

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

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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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ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ 16 MAY 2021

This Sunday we read about the Ascension of Jesus from St Luke's Acts of the Apostles and from St Mark's Gospel. These accounts are similar and, in some ways, they are the completion of St Matthew's account of the Ascension.

We often call Matthew's account the great commission. "Go out into the whole world and preach the good news". The two accounts fit well together, one following the other like a well ordered timeline...

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it." Mark 16:15-20

After all these years, it is a consoling thought that Our Lord is still working with us. He is confirming His presence by the Christian spirit we see in many ordinary lives around us. In this way He is accompanying us to the end of time and He has kept His promise to be "always present" to His friends.

We can see the Spirit of Jesus working in the generosity and willingness to serve others in many people, especially our parents.

As parents you will often see spiritual strength and moral courage growing in your children, given to them from their love and obedience to Our Lord.

We can see His love for the Father in the prayers and devotion we witness in our parish community.

We all have many daily miracles of "Jesus being with us", if we only have the spiritual eyes to see them. Sometime this weekend, stop, look, listen... take a new look at your family and friends, and remember... that all good works come from the Lord!

"And behold, I am with you until the end of the age"

*Blessings - Fr Andrew Mathew
St Benedict's, Newton*



Ecumenical Prayer Service

Pope Francis affirms to the "irrevocable" commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. 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.



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

Liturgy of the Word

~**Acts 1:1-11** This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

~ **Psalm 47** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

~ **Ephesians 1:17-23** Here Paul describes the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

~ **Gospel Mark 16:15-20** Before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

Next Week's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13; Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.

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.

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.

Parnell Parish Roll - Next month, we will be updating our Parish Roll for Parnell. Final dates when the forms are available will be announced in the coming weeks.

Bishops' Forums 2021—Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at the final 2021 Bishop Forum 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall.

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.

Prayer for the end of the Pandemic

Pope Francis urges all Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The pope has chosen 30 Marian Shrines from around the world to take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary (see link below) so you can join in at home at 4 am NZ time or later with a recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCDr9ft0Ym4> or Search for 'Vatican media live'

Training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer—to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. The training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College.

Saturdays: May 22nd, June 5th, 12th 26th and July 3rd, 9.30 – 3pm each day (bring your lunch). Participants need to be present at all sessions. At the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for June 12th). To register email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. <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

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.

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/>.

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The Baradene Art Show— is being held on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 May between 10am-4pm. Entry is free and as well as some wonderful art, a lovely gift shop, a raffle as well as a cafe. At 237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera. Meantime enjoy the art which is for sale by visiting BaradeneArtShow.co.nz.

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

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 Budeford, Joe Raymond, Ben Hunt, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, KireiTuia, 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, Thilsi 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 Coughey, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieuwerkerk, John Kainuku, Noline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hopgood-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 . . .

Anghel Tecson, Kay Vlcek, Bonnie Shanahan, John Ikitongia, Patricia Yurack, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Tuhi Aspell, Blessie Gotingco, Bridget McCullough, Lorna Wright, Anthony Lovrich, Joan Burcellman, Francisco Lucero, Robyn Sewter, John Faire, Allison Waldron-Daly, Ong Liong Kee, Veronica Handojo, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Br Reginald Burgess, Cathy Egan, George Holmes-Kinsella, Frank O'Gorman, Jane Schollum, Joan Armstrong, Bruce Birnie, Iwana Konarkowska, Brian Hamlin, Gijsbertus van Dam, Rex McGovern, Robert & Eleanor Draszdak, Syd Tonks, Iris Macedo, Lionel Ribero, Maia Nguyen Thi Phoung, Angela O'Brien, Fr Frank Shannahan, Joaquim Menezes, Frank Sylvester, Basiran Khan, Dr James Cameron Bowie, William Yiin, Patricia Tunison Preston, Jacqueline McVey, Nancy Henderson, Sr Mary Gaines, Mavis Jager-Smith, Philomena Wade, Paul Reynolds, Bishop Phillippe Viard SM, Filipina Orpania, Perlito Capundag, Rowena Capundag... *Eternal rest grant to them.*