

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 9 MAY 2021

This past Friday, the 7th of May, marked ten years since Fr Larry Rustia and I knelt before Bishop Pat that he might lay hands on us, and ordain us as priests. It is with that anniversary in mind that I have reflected on our readings for this Sunday. The conclusion of the Gospel gives us four great truths on which to meditate. In a message that is for all of us, but has, perhaps a special resonance for priests, we are reminded that the Lord chose us. If we think we chose to follow the Lord, or to pursue a priestly vocation, we must remember that we did so only because He called us first. It is a humbling thought that the Lord of all the universe desired to call me to His service. As St Peter tells Cornelius, who is kneeling before him, "I am only a man, after all."

But it was in my fallible, mortal, humanity that the Lord called me, and indeed called all of us. I was no more virtuous or worthy than any other (my family would probably say less so), and yet I was commissioned to go and bear fruit that will last. Each of us shares that call through our baptism, different as our respective vocations will make its expression. And if we follow that call, we will indeed see fruit.

Looking back, I can contemplate with joy the masses offered, the weddings and baptisms celebrated, and perhaps especially the wonder of the celebration of God's love and mercy in the sacrament of Penance. If I know that indeed all of this is the work of the Lord, there is still much contentment in knowing that I have co-operated with His grace in all of this. That opportunity is there

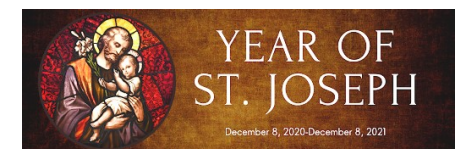
in all our lives, and if we take it, we will all see those fruits in our lives.

The heart of that co-operation is the call to love. It is Jesus's final call to his disciples, then and now. If we are to bear fruit, this is what we must do. I know, all too well, that if I do anything, even celebrate the sacraments, for myself, for my own gratification, or for my own benefit, then I will gain little. God's grace will still work through them, but they will not touch me. Ironically, it is when I seek the good of others, when I follow the commandment to love, that I gain most. So it is with all our vocations.

It is in that context that we can hear the fourth of the Lord's statements – that we may ask what we will, and the Father will give it to us. It is when we hear the Lord's call and seek to love one another, that our will is conformed to His, and all that we then desire will be. It is then that we will know the fulfilment of the Lord's promise that His joy will be in us and our joy complete.

I have seen the truth of that in my life and ministry, if yet still partial and incomplete. Pray for me, and for all of us, that we may know its fullness.

Blessings - Chris Denham
 Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph



This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

JOHN 15: 9-17

Are we following Jesus' commandment of loving one another?



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St John the Baptist Parish
 244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48** The baptism of Cornelius, the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism, shows that God's salvation is offered to all.

~ **Psalm 97** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

~ **1 John 4:7-10** This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God.

~ **Gospel John 15:9-17** Jesus leaves his friends the supreme commandment of love.

Next Week's readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

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 to Friday 12.10pm
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am
Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

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

Fr Francis Away— Fr Francis will be away for a couple of days this month from Monday 17th to Thursday the 27th. During this period, supply priests from the Marist Community will preside at the Masses.

Ministers of the Word & Extra Ordinary

Ministers of Communion - The training of new readers and "refresher" of current readers will be after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 15 May and training of new Communion Ministers and "refresher" of current ones will be held on Sunday 16th May after the 9.30am Mass. For enquiries regarding the ministries and training, contact Felina via 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.



Tax receipts— Tax receipts for those enrolled in the parish planned giving using the envelopes and Automatic Payments will be sent out from this week onwards.

For Parish Volunteers-Safeguarding Training

The new date for the seminar here in Parnell is on Monday 31 May 2021 at 7pm. We encourage all volunteers in the parish involved in ministries dealing with children, the elderly and vulnerable adults. This is a one-off session that lasts for approximately 1.5hrs. For more details and to RSVP, please contact Felina, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator for Parnell, via email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

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Bishops' Forums 2021

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

- 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

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in "One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All" to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Tuesday 25th May at 7:30PM.

You are all invited to attend and to participate in this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media. Light refreshments will be provided.

Go to Joseph: Our Protector and Guide

In this 'Year of St. Joseph' declared by Pope Francis, Joseph's example and patronage come at the perfect time. A day to reflect on the life of St Joseph and what he calls each of us to. At the Mary MacKillop Centre Saturday May 29th led by Sisters Lyndall Brown and Jill McLoughlin. Cost: \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged – please register with Sr Julian by May 24th.

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 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. <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

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

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

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.

Āpōpō (The Next Day) - is a mental health workshop for youth and young adult leaders, parents, teachers etc. This workshop will be facilitated by Scripture Union and is super interactive with activities and includes helpful information, tips and tools presented by trained facilitators. Saturday, 15 May, 9am-12.30pm at Christ the King Parish Hall, 260 Richardson Rd. \$5 registration with rochelled@cda.org.nz.

Full Time Catholic Chaplain for

Middlemore Hospital - An experienced and suitably qualified person for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at Middlemore Hospital and Manukau Super Clinic. Applications close 20 May.

To view the full advertisement, and to apply, visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>.

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 Denise 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, Thils 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 Coughney, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieuwerkerk, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hoppood-Luyers, 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 . . .

Dolores Gabiana Y Mendiola Santillan, Domingo Benitez Snr, Ellie Blackwell, Hyeran Baek, Peter van der Fluit, Peter Lau, Fengxin Wang, Ciaran Doherty, Tom Brown, Michael Byrne, Mary Shritcliffe, Darin McKay, Lynette Beare, Alf Just, Anastacia Estrada Sison, George Fraser, Jane Schollum, Lalia Osunsade, Martha Mika, Sr Alice Tachen rsj, Graeme Marshall, Wan Hyong Choi, Brendan O'Malley, Sugaritha Joseph, Jean Meo, Koan Antony, Angela O'Brien, Rex Mc Govern, Sr Mary Gaines, Mavis Jager-Smith, Mercedes Manikan, Vivienne White, Sandra Sequeira, Dorothy Mulvey, Joseph Rajan, Lily Hoy, Philomena Wade, Douglas Mortimer, Beunarentura Galang, Kay Naidoo, Iris Day, Baptist D'Souza, Jeff Kam, Vern Anamally, Jimmy Ong, Sharon Lim, Carlos Garcia, Jean Evans, Dudley Jenke, Roy Barden, Iris Macedo, Abelardo Comiliang, Peter Ryan, Edmund Fitzpatrick, Henry Shaw, Sarah Concison, Mary Angell, Guy Chambers, Fr Peter Durning OP, Aileen Belcher, Hip Yan Foon Kam, Edward de Silva, Hope Buckton, Fr George McHardy sm, William Tapper, Niko Bartulovich . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*