

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

Catherine van Veen

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Every year Lent gives us a study in contrasts. After the solemnity of Ash Wednesday (for those who were able to celebrate it), and the starkness of the temptation of Our Lord in the wilderness, we suddenly encounter the glorious vision of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent.

Why then are we given this sudden change of mood? Partly it is for the same reason as St Peter, St James, and St John were. To strengthen us for what is to come. The vision was not for them to immediately proclaim, but to help them through the experience of Christ's passion and death, only to be told to everyone, after the Resurrection. The foreshadowing of the risen, glorified, Christ, is to help us remember why we undergo Lent each year. It is not a punishment. Rather it is a journey, with a wonderful destination at the end.

But it is not just to help us through the remainder of the forty days of fasting and penance. It is also to be a support throughout our lives. Difficulties and challenges are, after all, not confined to Lent. Again and again in our Christian lives we can face circumstances that can dishearten us. Times that make us wonder whether it is really worth it.

We can have our own version of the disciples' experience, watching those we love suffer, or die. We can face our own pain and mortality. Sometimes the journey the Lord is calling us to can seem like a continuous version of Lent: much fasting, little feasting. In the face of that, we do need hope.

As the prayers of this Sunday's mass remind us, the glimpse of the risen, glorified, Christ on Mt Tabor, is also a glimpse of the risen, glorified, us. This Gospel is to help us, before we get too settled into the rhythm of Lent, keep our eyes on the goal. Each Easter we celebrate not just the Resurrection of Our Lord but our own hope of Resurrection. Just as the disciples saw Moses and Elijah, personifying the Law and the Prophets, pointing towards the Resurrection, so we see the Scriptures pointing us towards the final destination for us all.

Journeys, whether through Lent, or life, can be tiring, even wearisome. But when we have a clear vision of something we truly desire at the end of a journey, be it a luxury hotel, a beautiful landscape, or a lover's greeting, then it is much easier to shoulder our pack, get up and carry on. All of those things, and more, await us at the end of our Earthly journey. And today's Gospel vision of the Transfigured Christ helps us to recognise just how great the "more" waiting for us really is.

**God bless ~ Fr Chris Denham
Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**

Caritas Lent Appeal 2021

Lent appeal envelope packs for 2021 are available to take home in the Church.

Alternatively visit

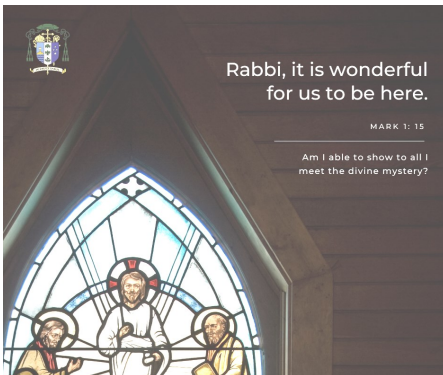
www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online.
Please support their work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Rabbi, it is wonderful
for us to be here.

MARK 1: 15

Am I able to show to all I
meet the divine mystery?



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

~ **genesis 22:1-2,9-13.15-18** This reading shows how complete was Abraham's obedience to God.

~ **Psalms 115** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

~ **Romans 8:31-34** Since God is on our side, we can face anything.

~ **Gospel Mark 9:2-10** On Mount Tabor three apostles of Jesus got a glimpse of the glory that washes as the Son of God.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2.5-8; John 4:5-42

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. Alternatively, sign on the visitor's logbook located at the church foyer. 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 Tony King-Archer
Sunday 7am Fr George Carlos sdb
Sunday 9.30am Fr George Carlos sdb

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

Stations of the Cross

This Lenten Season we invite you to pray the stations of the Cross. Booklets will be available for you to use at the back of the church on Fridays of Lent starting from 26 February.

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.



Walk a day in their shoes! - Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate at www.nph-nz.org/walk.

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 in October last year. The parish is currently 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.

Social Justice Retreat - 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March at St Francis Retreat Centre

50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and Fratelli Tutti. \$20 including lunch. A few places are available—please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 asap if you are interested in attending.

St Benedict's Church Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday 5 March 7pm. Adoration and prayer in the church followed by a talk by Father Andrew and a hot drink in the crypt downstairs. Lots of free parking in the Wilson's carpark. Come and support our prayer for vocations.

Your peaceful, prayerful presence saves lives!

Till March 28, Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm. For more information visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife

"COME AND SEE" - Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 27 March from 9.30am to 1.30pm at Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie. RSVP 24 March.

For more information contact vocations@mercy.org.nz Sr Fatima phone 021 084 29440 Sr Linda phone 021 263 0439.

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

CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

St Peter's College—Tuesday 23rd February at 9.30 am & 1 pm in the College Hall by the Mountain Road entrance. Applications close Friday, 6 April. Visit www.st-peters.school.nz/ enrolment/ for further information.

Baradene College—6.30 pm, Thursday 4 March. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 and a limited number of places in Year 9 are available. Applications close Friday, 19 March.

St Mary's College— 2.30pm & 6.30pm Thursday 4 March in the Paul Keane Gymnasium. All welcome. Enrolments for Years 7 and limited places for Year 9 in 2022 close 18 March.

Sacred Heart College—Wednesday, 10 March at 11.45 am & 1.30 pm. Enrolments close 1 April 2021. For details of enrolments for 2022 and scholarships visit www.sacredheart.school.nz.

Ecumenism – one possible answer for a contemporary New Zealand with Dr Rocio Figueroa of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. 7 pm Tuesday 23 February. At the 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.

Are you a Tertiary Student in Auckland?

You are invited to the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) for our 2021 Welcome BBQ. enjoy delicious food, connect with other Catholic students, and discover your 'Home away from home' in the city. 5PM-7PM, Friday 5th March ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton. For more information visit: facebook.com/thechaplains.

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students—If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2021, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email catheriner@cda.org.nz.

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. Start: 01 March <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>
To register email info@studyjoy.nz

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

Natalie Jane Quiambao, 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, Kanawat 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 Coughhey, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hoppgood-Luyppers, 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 . . .

Marie Quinn, Tony Glassey, Clare Alice Owen, Sr Alei Leilua SMSM, Zofia Wolk, Hannah de Beer, Doris D'Cruz, Fr Andrew Sequeira, Dominic Smith, Sr Fidelis Walter, Hannibal & Miriam Adique, Dennis Widdowson, Marie Ion, Robert Amputch, Flavia Dias, Pathma Apoo, Henry Vackhouse-Smith, Margaret Magness, Carolina Biondo, Natividad Manalo Abcede, Derek Joseph, Carl Burrows, Manuel Eugenio, Floferina Lucas, Albino Achas, Kath Urlich, Josephine Gregan, Samson, Joseph Thomsen, George Foss, Zelda Moloney, Lomano Halayahu, Tien Pik Ing, Lawson La Brooy, Antonio Musgni, Judy Dacre, Graham Hyndman, Kim Jung Ha, Janet Dyer, Beatriz Ruiz, Maureen Davey, Thomas Setyo, Anna Teong, Salvador & Ana Maria Robles, Joseph Park, Alois Ayan Anacleto Seares, Alfred Pereira, Michael O'Flarherty, Brian Clooney, Linda Doran . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*