

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:

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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
 office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz
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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ANZAC DAY ~ 25 APRIL 2021

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A shepherd by profession is one who spends his whole life with his sheep, taking care of them, raising them, loving them, healing them and, most of all, protecting them from all harm.

The Jewish people loved the comparison of God Himself being their shepherd because the founder of the Jewish people Abraham was a shepherd.

But Jesus brings us to a new understanding of a shepherd, he says: **"I am the good shepherd."** So, when Jesus says, I am the Good Shepherd, he is saying that he is the one who defends and takes care of us and makes us feel secure, and never loses any of us, in fact, he has gone to the extent of giving his life for us.

A good shepherd often went for days on end with his sheep in search of fresh pastures. For the night he would sleep in the open fields with his sheep and to protect his sheep from wild animals, he would sleep across the gateway, that's why Jesus says, "I am the gate," with a shepherd like Jesus, we naturally feel secure, happy, and content.

During Holy Week in Rome (28 March 2013) Pope Francis called on the world's priests to stay close to the vulnerable, the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

St Augustine also talks about how important it is that the members of the flock of Jesus also care for each other. Hence, as Shepherds and as part of the flock of Jesus it is important that:

1. We check our pace. If our life is going at breakneck speed, we must slow down to

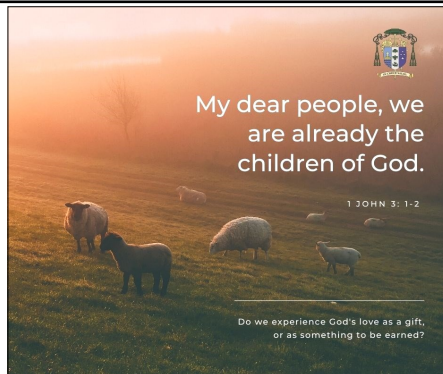
match the pace of someone who travels life more slowly.

2. We must listen... a little more deeply. Look into another's eyes. Hear more than just the words.
3. We must surrender the need for perfection and focus on the people and values that really matter.
4. We must notice details about our community which we never saw before.
5. We must review important decisions in terms of its impact on our relationships with others.
6. We must Expand our circle of 'advisors': Search out the opinion of the youngest or the 'least' in our midst.
7. Be physically present with others, by just 'being there.'
8. We must review the way we communicate (verbally, in writing, in our body language)

Prayer

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd. You know us more deeply than we know ourselves. Help us to listen to your voice and to reflect your shepherd care to those who need our protection and care, help us to be close to people in their struggles, to be attentive to the uniqueness of others, to attune our minds and hearts in love, give us a gospel perspective on situations of despair and keep us focused on your shepherd love. We thank you and praise you, Lord God, for your enduring care. Amen.

**Blessings ~ Fr George Carlos Sdb
 Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 4:8-12** Peter tells the Jewish leaders that Jesus is the one and only Saviour.

~ **Psalm 118** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

~ **1 John 3:1-2** In his love for us God has made us his children. In the next life we shall see him as he is.

~ **Gospel John 10:11-18** Unlike the hireling, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is ready to give his life for his sheep.

Next Week's readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:18-24; Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

Alert Level 1 at St John

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

Masses this Week at St John the Baptist

Monday 26 April, ANZAC DAY 9am only
Tuesday to Friday 12.10pm
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am
Reconciliation at 9.30am

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

Ministers of the Word – We are looking for volunteers to help proclaim the word for our weekend Masses. Readers are rostered and usually commit to doing it once or twice a month. Full training will be provided. We will running a short refresher training for our current Readers at the same time this coming May.

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion

We need parishioners to help distribute Holy Communion during our Masses. Volunteers will be rostered about once or twice a month. Training will be provided.

For enquiries regarding either ministries please, contact Felina at the parish office.

Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Planned Giving Envelopes - For those enrolled in the Parish Planned giving, the new batch of envelopes are available and ready for pick-up at the Foyer. For those who would like join in the Planned Giving using the envelopes, please enquire at the Parish Office.

Bishops' Forums 2021

Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums:

- 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall
- 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owairaka, Church
- 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall

Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paull II letter on "Ut Unum Sint That They May All Be One"

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, by Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. **Revisiting Ut Unum Sint** after 25 years – a biblical perspective. Tuesday 27th April at 7 pm at St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere. Light refreshments provided.

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration, Epsom

As part of this year's centennial celebrations of the Parish and School at Epsom, the Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners, students and parents to join with them after 10am Mass, Sunday 2 May, on the anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy moving into the house at 104 The Drive, Epsom to start the school. For the purposes of catering please register your interest to attend.

Registrations are open on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish website <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

Ordination of Deacon Thomas Park

Deacon Thomas Park's ordination to the Priesthood will be held on Saturday 15 May at 11.30 am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for Deacon Thomas as he approaches this hugely significant day!

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

Shine TV Mass – Mass will be broadcast at 2pm on Shine TV Channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It will be available online at the Auckland Diocese YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=auckland+catholic+channel+masses



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn.

Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm.

Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

Online Onsite Event: Ancient rock-hewn churches in Ethiopia. A presentation by Nic Birt in St Mark's Coptic Orthodox church, Birkdale. Saturday, 29 May, 7-9pm. Free. (only if Auckland is in Level 1). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia-2/>

For more information and to register for any of these events email info@studyjoy.nz

Interviews on Muffin Talk— with Br Kieran Fenn, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and others are available at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>.

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.

Jubilee Bursary—Applications are invited for Semester 2, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level. Applications close Thursday, 10 June 2021. For information and an application pack please contact Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz or phone (09)360-3091.

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Diocesan Job Vacancy—Credit Controller & Administration—A full time role to provide credit control and administration support to the Revenue Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. To view the full advert, and to apply, visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>.

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

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

Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, 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, Anne Telles, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Michael Wong, Maree C, Yaroslav Khmel, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Dolly P, Linus Broughton, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Thihs Vern, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Rosa Santos, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, 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 Nieuwerkerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hoppood-Luyfers, 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 . . .

Florentino "Tony" Lazaro, Patrick Bogan, Alan McLeod, Mario Lugtu, Wayne Lynch, Ron Mather, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uytingco, Theresa Udoe, Tom Hall, Ricardo 'Jim' Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Henry D'Souza, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Brother Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glenn Rigg, Sr Elizabeth (Margaret) Findlay, Larry Ross, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Brendan Sherry, Fr Paul Duncan, Brian Cronin, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Hefferman, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Ans Vogels, Clare Bennett, John Fernandes, Dominic (Felix) Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, Peter Ryan, Lester Ramos, Tito Guleng, Robert Beveridge, Frank Douglas, Caroline Mitchell . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*