

# 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](http://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](http://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

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



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 29 NOVEMBER 2020

### ADVENT A TIME OF RENEWAL, A TIME FOR CHANGE

It is once more the new liturgical year of the Church, let it be for us a new year of our lives too, one more year, one more opportunity for a renewal and for a change for the better.

The season of Advent as always, is an invitation to look in two directions. Looking at all that has happened in the past year and asking for forgiveness for all that went wrong in our lives and remembering the things to thank God for.

We also look forward with hope to a new beginning and thank God for the opportunity to begin anew on the path of discipleship with Christ.

Advent is a time for a level of heightened awareness it's a time to see ourselves as God sees us. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. In the Gospel of today, Mark warns us against complacency, to be alert and to look at the positive side of life to consider the new day that is dawning in our lives and the new opportunities that God gives us for renewal and for Change.

Advent would be a good time to take the message for renewal and a change of heart keenly and to open our hearts and invite the Lord to come more fully into our lives and in our families.

We pray with fervour as we begin this Advent season: "Come, Lord Jesus, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." We pray with great hope and trust in the Lord, remembering the fact that the Lord never abandons His people.

In the gospel of today Jesus asks us to be alert, "Be on your guard, stay awake". He wants us to have a clear purpose in life, to mature in our relationship with him and with others, to give some time to prayer, and to live our lives with his message in our hearts. That's what the season of Advent is all about.

This Advent let us retrace our steps once more and prepare a way in our lives for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who will give us a meaning and a depth to all our encounters with him and with our neighbour.

This Advent let us call on the Lord to heal us both physically and spiritually, let us also pray for the good circle of friends we have around us, as we pray for ourselves and for our near and dear ones, let's thank God for the food that we receive at the Eucharistic table, the food that nourishes us constantly and cures us both physically and spiritually.

**Blessings ~ Fr George Carlos Sdb.  
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



### Diocesan Mission Map

Today the first Sunday of Advent sees the new liturgical year and the launch of the Diocesan Mission Map – the framework for how we are Church together into the future. This is accompanied by the launch of a refreshed diocesan website same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site.

Loving God,

Because your love for us is so great, you call us to be one with you.

Because your love for the world is so great, you share your mission with us and send us as instruments of your love.

Encourage us as we strive to implement the Mission Map.

Walk with us as we accompany one another as missionary disciples.

Guide us with your Spirit of wisdom and love.

Make us truly welcoming to all, particularly the young.

Send us forth to proclaim the joy of the Gospel through faith, service, justice and love of others, most especially the poor.

May we, live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all we do. Amen



**MISSION MAP**  
*Māori: Kōwhiri*  
Diocese of Auckland

- prepare for missionary discipleship
- strengthen spirituality of young people
- care for poor

### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8** The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people, and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.

~ **Psalm 79** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

~ **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

~ **Gospel Matthew Mark 13:33-37** We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

**Next Week's readings: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14 ; Mark 1:1-8**

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.

### **This Week at Parnell**

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil 5pm	Fr Tim Costello
Sunday 7am	Fr Tim Costello
Sunday 9.30am	Fr Tim Costello

#### **Mass & Reconciliation**

Monday to Friday	12.10pm
Saturday & Public Holidays	9am
Reconciliation Saturday	9.30am

### **Organ for St John the Baptist**

The Parish Finance Committee has given the approval for our parish to purchase a new Church Organ. This will replace the old one (that has been used for 30 years) that broke down a few weeks ago. The estimated cost to get the new organ would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. To achieve this, we have set up a Church Organ Fund to help pay for the cost.

Please send your donations to: BNZ Parnell Parish 02-0100-0120982-014. Please Indicate your "Initials & surname" (for example: PBrowne) in the Particulars and "OrganFund" on the Reference. We thank you for your generosity.

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

**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 Cash only please.

**Fr Chris Away** – Fr Chris is away until Thursday 3 December. During this Time, supply priests from the Marist community will celebrate all the Masses.

### **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.

**NZpray2day** - An app to encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day. It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

### **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](mailto:marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au)

**NZ Catholic Newspaper**—The latest print edition is available in the foyer for \$4.

**Quo Vadis, Where are you going?** - Breakfast meeting for single men ages 17+ who are interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. 5 December 9am for Mass followed by fellowship – St Patrick's Panmure.

### **Carols & Readings 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 & Durham Lane.

**G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass**—Sunday 6th December, 4pm at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. An invitation to all Catholics with disabilities, their families and support workers. A light meal is provided after Mass in the G.I.F.T. Centre. Everyone is most welcome. Ph: 629 0445.

**Employment Opportunities at St Francis Retreat Centre - Food Service Director** (Head Chef) their Head Chef is retiring, the St Francis Retreat Centre need a replacement who is: • Passionate about food • Experienced • Qualified • Reliable • Hard-working • A team player. - **General/Operations Manager**

If one of these positions sounds like you, please email: [finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) for a full job description and application form.

### **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 2202.

### **Feed a Family Christmas Appeal 2020**

The "Feed a Family" appeal to support families who are struggling to put food on the table during the Christmas Season. This is an opportunity for you to connect with a family, and really make a difference. Visit [www.svdpak.org.nz](http://www.svdpak.org.nz) for how you can give and to find out more about the work they do.

**Food for Faith for Advent** – Fr John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

### **Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal**

They need your help and support for our Homeless families. They have 1,410 children in their care, who have been exposed to homelessness. They would like to provide a gift for every child so they may experience a little Christmas joy.

If you can help, please contact Elaine Lolesio, email [elaine@montececilia.co.nz](mailto:elaine@montececilia.co.nz) or call/text 0277770632

*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, Kanawhat (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 Williams, 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 Nieuwerk, 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 . . .*

Sr Maureen O'Brien rsm, Chew Sin Tan, Fay Hudner, Billy Plumb, Alicia Chain, Paulene Brommer, Sr Maureen McBride RNDM, Msgr John Broadbent, Ann Mathias, Fr Brian Fletcher, Heather Szarbo, Ray Columbus, Mary Ellison, Mary Carr, Stephanie Aspite, JamesROPata, BJ Nathan, Norman Holland, Helen O'Shea, Phyl Dromgoole, Erlinda Gonzales, Clare Free, Margaret Williams, Rachel Fox, Jim Waldron, Ian Stephenson, Margaret Williams, Mary Mullally, Jerry & Bridie Collins, Gavin Michie, Br Kieran O'Sullivan, Jack Waddell, Rhonda McMahan, William McCoy, Pat Langdon, Walfrido Fantins, Rodrigo Fernando, David Pfahlert, Catherine Brockley, Peter Wood, Alexander Kerebs, Frank Neeling, Louis Luzuriaga, Bienvenido Kanapi, Richard Petricevich, Rosita Uy Lim, Bartolomeo Cas . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*