

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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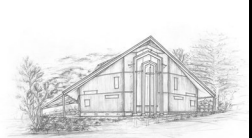
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 7 FEBRUARY 2021

As I take up the position of Dean of the Cathedral it seems appropriate to turn for inspiration in the days ahead to the scriptures which will be read on my first Sunday at St Patrick's. Only, they aren't very comforting. They seem, in fact, to promise an abundance of hard work.

Job, in our first reading, struggles with a sense of futility, wondering, what is the point? St Paul speaks of the duty laid upon him, which requires him to be a slave to all, seeking no reward other than the work itself.

Even in the Gospel, Our Lord heals St Peter's mother-in-law, and she is immediately back at work, waiting on them. Lots of hard work and not much fun, it seems.

It all seems a little disheartening, actually. But isn't that an experience we all have, at least from time to time? The feeling that the work in front of me is great and that the life the Lord is calling me to seems rather hard. Surely it is easier to just do what we want.

That of course is the temptation.

And temptation is the proper word for that feeling. It is why the Gospel passage we hear goes on to repeatedly stress that a large part of Jesus's ministry at his point is driving out the forces of evil. Because the heart of the temptation is more than just laziness.

The heart of the temptation is not just to take the easy path, but to wilfully misunderstand God's plan for us.

It is the psalm that puts it so clearly, calling us to praise the Lord, because He wishes to heal us, and lift us up. To recognise that the one who made the stars and, indeed, the vastness of the universe, cares intimately about each one of us. The tasks he sets us are precisely what will most surely make us able to receive all the gifts he wishes to

shower upon us. A fast moving modern electric scooter or board, can be a lot of fun, but it is no gift for a child who has not yet learned to balance. It takes practice, indeed hard work (plus a few falls) to be able to handle that power.

How much more is needed to prepare ourselves to handle the power of being like God, which is the gift He wishes to give us.

It requires us to cast out the temptation to take the easy path, the lying voice that says "it's not worth it." To have the confidence of the psalmist in the goodness of the Lord and his promises, and the assurance of St Paul that the work we do is its own reward, because it makes us ready for the gifts to come.

As we stand near the threshold of Lent, may we, whatever the tasks put before us, take these words to heart.

Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph

Appointment of Permanent Deacons

Bishop Pat wishes to inform the diocesan family that, after consulting with our priests over recent months, a new intake of potential candidates to become Permanent Deacons in the Diocese is about to begin their process of discernment. Around 18 potential candidates

will attend an Information Day later this month about this vocation in the Church and an outline of what the four-year Formation Programme will look like. Following a

subsequent formal interview with a panel appointed by the Bishop, those invited to commence training will begin a preparatory spiritual year with some academic formation as well. A number of Permanent Deacons already serve in parishes and ministries in the Diocese in a wide variety of ways.



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

~ **Job 7:1-4.6-7** Wrestling with the problem of why the innocent should suffer, Job takes a rather pessimistic view of life.

~ **Psalm 146** Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

~ **1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-33** St Paul tells how he has made himself all things to all people in order to bring them the Good news of salvation.

~ **Gospel Mark 1:29-39** In midst of his work of teaching and healing, Jesus finds it necessary to escape to a lonely place to a pray.

Next Week's readings: Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 31; 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 or write your details on the register 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 John Tollan

Sunday 7am Fr John Tollan

Sunday 9.30am Fr John Tollan

Welcome— we extend a warm welcome to Fr John Tollan, our new parish priest.

Fr John comes to us from the parishes of Devonport and the Hibiscus Coast. Prior to that, he also served for many years as the founding parish priest of St Catherine of Siena Parish in Caroline Springs Melbourne, Australia.

He will be full-time parish priest to us here in Parnell and we look forward to working together with him moving forward for the good of the worshipping community.

Waitangi Day— A reminder that this Monday 8 February is a public holiday. Mass will be at 9am instead of the usual 12.10pm.

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

Church Flower Ministry

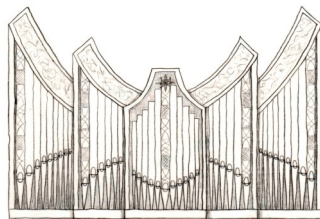
We are in need of parishioners who would like to join our small group that provide the beautiful flower arrangements here in church.

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

St John the Baptist Church Organ Fund

The Parish Finance Committee has given the approval for our parish to purchase a new Church Organ. This will replace the old one (that's been used for 30 years) that broke down several weeks ago. At the moment, the parish is renting an organ for our Musicians to use during our weekend Masses. The estimated cost to get the new organ would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. We have set up a Church Organ Fund to help our parish achieve this. 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.



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

Vigil & St Valentine's Day Mass & Wedding Anniversary celebration-A celebration of love, marriage and family life here at the Cathedral 5 pm, Saturday 13th February. Validated parking at the Wilson car parks. All welcome. For more information contact the Catholic Marriage Preparation Team, 360-3025 or email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz.



Quo Vadis? Where are you going?

Breakfast meeting for single men, 17+ interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood 13 February Cathedral of St Patricks & St Joseph. 8.30am Mass followed by fellowship.

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

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

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.

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.

Worried about inequality in NZ?

Education is the key. Can you sponsor a student at St Paul's College in 2021? For more details email headmaster@stpaulscollege.co.nz

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

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 position, please contact Sr Jane O'Carroll for further details: 021 077 1705

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

Marlee Owens, Helena Hamlin, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Teresa Gudex, Dolly P, 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, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alana North, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Alice Swann, Elizabeth Beckham, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Michael Wong, Maree C, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Kirei Tua, Yaroslav Khmel, Linus Broughton, BC, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Neira, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Jane Ireland, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Anne Telles, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Thilsi Vern, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, 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 Nieuwerkerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hopgood-Luypers, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

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

Alberto Capistrano, Bunty Hart, Fr Ikenasio Vitalian, Beatriz Young, Johnny Hitiiaa, Eric Thepeaut, Vanessa Ellin, Nonie Kiely, Msgr David Price, Letty Gonzales, Kevin Richards, Dennis & Eric Mallard, Kristian Ramos, Peter Speedy, Jennifer She, Robert Sloan, Vida Delegat, Margaret Fitzgerald, Kevin Black, Armando Maniti, Rojas Dason, Claire Howley, Walter Nicholls, June McCabe, Joan Delargey, Mariana Ramsey, Kevin Ryder, John O'Connor, Margaret McFadzien, Irene Stemberge, Taitotusa Fenoti, Patricia Gildea Wild, Calmar Gelling, Bernard Kelly, Marcelino Paderanga, Metui Latu, Monika Menartowicz, Justiniano Senior, Emilia Molinyawe, Phyllis Donegan, Marie Hawthorne, Carlina Veltron,+Most Rev George Michael Lenihan DD, Quentin Kelly, Dellwyn Whiteford, Bernardo Flores, Domonic Galosi OFM, Henri Belliard SM, Patricia Robinson, Frank Monteiro
. . . Eternal rest grant to them.