

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 21 MARCH 2021

In our first reading, Jeremiah speaks of God writing his law on our hearts. It is the law of love itself. You shall love the Lord your God ... and you neighbour as yourself. What does that image mean, to write on the heart? It isn't as though our hearts have known nothing of God's law. We are each of us made in the image and likeness of God. We were given reason. We were made for love. That's what makes it possible for us to develop in adult life an informed conscience, and to follow it. Mind and heart can so inform each other as to point us to the truth.

But God's image was obscured by sin. Conscience was weakened and distorted. The writing had to be restored and written into the very structure of our desiring by the cross of Christ.

By baptism that writing has already made its mark in us. And the time will come when God's law is second nature, when our hearts will no longer be fickle, deceitful, grudging. We will no longer be selfish. We shall follow God's law – not because we have to, but because we really want to, because we shall see his will for us as the nothing other than the expression of our true good and of God's love for us.

To complete the process, though, now requires a battle with our petty selfishness in what is a form of death. That is why Jesus speaks of losing our life in order to find life. It is a form of death, because, as the Letter to the Hebrews suggests in the second reading, after the learning of hard truths about ourselves, we must sacrifice wrongful pleasures, habitual injustices, false gods.

And it hurts to surrender those ways of living.

It hurts both when we first start to serve others and when we seek to deepen that service. But that surrender and service is not a lowering of ourselves. As the voice of God makes clear, it is glory.

It is also the most powerful witness.

The lifting up of Jesus on the cross, which he foretells at the end of the Gospel, drew the whole of creation to Him, so our own laying down of our selfishness and falsity can be the example that helps our brothers and sisters to see the glory that inspires it.

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



Catholic Caring Foundation is 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.



Am I willing to die to ego & status to fully live and proclaim the Kingdom of God?



Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain.

JOHN 13: 20-30

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Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 31:31-34** The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.

~ **Psalm 50** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

~ **Hebrews 5:7-9** Through his obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life.

~ **Gospel John 12:20-33** In his death Jesus will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow him.

Next Week's readings: Gospel Procession Mark 11:1-10;

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

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 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 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.

Retreats at the Franciscan Friary

Holy Saturday - Day of Prayer + Contemplation
Saturday 3 April 10am to 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 to 2:30 pm & Tuesday April 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. For all bookings & enquiries phone 09 625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz.

Holy Week at St John The Baptist

29 - 31 March— weekday Masses at 12.10pm

1 April, Holy Thursday 7pm

- *Mass of the Lord's Supper.*

- *Adoration follows the 7pm Mass*

2 April, Good Friday 3pm

- *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

3 April, Holy Saturday 7.30pm

- *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

4 April, Easter Sunday at 7am & 9.30am

- *Resurrection of the Lord*

No weekday Masses on Holy Thursday,

Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Rite II Reconciliation in Preparation for Easter

St Benedict's Parish, Newton

- Friday 26 March at 7.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

- Tuesday 30 March at 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9 am Friday 2nd April starting from Albert Park Rotunda, Auckland City. Finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact camerons@cda.org.nz. See poster in Foyer.

Job Opportunity—The Diocese is seeking a full time person for a 1-year fixed term contract for a new role of **Care for the Poor Advocate**. This Working alongside Parish Priests, Parishes, ethnic Chaplaincies, faith communities, Catholic Caring Foundation, Catholic Social Services and Justice and Peace Commission to enable care for the poor, and initiatives for eliminating child poverty. A thorough and progressive understanding of the Gospel and Catholic Social Justice teachings; cognisant of their application to modern day challenges facing the Church and the work is a must. Applications close 26 March 2021.

For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

St Dominic's College—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. Assembly in the College Chapel followed by a tour. Enrolment Packs will be available or visit 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/

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

This week the Commission will hear from Catholic church leaders this week and continue to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for continued courage and clarity for all those involved.

Come be my Light, Candle Light Vigil for the Unborn— Palm Sunday 28 March @ 7.30pm. Outside the Auckland Medical Aid Centre 283-289 Dominion Road Mt Eden, Auckland. For more Information contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.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.

Tertiary Mass—tonight at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 21 March at 7 pm we will be welcoming students to the first Tertiary Mass of the year. All are welcome.

Diocesan Youth Mass—7 pm Sunday March 28th at the Cathedral.

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. Contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland; 360 3057 or email catheriner@cda.org.nz.

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish—is celebrating its 50th Jubilee Year (1971-2021) on 18 April 2021, Sunday, 10AM, with an outdoor Mass at the Parish School Ground with Bishop Michael Gielen as the main presider. We invite all priests and parishioners who served at St Mark to join us on this celebration of thanksgiving. For further information, please call the office 09 576 7959 or email us at admin@stmark.org.nz

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, Kanawat Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Dolly P, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Thilsy 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 Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hopgood-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 . . .

Michael Macmillan, Roberto Amoloza, Benito Ang Lim, Kovacs Arpad, Domingos Mascarenhas, Phyllis Geany, Tracy O'Brien, Lamakina Heeney, Thelma Sanchez, Sr Julia MSA, Clara Cabaero, Janet Hackett, Violet Rebello, Jan Borst, Jo Lawson Hitchcock, Frederique Romero, Jack Gifford, Rosauro Rustia, Eva Goodwin, Peter Bowden, Sheila Jennings, Bridget Daly, Rosario Chua Romero, Keri Coutts, Frank Neven, Seamus O'Reilly, Nacita Foot, Elizabeth Widarma, John Curran, Hector Enriquez, Tony Hartigan, Rev William Forde, Maxime Petit SM, Rev Patrick O'Reilly, Estrella Villarante, Winifred Hunt, Dean John Rhymer, Mario Alcantara, Patricia White, Bridget Daly, Kathleen Henderson, Albina Cumabon-Espiritu

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.