a part of me. Their joys and sorrows, happiness and suffering, are mine. And I am to love them as myself. Living that truth is a daily challenge, easy to lose our grip on, if we do not come together to renew our commitment. It's a little like renewing wedding vows, in fact. And it does require intent. We're all used to the concept of a bubble now. That is fine for public health, but we should never be in a spiritual bubble. That perhaps was the point of the man without a wedding garment. He had turned up in body, but was still really in his personal bubble. As we come together for the first time in a while, may we set aside our spiritual bubbles to rejoice that we are a part of a community, a celebration in fact, and recognise our connection to those with whom we celebrate.

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

Respect Life Sunday 11 October 2020

Respect Life Sunday invites us to value and protect vulnerable members of our families, communities, society and nation in all we do.

Quoting Pope Francis, the theme reminds us: "We are all frail, all equal, all precious". Respect Life Sunday falls a week before the New Zealand General Election, in a year in which we face old and new questions about the way we value lives through the Covid-19 pandemic, abortion legislation and the euthanasia referendum.

The NZ Catholic Bishops have an election statement- **Whakapuaki Pōti** available in order to assist people in their discernment. This is available in the church and digitally www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2020 Valuing the vulnerable

We are all frail,
all equal, all precious

— POPE FRANCIS

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Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 25:6-10** The image of a banquet describes the blessings God wishes to bestow, not only on Israel, but on all nations.

~ **Psalm 23** I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

~ **Philippians 4:12-14,19-20** Paul thanks the Philippians for their support but says his real strength comes from the Lord.

~ **Gospel Matthew 22:1-14** Isaiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 45:1.4-6; Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21
For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

This Week at Parnell

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5pm Fr Chris Denham
Sunday 7am Fr Chris Denham
Sunday 9.30am Fr Chris Denham

Mass & Reconciliation

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Parish Office closed

Felina will be away for a week and the parish office will be closed from **20 to 22 October**. Emails will continue to be monitored from time to time during this period. For urgent queries and concerns, please contact Fr Chris directly. Normal office hours will resume from 27 October.

Church Flower Ministry

We are in need of parishioners who would like to join our small group that provide the beautiful flower arrangements here in church. If you would like to volunteer and share your talent, please get in touch with Felina. Email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz or phone 373 3132.

Sunday Mass on TV—Sunday Mass continues to be broadcast at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201.

Breaking Open the Gospel— A daily reflection on the Gospel. Visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/.

CDA Connect - Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the current edition <https://mailchi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470> and sign-up to get the latest direct to your inbox.

St Vincent de Paul Needs Our Help—as they continue their amazing work supporting the community. You can donate by visiting their Give A Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinniesauckland>.

Be informed about the End of Life

Choice Act Referendum:

Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz
Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington.

Mission Sunday 18 October

Next week 18th October is Mission Sunday and you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in the Philippines and other countries. Your gifts will specifically be directed to support communities and child focused integral programs.

For those on Planned Giving an envelope is supplied in your set. Others may place your donation in the St Vincent de Paul box in the foyer. Also available in the church are Giving flyers that include a free post envelopes. For further information regarding the work of Missionz visit <https://missio.nz/>.

Diocesan Mission Map—(Pastoral Plan) will be officially launched on the first Sunday of Advent. All parishioners are welcome to an unpacking session 14 November, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. B.Y.O: Enthusiasm, Interest, Questions, Lunch.

Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics

A free online Zoom lecture by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY. Monday October 12 10-11.30am (AEDT). Register by 7 October at www.acu.edu.au/ LectureUpton. Email for more information centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au

Calling All Artists - The bishops are seeking an artist to create a paid work commemorating Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier's 1838 dedication of the country to Mary the Mother of Jesus. The National Liturgy Office has begun advertising for an artist who will create a work incorporating Mary for a special commemoration next August 15, the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, celebrated annually by Catholics around the world. To register your interest visit <https://www.nlo.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Invitation-for-EOI-for-Artwork.pdf>
Prospective artists need to register their interest by 15 October. The chosen artist will need to have the work finished by May. An appropriate fee will be negotiated with the artist.

Beginning Experience—Alone Again?

A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood 6-8 November. The Beginning Experience is a an 'opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The total cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials, plus a follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Kelly 0276864416 or email www.beginningexperience.org.nz.

NZ Catholic - the latest free digital edition is now available for everyone at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/698d4346-8ba8-465b-9b90>

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

For those in their 20s-30s interested in young adult groups/events in the Auckland Diocese, please contact Rochelle (rochelled@cda.org.nz) or 022 30 2022.

Scholarship for Study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute— Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at university. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, at catheriner@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 6 November 2020
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Job Vacancy— Te Kupenga is looking for an Administration and Registry Assistant for our Auckland office a 6 months fixed term for 30-37.5 hours per week. For details visit SEEK under this link: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50670086>.

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I?

Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and to register email info@studyjoy.nz or visit <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

Peace Place MASS - 22 Emily Pl, Saturdays 8 am.

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

Simativa Perese, John Lee, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, AS, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Sue Bedford, Graeme Owens, Joe Raymond, Ben Hunt, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Fr Martin Bugler, Royston Beckham, Sepi Fe'ao, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Terry Hodge, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Elizabeth Beckham, Dolly P, Alana North, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Kanawat (Pui) Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Yaroslav Khmel, Linus Broughton, BC, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Michael Wong, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Kirei Tua, Maree C, Rosily Chacko, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Gavin Alexander, Mary Bratton, Julie Nicholls, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Bunty Hart, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Tom Keane, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thilsi Vern, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Jon Manson, Anne Telles, Bronwyn Ryan, Nicholas James, Judy Hanna, Pamela Vincent, Sheila Birnie, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Frank Van Nieuwerkerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jane Ireland, Jin Shu Qin, Ann Gordon, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Teana Jones, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Adelaida Sison, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, John & Gloria Gillespie.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .

John Griffin, Chrissy Jacobs, Gregory Cambie, Andrew Afeaki, Stephen Nobilo, Mary Kemp, Wanda Ellis, Alma Tadman rsm, Kevin Gould, Peter McLeavey, Dolly Nursanti Tjandra, Hugh Laracy, Maria Leite, Rosario Jose, Basil Mayer, Msgr Vincent Hunt, Gloria Court, Kumi Masui, Senia Auva'a, Florence Gomez, Dennis Mannex, Anna Noh, Wilhelmina Arnet-Schumacher, Colette McCarron, Erin Griffin, Mark Pye, Alejandro Chan, Paul Lao, Iwona Konarkowska, Pedro Bautista, Dorothy Leuschke, Patricia Faire, Sarah Caulfield, Marie Green, Gregory Mascarenhas, Pat Hendry, Phyllis Revel, Eric Athaide, James Hurley, Thean Chuan Ong, Jimmy Kelly, Patricia Borg, Cameron Murphy, Louisa Potter, Mary Hyland, Guillermo Rabno, Kaz Wisniewski, Colleen Green, Margaret Stewart, Park Dong Hyun, Paul Shanahan, Shane & Allan Brewster . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*