

## 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 Francis Poon: email revfpoon@gmail.com ~ Presbytery: (09) 300 6372  
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Parish Pastoral Council:

Diane Howe ~ dianehow@gmail.com Olivia Gaston ~ oliviagaston@gmail.com  
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

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  
office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz  
Tel 09 3790624  
www.newtoncatholic.org.nz



The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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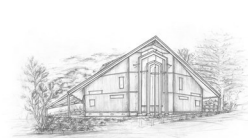
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 14 MARCH 2021

Different communities will hear different Gospels this Sunday, depending on whether they are using the readings of Year B, or because they have an RCIA programme, are using Year A. For we who hear the Year A readings, there is the account of Jesus healing a man born blind. It begins with the disciples asking if this is a consequence of his sin, or that of his parents. It is a common error, to want to assume that misfortune is automatically the result of wrongdoing.

It does have an element of truth, of course. The reason that God, as our loving father, calls us not to sin is because sin does harm us. His call to avoid sin is not a random prohibition, but rather a sign of love and care, a warning of danger. But, in this fallen world, it is not only our own personal sin that can afflict us.

That isn't comfortable knowledge. So it is often easier to believe that bad things, disease, disability, natural disaster, only happen to bad people; with a hopeful corollary that we, being, we trust, good people, are safe. And yet, pandemic virus, disability, and tsunami alike, all afflict without discrimination.

All this is a consequence not of our own sin, or our parents', or grandparents' sin, but that of our very first parents. A consequence that is best thought of, not so much as sin, but rather as incapacity. Because we all share a common humanity, we all share the common effect of the Fall, an inability to dwell in the presence of God, to share in the divine light.

So, symbolically, the man born blind, incapable of seeing the light of the sun, is all of us. And just as Jesus heals his incapacity, so also he came into the world to heal the much greater incapacity under which we all

labour. As the blind man was made able to see the light of the sun, so shall we, through the sacrifice of Christ, be able to live in the light of God's presence. And, as St Paul tells the Ephesians in our second reading, those who live in that light are transformed into light themselves. So we, given the hope of seeing God face to face, are also given the hope of becoming like Him, of sharing the divine life of God.

With that message before us, is it no surprise that the ancient tradition of the Church, drawing on the beginning of the entrance antiphon in Latin, calls this Sunday "Laetare Sunday", "Rejoice Sunday."

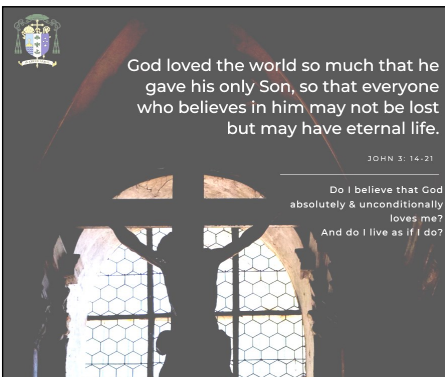
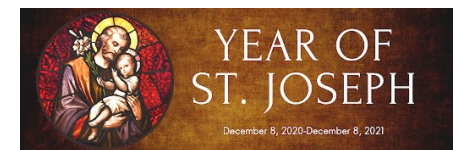
**God bless ~ Fr Chris Denham  
Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**

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### Choral Mass in Celebration of St Joseph

We are delighted to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating the feast day of St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph. 7 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph Friday 19th March 2021. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4.

**"Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."** Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.



### 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

- ~ **2 Chronicles 36:14-16** Because of their sins Goad allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their home-coming.  
~ **Psalm 136** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
~ **Ephesians 2:4-10** It is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God.  
~ **Gospel John 3:14-21** In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us.

**Next Week's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16; Psalm 50; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21**  
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 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 Francis Poon  
Sunday 7am Fr Francis Poon  
Sunday 9.30am Fr Francis Poon

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

**Stations of the Cross** - join us as we reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross. Fridays of Lent, 6pm here in Church. Led by Fr Francis Poon. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday TV Mass**— Sunday mass will be broadcast at 2pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201.

**Caritas Lenten Appeal**—Caritas is making available online their Lent Reflection booklets which include the Gospel readings for each week of Lent. [https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English\\_web.pdf](https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English_web.pdf)  
Please support their work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand to donate online visit [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online).



**St Patrick's Parish Panmure**— invites you to attend Divine Mercy Devotion with Mass on Friday 19th March 7 pm St Patrick's Parish, 19 Sunset View Road. Panmure.  
A warm welcome is extended to all.

### 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 late 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](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz).  
We thank you for your generosity.

### Your peaceful, prayerful presence saves lives!

Till March 28, Monday to Saturday,  
7am to 7pm. For more information visit [fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife)

### Catholic Caring Foundation Accepting Grant Applications, 2021

—Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need. They are accepting grant applications until April 9th, 2021. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz).

### Retreats at the Franciscan Friary

**24 Hour Silent Lenten Retreat- A Meditation on the Passion according to Mark**— Friday 19 March 7 pm - Saturday 20 March 7pm. Cost \$120.

**Holy Saturday - Day of Prayer + Contemplation**  
Saturday 3 April 10am - 2.30 pm. Drop in for some quiet prayer for as long as you wish between 10 am and 2 pm

**Time Out Days** - Wednesday 24 March 9:30 am - 2:30pm & Tuesday April 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

**Sacred Heart College**—now Tuesday 16th 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](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz).

**Marcellin College** - Thursday 18th March from 4-7pm. To enrol online visit <https://www.marcellin.school.nz/online-enrolment/>

**St Dominic's College**—school for girls in West Auckland. Tuesday 23rd March 6.30pm. Enrolments close Friday 2nd July 2021. Visit <https://www.stdoms.ac.nz/Enrolment.html> for enrolment packs.

**St Paul's College**— Wednesday 24th March at 9.30am or 1.45pm. Parking will be available on-site. Assembly in the College Chapel followed by a tour. Enrolment Packs will be available or visit [www.stpaulscollege.co.nz/enrolment/open-day-2021](http://www.stpaulscollege.co.nz/enrolment/open-day-2021).

**St Peter's College**—Tuesday 30th 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/](http://www.st-peters.school.nz/enrolment/) for further information.

**Baradene College**—open evening has been cancelled. Scan enrolment applications and email to Mrs Felicity Lister [flister@baradene.school.nz](mailto:flister@baradene.school.nz)  
Applications close Friday, 19 March.

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

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

Yvonne Fernando, Sr Maureen Connelly OP, Nanay Nenita Peji, Lucila Cruz Angeles, Nelly Dosado, Ron Leonard, Kataraina Kanara, Margaret Bamfield, Marie Lovrich, Gary Menzies, Thea Heyen, Clive Squire, Julia Barangan, Pamela Law, Vincent Marinovich, Nelida Cordeta Margaret Fontanilla, Akaka Leilua, Thomas Hector, Hector Enriquez, Graeme Blackburn, Antonio Lacio, Benjamin Hoo, Theresa Wong, Clare Howley, Annie Reyndahl, Pamela Farry, Phyllis Green, Clem Paterson, Geoff Bennett, Ron Boyd, Gregorio Serrano, Grunig, Sinead Fox, Nick McNamara, Peter Tran, Frank Cordtz, Ann Roper, Caroline Mitchell, Rev Joe Shepherd, Benjamin Martinez, Gordon Palairat, Nativitas Z Baylon, Otilie Adelinger, Noel Fernandes, Alice Marinovich, Pacita Yap, Zita D'Souza, Eulogio Avila, Mohi Hotene, Mary Whitener, Mary Rahman, Gary Viskovich, Edna Cororan, Marcia Macedo, John Sullivan, Irawan Kwik . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

## 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 022 309 2022.

**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](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz).

**The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care**—Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to investigate what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for continued courage throughout their involvement in this process.

**St Mary's College**— open evening is postponed. Please scan & email requested documents to, [enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz) or post, or courier. Enrolments close Thursday 18 March.

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