

## 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 on 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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### 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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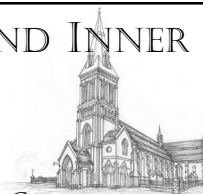


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1 ST BENEDICT'S ST  
NEWTON



CATHEDRAL OF  
ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 8 NOVEMBER 2020

We are heading into the last days of the Church's year; we are, in fact, only three weeks from the beginning of Advent. Traditionally in these last Sundays of the year the readings and the prayers in the liturgy lead us to reflect, not so much on the end of the year, but the end of all things. For the next three Sundays we will hear Our Lord teaching us in parables about judgement.

This Sunday we hear of ten attendants of a bride, awaiting the bridegroom, not knowing when he will arrive. When he does, late and unexpectedly, five of them are able to go into the wedding feast with him, and five are not. The distinguishing mark, it seems, is wisdom.

But what does wisdom look like? All of them are attendants of the bride, all of them have lamps. Just as all of us are a part of the Church, Christ's bride, and at our baptism were enlightened by Christ. And all of them, despite the Lord's call to stay awake, fell asleep during the wait, just as all of us lose focus on our calling and get distracted by the world at times. What marks the wise, it seems, is that they have provided themselves with oil for their lamps, while the foolish have not. We might well ask, then, what is this oil that we need to provide ourselves with while we wait for the coming of the bridegroom, the Lord?

In the first reading, from the book of Wisdom, the personification of wisdom says that she comes to those who desire her, who seek after her. To get wisdom we need to go out, not to sit in our own place, concentrating on ourselves. We should in fact link this together with the parables we will hear in the

weeks to come, to recall the one who received one talent and buried it in the ground, and the goats who did not care for the Lord in the least of His brothers and sisters. The wisdom that the Lord seeks from us depends on love of God and neighbour, it seems, just as do the Law and the Prophets.

At this time of the year, then, we are reminded that the world, and we ourselves, are finite and will come to an end. But our response is not to sit obsessing about when this will happen, but to go about, doing our best to love as the Lord called us to.

The wise bridesmaids fell asleep, just like the foolish, but they remained awake enough to go and get oil from those who provide it, as they told the foolish to do. In other words, they got it from the poor, the sick, the dying, those who mourn, the lonely, and even the dead, for whom we are called to pray in this month. May we do likewise.

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



## Unpacking the Diocesan

## MISSION MAP

*Mata kaupapa Whana*

14 NOVEMBER 2020  
9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM  
St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont St  
Ponsonby



B.Y.O: Enthusiasm, Interest,  
Questions, Lunch  
RSVP | [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

## SHARING, DISCERNING, EXPLORING



Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Te Pihopatanga o Tāmaki Makaurau  
Pare Waikato ki Pare Hauraki tae atu ki te Taitokerau

## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Wisdom 6:12-16** This sings the praise of wisdom, which can be found by all those who seek it.

~ **Psalm 63** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

~ **1 Thessalonians 5:13-18** St Paul consoles his converts at Thessalonika who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died before the return of the Lord.

~ **Gospel Matthew 25:1-13** A story which urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming.

**Next Week's readings: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30**

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 who are either visiting the Church or attending Masses to **Scan the QR code when you arrive.** Wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory.

### 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

**Remembering our Dead** – During November, we remember in prayer our deceased friends and family members. Please write their names on the cards provided and place them in the wooden box designated for this purpose. They will be placed before the altar during Mass.

**Every Sunday in November** - we will conduct the annual count of people attending Mass at St John the Baptist for Auckland Diocesan Statistics.

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

### 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

**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. This week's Mass was recorded here at Parnell.

**Mass time change** – Please note that on Saturday 21 November the usual 5pm Vigil Mass will have a later starting time of 5.15pm.

**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.

**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).

### OPEN DAY: GIANNA'S CHOICE Pregnancy Options and Support

They are keen for more people to join them in assisting expectant mothers. Those who would be interested could be those with a desire to serve others; experienced mothers or women with a health or helping background plus a solid pro-life commitment in the context of Catholic morality.

The opportunities are varied. Volunteers are needed on an on-call and regular basis for: face to face consultations, taking calls on the Option Line, sorting resources and making up baby packs, making cards; nappy stacks; promotion in the community, practical support after birth & life skills education. All are welcome to come and find out more. Saturday 14th November, 2.00pm. John Paul II Centre. 569 Richardson Rd., Mt Roskill. Enquiries 021 231 7954.

### Special Pre-recording for the Christmas Mass for Radio New Zealand & Shine TV 7 pm Thursday 19 November

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph has been asked by Radio New Zealand to provide a recorded Christmas Day Mass for broadcast. We will be celebrating this pre-recorded Mass here at the Cathedral, Thursday 19 November at 7 pm. Please join us and Bishop Michael and lend your voices and your faith to this opportunity for our Diocese.

The Mass will also be filmed for the Shine TV Christmas broadcast.

Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks from 6.30 pm on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

### 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 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/>

**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/vinniesuckland>.

### ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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

### Final Diocesan Youth Mass for 2020

7 pm Sunday 29th November at St Patrick's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Michael with the music ministry led by MCY (Mangere Catholic Youth). The Delargey and Tu Kahikatea awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Mass.

**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.



### North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women

The final meeting for the year. St Thomas More Church hall, Glenfield on 18th November at 7:30 p.m. The speaker is Ingrid D'Souza and the topic is *The Lord is my strength*.

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

John Sullivan, 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 Hodgen, 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, Jane Ireland, Rosily Chacko, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Gavin Alexander, Mary Bratton, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Buntly Hart, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Jon Manson, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thilsi Vern, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Anne Telles, Bronwyn Ryan, Sheila Birnie, Nicholas James, Judy Hanna, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Maree C, Noeline Levick, Ann Gordon, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Martin Harriman, John & Gloria Gillespie.

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

Fr Luke Rawlings OP, Valrea Collins, Eileen Kean, Lilianna Monteiro, Peter Alvez, Robert Whiting, Marie Keeling, Ross Webb, Betty Robinson, Ruby Viskovich, Sr June Kirksmith RSCJ, Pat Geary, Tereza Baricevich, Alex Pinfold, Vinka Marinovich, Donna Collins, Soane Filitonga, Shaun McKay, Francisco Rigour, Fr Bryan Winders, Shaun McKay, Jan Coleman, Ethel Kelly, Essie Jones, Norman O'Sullivan, Anna Farac, Evelyn McGilly, Brian Dunkley, Clare Panther, Ligaya Reyna, Ian Snellgrove, Kieran Hegarty, Francie O'Sullivan, Rosemary Mohi, Dallys Horne, John Gordon, Trevor Miles, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cunneen, Linda Ward, Sr Patricia Woods SJC, Michael Larcombe, Richard Tapley, Johnny McCarthy, Mary Andrews, Irene Roca, Fr Humphrey O'Leary CSsR, Br Clarent Glynn FMS, Mark Gleeson, Jim Butterworth, Carolina Gonzales Moreno, Margaret Harriman . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*