

## 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

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10 pm

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

#### St Benedict's Parish Secretary

Catherine van Veen

office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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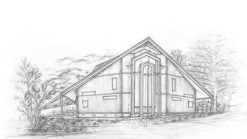
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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 OCTOBER 2020

“The gospel highlights the two commandments which Jesus describes as the greatest: Love of God and love of neighbour. No matter how often we hear these words we are struck by the demands they place upon us. Jesus brings together the love of God and the love of neighbour as something inseparable like two sides of the one coin. Love of God whom we cannot see, is false if it is not complemented by the love of the people whom we rub shoulders with every day on the street where we live.

Our neighbour is not thrown in as an afterthought because it is through people around us that God makes contact with us on a daily basis. Scripture keeps constantly hammering home the message that ‘anyone who says they love God and hate their neighbour is a liar.’ (1 John 4:20-21). We cannot call ourselves Christian and continue crucifying our neighbour.

Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a necessary element in giving our hearts and minds to God and that is where the challenge lies. It is wonderful in theory but difficult to put into practice. To love one's neighbour can be challenging especially when the people next door are annoyingly inquisitive and their children downright bad mannered, not to mention the work mate who really gets on our nerves. To show love in such circumstance is dreadfully difficult and demands great effort and yet, more often than not, we meet God in such an encounter. Make no mistake, our religion becomes an escape and our holiness an illusion if we pray daily, go to church on Sundays, yet cut ourselves off from the people who are worshipping under the same roof as ourselves. God cares about how we treat

others. Everyone is made in God's image and likeness.

Today's Gospel invites us to take a good look at those dark nooks and crannies of our lives which are sealed off from God.

To profess that we love God while remaining indifferent to the plight of others is a contradiction. We all want love to be a thorn-less rose, smooth and velvet to the touch but if we are following Christ we will find that it involves sacrifice and the shadow of the cross. Love is, waiting upon the aged, nursing the sick, patching up quarrels and taking time to listen to the broken hearted.

Very few expect to discover love in weakness, powerlessness and suffering and yet that is the heart of Christ's message to the world. From his birth in a stable as one who was homeless, to his death on the cross as a common criminal, Jesus always identified with the spiritually, physically and materially poor of this world. This gospel is not an ideal to be admired but a way of life to be lived if we are to walk humbly with God. There is an old saying that the night is over and the day has begun when we recognise complete strangers as our brothers and sisters.

**Blessings ~ Pa Peter Tipene**  
**The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



### Quo Vadis, Where are you going?

For single men considering  
Diocesan Priesthood Aged 17+

**Gathering at St. Mark's Pakuranga  
7th November at 9am  
for Mass with breakfast**



### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Exodus 22:20-26** God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weak members of their society.

~ **Psalm 18** I love you, Lord, my strength.

~ **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10** Paul encourages the Thessalonians by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide.

~ **Gospel Matthew 22:34-40** Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in two commandments of love.

**Next Week's readings: Revelations 7:2-4.9-14; Psalm 24; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-2**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

#### 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 or alternatively, write down your details on the Visitor's logbook provided on the church foyer. Wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory.

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind only, no wine at this time.

For those who are sick or unwell, please stay home.

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#### 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
Reconciliation Saturday	9.30am

##### 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](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz) or phone 373 3132.

##### 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.

**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/](http://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.

**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.

##### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kdsdtan@gmail.com).

##### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 6th November 7 pm. St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. All Welcome.

**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>.

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

### 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 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.

**Quo Vadis** - An invitation to young men who feel like God might be calling them to serve his Church as a priest. You are invited to attend a prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month followed by Mass and a time of Fellowship.

9 am, at St Mark's, Pakuranga Saturday, 7th November. If you are interested please email Fr Tony King-Archer at [tony@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:tony@stpatricks.org.nz)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz). Applications close 6 November 2020.

*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 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, 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, Bunt Hart, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Anne Telles, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thilsi Vern, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Jon Manson, 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 Hopgood-Luyfers, 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 . . .*

Tom Keane, Eileen Keane, Tony Wu, Mabel Thomson, Von Phillips, Conrad Saldanha, Brian Philipps, Henryk Wolk, Ester Rian, Isabel Rodriguez, John Pakistan, Fr John Airey CSsR, Fr John Berry, Denham Shale, Eulalio Daguman, Billy Plumb, Rosa Romualdez, Mario Samala, Faustino Calvelo, Bill Mudgway, Violet Sinkovich, James O'Grady, Trinidad Antolin, Joan Tibbles, Eileen O'Brien, John Geddes, Jo Walsh, June Courtney, Paul Austin, Luke Tipene, Brian Clancy, Tarun Asantha, Campbell Adams, Paul Gallagher, Janis Coleman, Carolina Nonionha, Carmel McCarthy, Cheekeong, Pat Insley, Mary Conning, Shirley Loretz, Shaun McKay, Terence Abreo, Rosann Laird, I Antoniraj, Ann Marian, Rosemary Mohi, Jim Waldron, Dallys Horne, John Gordon, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cuneen, Jim Butterworth, Leonard Lanigan, Monthi Fernandes, Pamela Maling, Margaret Chapman, Dan McCarthy, Jillian Paterson, Fr Michael O'Hara, Steve Noonan, Margaret McLean, Maria do Carmo Noronha, Jose Tlentino, Dorothy Bowerman, Phyllis Bloomfield

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*