

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

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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

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 OCTOBER 2020

Today's gospel scripture presents Jesus in a battle of wits with the religious leaders of the people. The Pharisees and the Herodians come together to trap Jesus.

They create a question about Roman Taxation that was an issue that could easily cause people to take sides. It's with this issue that the religious leaders hope to ensnare Jesus.

They begin with words of flattery; "Teacher, we know that you are sincere", and then they set their trap, "Tell us then, what do you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not?" The trap is that if Jesus says NO, then he'll be accused of political insubordination that might incite others to respond and follow. If he says YES, he'll appear to have relinquished Israel's claim of being a people bound only to God. Jesus is not taken in by their flattery. He knows what they're trying to do and he knows what's at stake. They not only want to shame him in the eyes of the people; they also hope to put him in political jeopardy. In his response Jesus shames THEM by calling them hypocrites and then he unmasks what they're up to. He asks for a coin that can be used to pay the poll tax. The coin, was abhorrent to the Jews because it had the image of Caesar on it along with titles that gave him political honour as well as divine status. Jesus asks them the question "whose head is this and whose title? Then they acknowledge that the coin contains the image of Caesar. He directs them "to give back" or "to repay" what is owed to both Caesar and God. "Give to the Emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus is saying that we can be loyal to a religious tradition and to a secular power. It may be difficult at times, especially when their claims seem to conflict, but it is possible. In his response Jesus gains honour in the eyes of the people, while his questioners are

disgraced. The awesome words of Jesus contain a powerful religious message; "Give to God what belongs to God."

The implication of these words is that God's name and inscription is on all of us; we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Just as we pay our tribute to earthly rulers; we must give appropriate allegiance to God. God is at the heart of Creation; knowing this can give us huge courage in times of anxiety. In our turbulent and troubled world where we don't know what's going to happen next, we can have hope because life can never get out of control because God is always in control.

"Give to God the things that are God's."

As we live our lives day by day, let us not only give earthly powers what belongs to them, but let us be sure to give to God, the God of our past, the God of our present and the God of our future the love and the trust that rightly belongs to him.

The challenge as always – make God the centre of your life and living.

**Msgr Paul Farmer ~ Pastor
St Benedict's, Newton**



Alert Level 1 at St John

Now that we are back at Alert Level 1, we continue to encourage everyone either visiting the Church or attending Masses to Scan and check-in when you arrive.

Wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind only, no wine at this time. And for those who are sick or unwell, please Stay home.

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"Here I am,
send me."
Isaiah 6:8

MISSIONSUNDAY

18 OCTOBER 2020

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Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 45:1.4-6** The return of the people from exile—a return made possible by King Cyrus—is seen as a sign of God's love for his people, Israel, and of his lordship over all peoples.

~ **Psalm 96** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

~ **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5** Here we see Paul's concern for the Christians at Thessalonika.

~ **Gospel Matthew 22:15-21** This is the story of an effort by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into saying something incriminating.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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

Monday to Friday 12.10pm
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am
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Parish Office closed

Felina will be away this week & the parish office is 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>.

Mission Sunday Today 18 October

Parishioners are reminded that today is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Please give generously today.

For further information please go to www.Missio.nz on the web.

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, Questions, Lunch.

Rosary prayer group—weekdays after the 12.10pm Mass here in church. Everyone welcome.

Columban Calendars - 2021 Calendars are available at the Parish Office during office hours. \$12 Cash only please.

Online Session (Evening): Mary and the Reformation – Mary, full of Grace with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Tuesday, 20 October, 7-8.30pm.

Fee: Koha/Donation. ZOOM. For more information and to register email info@studyjoy.nz or visit <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-in-the-reformation/>

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/>

Vacancy Pregnancy Help Inc—has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate must be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, kdsdtan@gmail.com.

Choral Requiem Mass for All Souls

Monday 2 November at 7 pm at the Cathedral
“...that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” John 6:40

A memorial mass for All Souls Day. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble and soprano Morag Aitchison, organist Michael Stoddart and directed by Nicholas Forbes singing Durufé's Requiem. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks from 6.30 pm.

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020

The Auckland Diocese, invite all parish volunteers, and those recently received into our family of faith, to share in our Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome. At the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Saturday 7th November, at 5.30pm. It will be a vigil Mass. Validated parking available.

The Commission for Ecumenism 2020 Talk Series celebrating Ut Unum Sint 25th Anniversary

Pope Francis and the World Council of Churches on the Environmental Crisis. Common ground and shared vision concerning our responsibilities for the care of the Earth. Thursday 22 October, 7 PM at the St Columba Centre, 44 Vermont St, Ponsonby. All are welcome.

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

James L. Cu, Simativa Perese, John Lee, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denise 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, Kanawhat (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 Nieuwerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jane Ireland, Jin Shu Qin, Ann Gordon, Jill Hoggood-Luyppers, 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 . . .

Conrad Saldanha, Demetrio C. Bolante, Von Phillipps, Cesar Budoy, Virginia Calamucha, Sylvia Worth, Josie Gillies, Alma Sands, Innes Colegrove, Kathleen Sharkey, Sharon Lim, Grant Hutchinson, Januaria Contreras, Mary Brittenden, Siaganoa Availepule, Ligaya Juarez, Cyril Breslin, Bernardo Gomez, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Joan Tibbles, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Joe Coleman, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Florence Gomez, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Nancy Kelly, Eric Kolhase, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Ann Foss, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Rose Blaicklok, Patricia Borg, Joseph Ang, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Des Rosser, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez, Victoria Cano

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.

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.

Jubilee Bursary—applications invited for Semester 1, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level. Applications close Thursday, 12 November 2020. For information and an application pack please email Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz or phone :(09)360-3091.

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. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, email catheriner@cda.org.nz. Applications close 6 November 2020.

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