



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PARNELL

## NEWSLETTER

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Pastor's Note

When Jesus explained to His disciples that He must suffer, die and rise again in three days, they did not understand what He was talking about. All they saw was the glory and honour that came with how popular Jesus was with the people. In a way, the Jesus they saw was one who was influential and by being associated with Him, they too could gain benefits through His popularity. "I am the most important of the twelve", "can I sit at your left or your right when you come into your kingdom?". These were the thoughts of the disciples.

This is not the discipleship Jesus had in mind for them. "Follow me" was the great invitation offered to them by Jesus, but they needed to understand that in order to share in His glory, they must also share in His mission, that is the salvation of all peoples. If I the master is willing to give my life for sake of all, what are you willing to give? The is the question Jesus placed before His disciples and it is the same question Jesus is asking each one of us today. Are we willing to share in the mission of Christ, as challenging as it may be, so as to merit a share in His divine glory? Jesus even used a simple example: welcome this little child as you would welcome me. It isn't something that is impossible to do. In fact if we are willing to open our hearts, it isn't even all that difficult. All that is asked of us is a spirit of charity. Let us answer "yes" to our Lord and love our brothers and sisters the way Jesus loves us.

Blessings ~ Fr Francis Poon  
St John the Baptist, Parnell

#### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Wisdom 2:12.17-20** The godless plot to do away with the just one, because his blameless life is a reproach to them.

~ **Psalm 53** The Lord upholds my life.

~ **James 3:16-4:3** Jealousy, ambition, and self-seeking lead to disharmony and fighting.

Gentleness, reasonableness, and mercy lead to peace.

~ **Mark 9:30-37** Jesus tells his apostles that he will suffer bitter humiliation and death, and says that true greatness shows itself in service towards weaker members of the community.

**Next Week's readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:38-43.47-48**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

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

Maura Just, Allisa Elten, Malu Beltran, Frank Guzzo, Avelino Tibudan, Natalie Keane, Aaron Ablan, Marissa Altamirano, 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, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Joy Agon, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Neira, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Rosa Santos, Teana Jones, Judy Hanna, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Lynn Barnett Welsh, 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 Nieukerk, 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 . . .*

Cleofe Mora, Murray Nash, Eduardo Sagge, Msgr Brian Arahill, Peta Knibb, Angus Gomez, John Fitzmauce, Assid Corban, Pauline D'souza, Cyril Breslin, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Joe Coleman, Florence Gomez, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Ann Foss, Eric Kolhase, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Nancy Kelly, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Rose Blacklok, Patricia Borg, Alma Sands, Joseph Ang, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Des Rosser, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne IC, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez, Victoria Cano, Bonifacio Sanchez, Sharon Lim. . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

PRAY MASS  
SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV  
Free-to-air TV Channel 25  
SKY TV Channel 201

SEASON OF CREATION 2021  
A home for all

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND  
**BREAKING OPEN TODAY'S GOSPEL**  
A daily reflection by a member of the Diocesan Team

## COVID19 UPDATE

With Auckland remaining at Alert Level 4, The Church and Parish Office will remain closed until further notice. During this time, emails will continue to be monitored remotely from 10am-5pm Monday to Friday. For any urgent concerns, contact Fr Francis on 021 130 7932. Visit our website [www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz) or connect with us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistParnell> for the latest updates.



### Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass continues to be broadcast at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. Or you can watch online from Sunday morning at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic/playlists>

### Resources in times of Lockdown

The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time. Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

### Daily Reflections from Bishops Pat and Michael

Reflections from our Bishops on Facebook. Bishop Pat <https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick> and Bishop Michael <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=bishop%20michael%20gielen>

### Outline of Liturgy of the Word for Sunday—with links to appropriate music videos, suggestions for reflection.

Accompanied by a PowerPoint for sharing from Pastoral Services Liturgy Centre <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers/>

### Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day - Members of the

Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives and this situation on the Diocesan YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic/playlists>

On-line Rosary - 8.30 am daily with the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Email [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join.

### Lectio Divina reflecting on the daily Gospel readings

Fr James Walsh is leading an introduction to this method of prayer, reflecting on the daily Gospel readings. All are welcome. Please email [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join.

NZ Catholic - the latest free digital edition is now available for everyone at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/0c7dd53b-b640-42c7-9b20-ac28de9d0386>

Cathedral Spotify Page—St Patrick Cathedral's Acting Director of Music Nicholas Forbes creates a weekly Spotify Music list for Sunday. You can listen for free at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4depjPmaXci9RCpuov4O8z?si=2a289d44c86d4ed8>

### Catholic Caring Foundation

Needs your help to support struggling families. Our agencies are overwhelmed with requests for support. Want to help? Make a donation today. Visit <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/ways-to-give/>

He must make himself last of all & servant of all.

MARK 9: 30-37

Are we following Jesus' mission as God's "Suffering Servant"?



## ONLINE EVENTS THIS WEEK

### **Come Let Us Adore: Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Michael Gielen - 7 pm Sunday 19 September**

Join Bishop Michael for a night of intercessory prayer for one another and our nation and we gather around Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. <https://www.facebook.com/events/532739741158599>

### **CYAC Vocations Series: Young Religious Panel 6.15 pm Monday 20 September**

The Catholic Young Adults Community continues their Vocations Series this week! Tune in to hear a panel of young adults share their experience of living out their callings to the religious life. Bring your questions! <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicYoungAdultsCommunity>

### **Behind the Scenes of The Chosen: An Evening with Actor Noah James - 7 pm Tuesday 21 September**

From the beginning of our first COVID lockdown, many people have experienced a powerful encounter with Jesus through the TV series, The Chosen. Actor Noah James, who plays the apostle Andrew, gives us a behind-the-scenes look at The Chosen and answers YOUR questions. <https://www.facebook.com/events/874550270119673>

### **Live in Lockdown #5 - Social Media 7 pm Wednesday 22 September**

Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth & young adults on Facebook Live. This week, is about social media! <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

### **Stations of Creation 7 – 8pm Friday September 24th For the Season of Creation - September 1 – October 4**

- is celebrated worldwide in the month of September ending with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

**Come join Bishop Pat as a diocese in prayer for The Stations of Creation 7 – 8pm Friday September 24th** on the Diocesan YouTube channel and on Bishop's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick>

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### **St Vincent de Paul Needs Help**

Our friends at St Vincent de Paul need donations to continue their work in the wider Auckland You can donate by visiting their Give A Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinniesauckland>. Or with online banking—Bank Account Details Name: Soc of St Vincent De Paul Ak Account Number: 12-3017-0500224-00; Reference: Covid-19 For a tax receipt & enquiries email [auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvinnies.co.nz). If you require assistance with a food parcel you can phone them on 0800 680 090.

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

**Part time Accountant** - in this role you will be responsible for managing the financial functions contained within the role responsibility to ensure all financial reporting requirements and imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. A permanent role of 24 hours per week.

### **Part-time Credit Controller & Administration**

This part time role of 20 hours per week is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work.

**To view the full adverts and position descriptions, please visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.**

**Applications close on 29 September 2021.**