

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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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 JULY 2021

Most of us have dreams of what success, our ideal life would look like. Sometimes they are realistic, sometimes we let our imaginations loose. Sometimes we might think what it would be like if someone put us in charge, made us king. It might seem attractive, and yet, Jesus sees it as something to flee.

We might, in our more realistic moments, recognise that being king might be very hard work, a lot less fun than you might think. But that is not what makes Jesus turn away. Rather, he has another purpose, one much more important than being king.

That there are other purposes and goals than success and power in this world is something which any Christian should attest. But do we always live that belief in our daily lives?

After all, the concerns of making our way, providing for ourselves and our families, and helping to build up civil society are important. And sometimes it seems there aren't enough hours in the day to do everything connected with those tasks. It can make concentrating just on those tasks seem rational.

The people wanting to take Jesus and make him king by force are also being rational, however. Here is a man who has already impressed them by curing the sick, now he has shown that he can feed a great crowd of people from a few loaves and fish. The task of kicking out the occupying Romans should be easy for him.

But while freedom from oppression, freedom from hunger, and freedom from sickness and disease are all very good things, Jesus has come to bring them something much better yet. And while he does work on all those things, his real focus will always be on the final goal: making it possible for them, and us, to share in the glory of God for all eternity!

It should be the same for us. We work at our daily tasks, recognising that they are important.

We don't shirk those everyday things. But we should never forget the final goal. We should always have in our thoughts the desire to work towards that goal, even if it means turning away from some desirable things here and now.

We can have our daydreams, our moments of wondering what an ideal life would be like. But it would be very good if, from time to time, we might focus on what that truly wonderful goal Jesus offers us would be like. And to remember that our dreams of being billionaires or kings are not very likely to come true, but that perfect life in Christ is truly possible for each one of us.

*Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Cathedral Dean*
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Caring Foundation Annual Appeal Caring Sunday Today 25 July

Today is Caring Sunday, a time when we pray for the ministry of the Caring Foundation to support the care for the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised in our diocese.

Bishop Pat's Foundation, has been supporting the poor and vulnerable throughout the Auckland diocese for over 30 years. This year they have given over 60 grants to charities and organisations who are making a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. They are grateful to everyone who has helped made this possible.

Support of the Foundation means that families and individuals can receive counselling, social work, food, shelter, safe houses for victims of domestic violence, support for the elderly, support for at-risk youth, support for mothers and their babies and so much more.

If you able to support the Foundation, please make a donation to the second collection today or pick up a copy of their newsletter on your way out.

The Catholic Caring Foundation needs your help

Please support our annual appeal
this July, to help those
most vulnerable in our
community.

Visit our website - www.caringfoundation.org.nz

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

Liturgy of the Word

~ **2 Kings 4:42-44** The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.

~ **Psalm 144** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

~ **Ephesians 4:1-6** St Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

~ **John 6:1-15** Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously, but does so even more astonishingly.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 16:2-4.12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17.20-24; Gospel: John 6:24-55

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.

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

Volunteer needed—We are currently looking for someone who could help prepare the Music in our parish. Preferably someone with a good knowledge of Church music and Liturgy. Music and slides are prepared weekly for our weekend Masses. Please get in touch with Fr Francis or Felina in the parish office. Email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz for queries.

First Friday of the Month - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist here in Church at 11am before the Midday Mass. Everyone welcome.

First Saturday of the Month—Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the 9am Mass. Everyone welcome.

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



Catholic Caring Foundation Mass—The Caring Mass is 11.30 am, Wednesday 28th July, at Christ the King parish, Owairaka. All are welcome.

Vacancy Counsellor – Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services has a vacancy for a full-time Counsellor to join its Counsellor team, based in Otara and covering the wider Auckland/South Auckland Communities. The key function of the position is to assist individuals, couples and families in difficulties by the provision of culturally appropriate counselling services within a spiritual framework.

Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> to view the full advert, position description and to apply for the role.

Vacancy Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy

The team are looking for a team-player to join the Tertiary Chaplaincy Team which provides services to students at Auckland University and other Tertiary Institutes. The position is a permanent full-time position but they are also open to splitting the role into two part-time positions (20 hours per week each). The focus of the chaplaincy team is to develop a vibrant young adult Catholic ministry providing spiritual and pastoral care through peer support.

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Applications close 30 July.

Respect Life Sunday - will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year, to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions."

It is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers."

Conference 2021—Worshipping Under Southern

Skies—Te Huinga Whakamoemiti kei raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi - 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/>.

Rejoice—Auckland Catholic Festival 2021

Bishop Pat is pleased to invite you to come together to be inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics at a Diocesan Festival on Saturday 16 October at St Luke's Catholic Church and Sancta Maria College.

For more information visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/

Beginning Experience—A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 13-15 August.

The Beginning Experience is an organization that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The total cost is \$350 or \$325 if paid by 23 July and includes 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials and reunion. For further information please phone **Lynda 0274898003.**

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

Nathalie Kean, Msgr David Tonks, Aaron Ablan, Jenny Fewtrell, Lucas Arnet, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Teresa Gudex, Ben Hunt, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Emy Calma, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alice Swann, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, BC, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Kirei Tua, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Maurice Robinson, AS, Michael Wong, Maree C, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Dolly P, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Neira, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinlanz, Benny Clynes, Judy Hanna, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Teana Jones, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Nicholas James, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughley, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaيدا Sison, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, 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 . . .

Joseph Tan, Christine Clark Morunga, Simon Gibson, Manuel Lundon, Brucie Ngapera, Philip Daniels, Sandy McInnes, Savio Louis Pinto, Monny Bonifasius, Brendan McFadden, Akash Anthony, Teofilo Damasco, Murray Addlington, Brian Farrell, Mary Matijasevich, Lyn Wolfgram, Gordon Russell, Selwyn Winters, Albie Wiggs, Jennifer Spencer, Cathy Mika, Marietta Brochner, Rebecca Rivers, Glenette Menzie, Anne Shanley, Sr Jean Sinclair, Sr Peggy Browne DOLC, Wenceslas Anthony, Molly O'Keefe, Epiena Lomu, Br Brian O'Kane, Fr Aquinas McComb OP, Harold Plumley, Glennis Manning, Taito Etevis McCabe, Megan Small, Maureen Hammond, Fr Chuck Gallagher SJ, Nena Dizon, Maria Lainez, Anurag Jose, Fr Patrick McHugh, Mary Kurian, Agnes Pile, Nena De Guzman, Terese Van Damm, Fr Gerry Cushlow, Doug Knight, Jim Whelan, Keith Hamlin, Alphons Mary Joseph, Br Paul Kent, Kevin Murphy, Mabel Hogg, Ruth Dimadulae, Romeo Abcede, Rosa Almeida, Edwin Escandor, Desmond O'Sullivan, Ann Johnson, Elizabeth Price, Mary Neal, Geoffrey Walton, Fr MacDonald MHM . . . Eternal rest grant to them.

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.

ENCOUNTER - Young adult event August 7th at 5pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph 43, Wyndham Street in the CBD. Bishop Michael will be giving a talk on the Transfiguration.

Life Teen Summer Camp 2022— is in Auckland Save the dates 14 - 18 January 2022 at the YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. Registrations are now open. Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/> for more information and to register.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom Centenary

Celebration—24th-26th September 2021.

Registrations are now open for the 3-day celebration of their centenary. Parishioners past and present be sure to mark your calendar now for this great weekend! To register and for more information, visit the parish website at <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

Agape Auckland - The Agape community meet

every Wednesday between 7 and 9 pm at Sacred Heart Hall, Vermont Street, Ponsonby.

All are welcome. For enquiries please phone Paul 021 1412992 or email Trevor at tofamooni67@outlook.com