

## 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](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz)

Tel 09 3034509

[www.stpatricks.org.nz](http://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

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

The kingdom of God;  
a mustard seed growing  
into the biggest shrub of all.

MARK 4: 26-34



Are we nurturing the seeds which  
God has sown in each of us?

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St John the Baptist Parish

244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

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1 ST BENEDICT'S ST  
NEWTON



CATHEDRAL OF  
ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



ST PETER'S  
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WAIHEKE ISLAND

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY ~ 13 JUNE 2021

The passage from the prophet Ezekiel which is our first reading is drawn from a longer passage of prophecy reflecting on the conquest of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and the deportation of the king and his court. Ezekiel imagines Babylon as a mighty, brightly-coloured eagle, which swooped down on the cedar tree of Israel and broke off its topmost shoot, Israel's hapless king Jehoiachin. The prophet was under no illusions when it came to the aggressors' overwhelming force. But, as we hear, Ezekiel's story turns from image to prophecy: God himself would take a tender shoot from the treetop. Where Babylon had brought low its royal captive, God would raise up a mighty tree offering shelter for all kinds of bird and wild animal.

So, we have the irony that, although the powerful bird snaps off the top of the tree, the Lord will take a shoot of the tree and make it into something that those powerful birds, that symbolize the dominant powers of the day, will take shelter in.

This image is echoed in Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. God, as He is wont to do, favours the underdog. He chooses the apparently insignificant to be the bearer of His burgeoning providence. The insignificant seed, of course, is Jesus Himself, the Kingdom of God come among them, and the fulfilment of the prophecy of Ezekiel. The seed grows to become the great tree in which all the birds can roost, when the nations find their place in Christ's kingdom, the New Israel of Jew and Gentile, the Church.

However, this is not a case of "before and

after," but rather a description of an ongoing process. But it is key for us to recognise that it is underway. The efforts of the Church, or our own faltering attempts at good deeds, can seem very little in the face of the world today. But so was the state of Israel in Ezekiel's day. And, indeed, the state of Christ Himself, apparently just a wandering prophetic figure in the back country of Galilee.

And yet, just as in the parable of the Sower, God is at work. The Church does her part, confident that, by God's grace, just as the seed becomes, first the shoot, then the plant, and finally the full crop, so the vulnerable shoots we perceive will become the tree sufficient for all the world to take refuge. Both parables that we hear this Sunday are teaching us that we are not to look with the eyes of this world to see what is powerful and successful. Rather, we are to trust that the Kingdom of God is indeed at work, transforming the world.

*Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham*

Conference 2021—Worshipping Under  
Southern Skies—Te Huinga  
Whakamoemiti kei raro i  
Te Taki-o-Autahi

2021, Worshipping Under Southern Skies promises to be a moment of joy, delight and insight along the way of our post-Covid journey. Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. At Baradene College of the Sacred Heart, 237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera. 4 pm 7th October to 6 pm 9th October. For information visit <https://wuss.org.nz/>.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Ezekiel 17:22-24** The prophet foretells the fall of Jerusalem. At the same time he tells of the establishment of a universal kingdom.

~ **Psalm 91** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

~ **2 Corinthians 5:6-10** Since Paul's priority at all times is to please the Lord, he has no fears of appearing before him.

~ **Mark 4:26-34** Two parables about the steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings, a growth brought about by God.

**Next Week's readings: Job 38:1.8-11; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

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

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.**

**Msgr David Tonks**—is recuperating from his open heart surgery and thanks you all for your prayerful support and messages. Bishop Pat is asking that he receive **NO visitors for the next two weeks** in order to allow him a complete rest and time to slowly recover. In the meantime, please keep up the prayers.

### 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.

**Marian Movement of Priests**—Prayer Meeting every Friday in Church after the Midday Mass. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Parnell Parish Roll**—We are currently updating our Parish Roll and Contacts list. Forms will be available at the church entrances. We ask parishioners to take one and hand over completed forms to either Fr Francis or to Felina. You may also return them when you come to church next weekend or drop them in the parish office during the week. Thank you.

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

### Love your neighbour as yourself – get vaccinated

#### A message from the NZ Bishops' Conference

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. People can be reassured that any personal information gathered during the vaccination process will not be shared with Immigration New Zealand.

Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated.

For more detailed information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit [www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz](http://www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz).

### An invitation from Bishop Pat - Concert for India

#### Raising funds for Covid affected India

Sunday 20 June at 2pm at St Joseph's Church, in Otahuhu. Otahuhu parish, McAuley High School, De La Salle College and St Joseph's Primary School present a concert to raise funds for India. Bishop Patrick Dunn, who will attend the concert, says this concert will make us more aware of what Indian families here and in India are suffering, and it's our small way of supporting them. Caritas will distribute the proceeds through Caritas India who are working on the ground amid the devastation of the pandemic.

Entry to the concert is by koha and will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

For more information, contact: Lyndsay Freer Media & Communications, Catholic Diocese of Auckland, phone 021 272 489.

### 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 on Saturday evening.

**High Tea for Haiti**—Fundraiser for St Damien Paediatric hospital. Great speakers, entertainment and auction items. Sunday 4th July, 12.30pm at The Officers Mess in Devonport. Tickets \$89. Book now at [www.nph-nz.org/events](http://www.nph-nz.org/events) or 09 2160635.

### Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): **Psalms - From the Heights of Hymns to the Lows of Laments!**

With Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 05, 12, 19 and 26 July, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25 per session. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/psalms-from-the-heights-of-hymns-to-the-lows-of-laments-c2-a0-3/>. For more information to register email [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme**—recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

**Taize Prayer**—7pm to 8 pm Friday 18 June at the Mary MacKillop Chapel, Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay 7pm – 8pm followed by light supper.

### 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.

**Life Teen Summer Camp 2022**— is in Auckland Save the dates 14 - 18 January 2022 at the YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. Registrations open soon. Keep an eye on the ACYM Facebook page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>.

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**Come and join us for post Covid-19 Restrictions spiritual inspiration at the Auckland Eucharistic Convention.** - Hear overseas and local speakers

**Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July**  
St Mary's College, New Street, Ponsonby (opposite the Pompallier Diocesan Centre)  
Tickets \$30.00 per day or \$50 for the weekend.  
See flyer for more information.

**The Social Welfare/Antipoverty Committee**  
- of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission needs new members. If you're interested in advocating to alleviate family poverty and have a strong commitment to social justice, we'd like to hear from you. Contact Peter Garrick Executive Secretary at [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) or phone 022 1300 730.

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

**Msgr David Tonks, Rosario Navarro, Jenny Fewtrell, Lucas Arnet, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Ben Hunt, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Maree C, Ana Denise Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Emy Calma, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, BC, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Maurice Robinson, AS, Michael Wong, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Dolly P, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Kirei Tua, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Thilsi Vern, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Neira, Gavin Alexande, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Judy Hanna, Lynn Barnett Welsh, 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 . . .*

**Bishop Basil Meeking, John Smith, Bob Bovelaander, Paulie Lundon, Margaret Fischman, Palma Doyle, Tom Gregory, Dorice Curtis, Hernando R. Zornosa, Paul Ah Van, Joe Dargaville, Fr Craig Larkin SM, Adji Dojohartoono, Rogelio Electona, Nelia Sangaro, Richard Turnbull, Pilar Asuar Puiggros, Pat Gillen, Jose Baetiong, Milagros Santillan, Domy Sevillono, Mary Pye, John Daley, David Nobbs, Ted Doolin, Nancy Grey, Mariano Lim, Hoani Hotene, Fr Brian (Baldy) O'Neill, Ronie Villegas Marinog, June Gaines, David Buist, Fr Alex Taylor, Abelardo Comileng, Antonio Caro, Archbishop Thomas William Croke DD, Joan Wilde, Frances Kinney, Jenny Harrison, John Cleary, Allwyn Fernandes, Bernadette Prenty, Jim Laurenson, Erlinda Alcantara, Joshua Feehan, Sr John Bosco rsm, Sr Julie Lawrey rsm, Simon Heer, Sean Cautwell, Peter Cheyne, Mate Selak, Br Edmund Kyne fms, Br Gregory Ryan fms, Fr Jose Gosano, Sr Mary Ignatius sm, Ambrose Loughlan OP, Eileen Belcher, Patrick Maguire, Marie Gifford, Eileen Smith**

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*