

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

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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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 15 NOVEMBER 2020

Our gospel scripture tells the story of three servants and what they did with the money their Master entrusted to them.

The Master in the parable who is about to go on a journey indicates that he has great confidence in each of his three servants. He gives each of them in the currency of the time a significant amount of money. He was sensitive to their varying abilities and distributed financial responsibility accordingly. The Master departs on his journey and when he returns he wants to settle accounts with his three servants.

The first two show that during his absence they have been very industrious. They have doubled the amount that was given to them. It's the behaviour of the third servant who is the focus of the parable. His behaviour throws light on just what it means to be prepared. He begins by excusing himself by saying that he was scared and intimidated by the demanding character of the Master.

It's an attempt at self-justification. But the Master turns his excuse against the unproductive servant. He tells the unproductive servant that knowing the demanding character of his Master he should have worked and strived to do something with the money. And the Master ends by calling him wicked and worthless, lazy and useless. Then the Master takes the talent that was originally given to him.

Now the servant has nothing and is thrown out of the household.

Whenever I look around I see many talents and gifts, every one of us has been gifted by God. Wherever you go humans are gifted people with an extraordinary variety of talents. The talents can be found in any aspect of life; academic talents, sports

talents, musical talents, artistic talents, language talents, design talents, monetary talents, the list goes on and on. The gospel parable tells us that we are to use the talents that we've been given, we are to be industrious and generous with them.

The third servant did nothing with what he'd been given because he was enslaved by fear, he saw his Master as a harsh and calculating man. There can be a trap for us church going and religious folk. We can create an image and idea of God that makes him exacting and fearful. Living with an unhealthy fear of God will cripple us. The God of Jesus Christ is a

God of love and mercy and compassion, a God who wants us to be free to grow into the very best human that we can be. He allows us to make mistakes so that we can develop the talents and gifts that he's given to us. If we are to be faithful to God and use his gifts, we must be willing to take risks.

The third servant wouldn't or couldn't take a risk and he was condemned. Remember the name of the game of life is risk. If you do not take risks for God, you cannot grow in God.

With Cheers!
Msgr Paul Farmer
St Benedict's, Newton



Well done good
and faithful
servant.

MATTHEW 25: 21



Stretch out your hand
to the poor

2020

Do I use the talents God has given me for Mission?

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31** By today's standards the woman at the centre of this reading would be hardly be called a talented person. Yet she is held up as a model.

~ **Psalm 127** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

~ **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** Since they don't know exactly when the Lord will return, Paul urges the disciples to be always ready lest they be caught unawares.

~ **Gospel Matthew 25:14-30** The parable of the talents tells us how best to await the Lord's return.

Next Week's readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28; Matthew 25:31-46

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND 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 the QR codes on display on the church doors. Wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory. If you are unwell, please stay home.

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

Mass time change – Next Saturday, 21 November the Vigil Mass for Christ the King will be at **5.15pm**. Celebrated by Mons Bernard Kiely with the investiture of the new member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

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.

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.

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.

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



Online Session (Evening): The Gospel of Mark

With Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.

Next session on 20 November, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

Topic: The Heart of the Gospel – from Blindness to Blindness to the Gospel according to Mark. All sessions of this series are connected but also stand alone. For more information and to register email info@studyjoy.nz.

Taize Prayer for Advent

Friday, 4 December 7pm-8pm. Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay. See flyer in noticeboard for more details.

Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 5 December, 10am-3pm at Mary MacKillop centre, Mission Bay. \$30 waged person, \$20 unwaged person. Phone 528 1801 or email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au

NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest print edition is available in the foyer for \$4.

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 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 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/vinniesauckland>.

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.

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.

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*.

Readings & Carols for Advent

Join us for our annual service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Saturday, 5 December at 7 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent. Please note there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street.

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

Helena Hamlin, 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 Hodge, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, 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, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Kirei Tua, Jane Ireland, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Bunty Hart, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, 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, Martin Harriman, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Ann Gordon, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Maree C, 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 . . .

Caroline McLean, Ada Harris, Leciso Baldo, Eddie Ierenino, Manus Gallagher, Robert Whiting, Anne Mendrano, Melkia Thavethoo, Sr Helen O'Neill rsm, Dame Sr Pauline Engel rsm, Margaret Wilke, Stephanie Hoyle, Linda Ward, Oscar Lacuna, Lorenza Inigo, Betty Robinson, Molly Novak, Toni Johnston, Mark Farac, Kevin Ryan, Gerry Dooley, Linda Ward, Vili Filo, Tony White, Sr Cecilia Maher rsm, James Waldron, Don Gordon, Evelyn McGilly, Michael Goodwin, Gail Layborne, Isabel Acuna, Patrick Keenan, Zinaida Ponomareva, Fr Hans Bachman, Steve Munro, Johnny McCarthy, Br Clarent Glynn FMS, Alfred Santos, Fr Humphrey O'Leary CSsR, Richard Tapley, Albert Reardon, Ong Siew Eng, Anthony Yco, Josebelle Filipino, Fa'asima Muliumu, Fifita Ramaulal, Florence McCarthy, Antonio Guzzo, Fr Dominic O'Neill . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*