

# 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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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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ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 1 AUGUST 2021

*Once a month the Pastor's Note will be provided by one of the Chaplaincies that operate in the Diocese. This month, we hear from Cathedral Parishioner Greg Sullivan, who is a Prison Visitor.*

### Prison Visiting

About 14 years ago I joined the Catholic group that visits Mt Eden prison every second and fifth Sunday. I knew little about the work of this ministry but I did feel a strong urge to be part of it. This feeling was strengthened by the words of Jesus (Matthew 25:36) "..... I was in prison, and you came to see me"

Prison visiting is an ecumenical ministry coordinated by the prison chaplains and facilitated by the Corrections Officers. The officers are welcoming and at times will join in the services.

The visits do require patience as they always include security checks and waiting in safe assembly areas until the cell block to which you are assigned is ready to receive your group. This does give the opportunity to meet with the groups from other churches. Before we go to our assigned cell blocks the Chaplain leads the groups in prayer.

Our group shares the three readings for that particular Sunday, gives a reflection on the readings, sings hymns and prays with the prisoners. The reflection is normally given by our group leader Jason Diack.

The prisoners seem happy to welcome us into their place and usually participate well in the service. The Chaplains tell us that the staff say there is a better feeling among the prisoners after a visit.

It is a great privilege to join with the

prisoners as they pray. In their prayers you can often hear the suffering caused by the separation from their families and friends and their deep concern for the safety and wellbeing of their wives and children.

At times they will pray for forgiveness for what they have done and you join with them in the hope that they will be able to change their lives.

I am not sure what our visits actually achieve for the prisoners in the long term. Prison is not a good place for a man to be and the prisoners are not saints, but then, nor are most of us.

I like to hope, that at the very at least, for some of the prisoners our visits bring the following:

- At least, for a brief moment in time, God's Word gives them hope and belief that Jesus loves them no matter what.
- A sense they are not forgotten - that someone from society still believes they have worth (this is based on their feedback)
- That in a fairly joyless environment the singing brings them joy.

For ourselves we are blessed to be called to do this work. We are given the grace, more and more, to see all prisoners as our brothers and sisters in Christ and this blessing tends to go beyond the prison into everyday life.

While prison visiting is not for everyone, we can all respond to Jesus's call by praying for the prisoners and for all who care for them - the Correction Officers and all who work for the prisoner's rehabilitation .

### *Blessings ~ Greg Sullivan*

*If you would like to know more about this ministry please email the Cathedral Office & we will put you in touch with Greg.*

### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Exodus 16:2-4.12-15** God feeds his people in the desert.

~ **Psalm 77** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

~ **Ephesians 4:17.20-24** Paul urges the Ephesians to live lives that are in keeping with their baptismal calling.

~ **John 6:24-55** Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread from heaven of which manna provided by Moses was but a foreshadowing.

**Next Week's readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 62; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; Gospel: John 6:41-51**

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.**

### 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.

**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.

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**Titipounamu Study & Joy** - is celebrating 1 Year and gives thanks with free August events:

**Online Sessions (Evening): The Eucharist with Kieran Fenn fms.** Monday, 16 August, 7 to 8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

**The Eucharist – a Gospel event & Sacrament with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.** Monday, 23 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.  
For more information and Registration email [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### Choral Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We are happy to once again to bring you a beautiful Choral Vigil Mass celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **7 pm Saturday 14 August.**

Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes.

Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4.

### 2021 Talk Series Promoting Christian Unity

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism— invites you to a public lecture by Rev. Dr. Joseph Zachariah, ecumenical scholar, of the Syrian Orthodox Church, who discusses Ecumenical response on the topic of Intercommunion – a search for the parameters for Eucharistic Communion, 7 pm at St Peter's Syrian Orthodox Church, 15 Culperry Road, Glendene. Light refreshments afterwards.

### 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.

### St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods – who heard the Cry of the Poor and responded

Saturday 14 August. Mary MacKillop Centre Meeting Room, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay 10am – 3pm \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Register by Wednesday 11 August by emailing [marymackillopcentre@soj.org.au](mailto:marymackillopcentre@soj.org.au) or phone 09 528 1801

### 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/](http://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 Denise 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 Billinilanz, 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 Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Frank Van Nieuwerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-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 . . .*

Matthew Chen, Wendy Peters, Cristina Lelis, Kovacs Arpad, Paul Barnao, Brian Farrell, Maurice Caddell, Margaret Craddock, Simon Cotton, Pat McKinnon, Laura Divinagracia, Matthew Chen, Romeo Abcede, Nada Druskovich, Halsey Ellie, Nikola Druskovich, Patrick Tarr, Rodolfo Banzon, Manuel Navarro, May De Goldi, Fr Peter Prendergast, Michael O'Shea Snr, Makere Hurley, Warren Rogan, Finbar Drohan, Martha Moore, Eddy Wroblewski, Oscar Miranda, Nenea Dizon, Vern Peters, Mary Wollaston, Mikio Tsukamoto, Alison Laurent, Pat Sheehan, Jenny Fox, Douglas Peacocke, Thomas Johns, Margaret Dowell, Elpidio & Teresita Delvalle, Elfren Ciron, Sr Elizabeth Hickey RSJ, Maureen Hammond, Peter Dillon, Jocelyn Quinnell, Jane Fromont, Sr Marcelle Walsh, Br Paul Kent, Anthony James, Kevin Murphy, Mabel Hogg, Teresa Romognino, Peter Collins, Deidre Airey, Msgr James Hackett, Nancy Fahy, Jose Sanicas, Justin Hassan, Tony Marinovich, Bonnie Miles, Katherine Donnelly, Kevin McNamara, Fr Vince Moody. . . *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](mailto: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.

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**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.*"

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