

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

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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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 31 JANUARY 2021

A Gospel Reflection

Occasionally when public figures speak, we refuse to take them seriously because they convey the impression that they are not sincere and are merely voicing the party line.

The term 'credibility gap' is one way of expressing our suspicion that there is no depth to their fine words. The most fundamental criticism we can make of any person is to say that there are not true to their word. Every age has its true and false prophets. In today's gospel we are told that Christ spoke with authority and conviction; he was nailed to the cross. His preaching had a great impact on all open-minded people who were listening. Its effects were staggering because he spoke from the heart and was fired with enthusiasm for the truth.

As a leader Jesus had no political pull, or military clout, and yet people were spellbound and challenged to the core of their being by the compelling power of what he was saying.

The crowds weren't captivated by him just because he was a gifted preacher who told them what they wanted to hear. When he spoke, everyone detected a ring of truth in his every word. They sensed that somehow or other he was different; this was the word of God. We do not have to know the gospel by heart to realise that Jesus speaks on every aspect of human life—and he does not offer what he has to say as a personal opinion, or a studied conclusion, but as rooted in reality and truth. Jesus makes it clear that he is the sole voice of God in the world, speaking the final word from God the Father.

He emphasises that what he says is the standard expected of us and the test we must pass if we are to reach heaven.

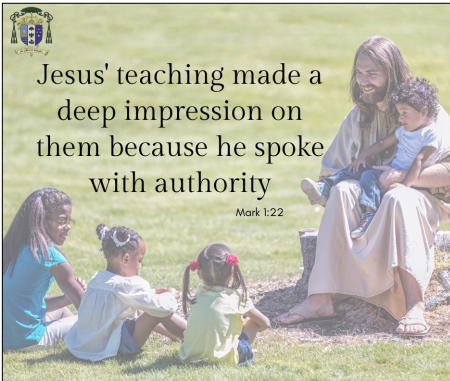
In a rebellious age, the whole notion of talking about authority seems quaintly out of fashion. Thinking about authority can send shivers up our spines as we recall how badly we have been treated by parents, teachers, and those we are working with. Jesus uses his authority to call forth the best in each one of us and to draw each person towards God.

That is why the words of Jesus are so precious—they are about how to be saved and should be heeded. They provide us with the answers to proper living. The real reason for authority in the church is to keep the Lord's word alive in the world and to keep us reminded of what he says and speaks to us, because we are prone to laziness, to the lowering of our ideals and the watering down of the commandments.

The word of God will always challenge us to the depths of our being. Today it is asking us how honest and authentic we really are as we face the problems of living the Christian message amid a questioning world. If we follow it and live it we are speaking with authority in our own right and pointing people to God.

150 years of Dominican Sisters in Aotearoa-New Zealand

18 February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican Sisters arrived in Dunedin from Ireland, to begin the Congregation in New Zealand. A mass of gratitude will be held at St Mary's Church, Mosgiel, 10am, Saturday 20 February. All are welcome. In the spirit of gratitude, the sisters hope to mark this occasion by donating to three specific charities. If you would like to contribute, please see details at www.dominicans.org.nz



Let's take a

WALK through the MASS

An opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass, its words and gestures, and explore what is meant by our 'participation'.

Saturday March 20th 9.30 - 1.00pm

Our Lady of the Assumption

130 Church St

Onehunga



Morning tea provided
Donations welcome

Please register email: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz
The Liturgy Centre - Catholic Diocese of Auckland



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Deuteronomy 18:15-2** Moses foretells the coming of a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

~ **Psalm 94** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

~ **1 Corinthians 7:32-3** Paul urges everyone, but especially those who are celibate, to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

~ **Gospel Mark 1:14-20** Jesus begins to preach and calls his first disciples.

Next Week's readings: Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-33; Mark 1:29-39

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

Alert Level 1 at St John

Now that we are in Alert Level 1, we continue to encourage everyone either visiting the Church or attending Masses to keep a record of your visit by Scanning the QR codes on display at the Church entrances when you arrive.

Hand Sanitisers are also provided for you to use. Wearing of facemasks is no longer mandatory. If you or anyone in your family is sick or unwell, please stay home.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 5pm	Fr Chis Denham
Sunday 7am	Fr Chis Denham
Sunday 9.30am	Fr Chis Denham

Thank you and Welcome— This Sunday, 31 January there will be an opportunity to thank and farewell Fr Chris Denham.

On this occasion we will also welcome our incoming parish priest Fr John Tollan. We will gather at Notting Hill Kitchen 162-168 Parnell Road from 10.30am onwards for refreshments and an opportunity to personally thank Fr Chris for his service to our parish over the last 4 years.

New Parish Priest— Bishop Pat has appointed Fr John Tollan as the new Parish Priest for Parnell. He will move into the presbytery and take up his appointment during the first week of February.

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

Church Flower Ministry

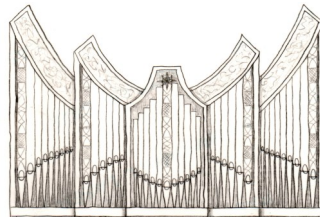
We are in need of parishioners who would like to join our small group that provide the beautiful flower arrangements here in church. If you would like to volunteer and share your talent, please get in touch with Felina in the office. Email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

NZ Catholic Newspaper—The first edition for 2021 is available in the foyer for \$4.

St John the Baptist Church Organ Fund

The Parish has purchased a new Church Organ. This replaces the old one (that's been used for 30 years) that broke down late last year. The new organ has cost just over \$30,000 to purchase and install. We have set up a Church Organ Fund to help defray some of the cost.

For your donations, please send them to: BNZ Parnell Parish 02-0100-0120982-014. Indicate your "Initials & surname" (for example: PBrowne) in the Particulars and "OrganFund" on the Reference. To get a tax receipt, email your details to office@parnellcatholic.org.nz. We thank you for your generosity.



Anniversary Day Mass time.

The weekday mass on Monday, 1 February, which is Auckland Anniversary Day, will be at 9am.

Ecumenism—one possible answer for a Contemporary New Zealand with Dr Rocio Figueroa of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College facilitated by Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism. 7 pm Tuesday 23 February. At the Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Register at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz.

Mass at the PEACE PLACE - Saturdays 8 am, 22 Emily Pl, Auckland CBD.



Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ- with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Start: 01 March <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>
To register and for further information on all courses email info@studyjoy.nz

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Deaf friendly Mass with NZSL the first for 2021, 12 pm, Sunday 14 February 12 at the Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Bring something for shared lunch.

Vacancy - Pregnancy Help has a vacancy for an Honorary Treasurer for its Auckland Branch. Pregnancy Help is a charitable organisation that assists vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies offering a range of free services and practical help. If you are a qualified accountant and can assist, please email Laura at auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz.

This position is not paid.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 5th February 7 pm. St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. All Welcome

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 022 309 2022.

Columban Calendars 2021 - are available to purchase at the Parish Office during office hours and on weekends after Mass. \$12 each, cash only please.

St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport—is a small Catholic school a short ferry ride from the city centre. They welcome all primary aged pupils. After school care is available and they may be able to arrange to have an adult accompany your children to and from the Auckland ferry terminal. For further information phone 4459339 or email Maureen Harris at principal@stleos.school.nz.

Vacancy Registered Nurse for Marist Sisters

The Marist Sisters are seeking to employ a Registered Nurse Health Care Coordinator for their communities for 15hrs per week. There are 20 Sisters spread over 5 houses between the ages of 45 and 93 years of age. If you are interested in this part time position, contact: Sr Jane O'Carroll. For further details please phone 021 077 1705

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

Helena Hamlin, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Dolly P, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, AS, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Sue Bedford, Graeme Owens, Joe Raymond, Ben Hunt, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Michael Wong, Maree C, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Yaroslav Khmel, Linus Broughton, BC, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Kirei Tua, Jane Ireland, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Bunty Hart, Anne Telles, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thilsi Vern, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Bronwyn Ryan, Nicholas James, Judy Hanna, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-Luyfers, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Adelaida Sison, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

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

Graeme Owens, Manuka Henare, Val Bennett, Teresa Owens, James Lewis, Gregory Tan, Boni Wang, Sr Veronica Keane rsj, Peter Gilmour, Malisa & Bernard Williams, Catherine Pinto, Maurice Williams, Mary Pratt, Cardinal Delargey, Neil Collins, Harold Serpes, Dorothy Serpes, Patrick Sigamoney, Ljubica Steinhauer, Basil Machado, Irene Dermody, Br Tony Sisson cfc, Ian Johnson, John Lanun, John McHugh, Leo Divine, Marjorie (Bobs) Gardner, Meliton Magbago Jr, Carol Franks, Fiona Gooder, Pat O'Connor, Nonie Kiely, Peter Goddard, Carol Date Chong, Mary B Connaghan, Vicki Rommel, Marjory Hall, Catharina Kamp, Desmond O'Brien, Val Dawson, Pat Murphy, Edith O'Brien, Yasmine Baheshy, Helena Yiin, Valentina Angel, Juan Lora, Desmond Graham, Thomas Scannell, Jean Spelman, Evelyn Considine, John Nienarber

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.