



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PARNELL

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 OCTOBER 2021

Pastor's Note

A union of souls, friendship.

In today's readings we can discern a fundamental purpose for a "union of souls", especially found in marriage. Through marriage and religious life, we are all called to become companions to each other, helpmates that teach each other how to enter into a communion of true love, friendship. This is possible for spiritual souls that can have many true friends.

God's plan is revealed in Genesis through marriage, for "it is not good for man to be alone I will make him a helpmate / companion". And, this person can be seen as "bones from my bone, and flesh from my flesh", and this is why a man can venture from his mother and father and join himself to his wife and they become one body. One body, united in a life friendship, that in time may produce their own offspring, who by their example will be able to grow to a maturity. In turn they will be able to reproduce the lessons of friendship that their parents have shown to them. Religious vocations can be included in this example as well. Most educators would agree that the greatest teacher of children is our example.

There are **three** outstanding advantages which flow from a true and holy friendship;

- ◇ A friend can be an **intimate confidant** to whom one can open their heart and receive advice and counsel especially when confronted with problems and doubts during life and choosing the best works to be done by us.
- ◇ A friend can be a prudent and sympathetic corrector who will honestly and frankly point out one's defects and prevent many acts of imprudence and even sin.
- ◇ A friend will be a **consolation in times of suffering and sorrow**. They will know how to select the proper words and remedies in a time of personal trial and growth.

True friendship will grow virtue in their companion.

True friendship is the alliance of souls who are united in the goodness of God.

True friendship is, disinterested in their own gain, generous, sincere, and patient to the point of heroism for the other.

True friendship does not know the meaning of double dealing, or hypocrisy.

True friends do not deny the defects that exists in their friend, but their friendship enables them to seek the good of the other in spite of their defects and weakness.

That is why true friendship is Christ's own charity, "I no longer call you servants, instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

*Blessings ~ Father Andrew Matthew
St Benedict's, Newton*

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Genesis 2:18-24** God made man and woman for each other. The bond of marriage means they are no longer two but one.

~ **Psalms 127** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

~ **Hebrews 2:9-11** By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Christ became a brother and a saviour to all people.

~ **Mark 10:2-16** Christ teaches that the marriage bond come from God.

Next Week's readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 127; Hebrews 4:12-13; Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND 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, 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-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 . . .

Allan Brewster, Shane Brewster, Howard Trenwith, Claudette Berecz, Fr Phillip Handforth, Luming Dorado, Connie Garcia, Joan Little, Maurice Aldridge, Jocelyn Franklin, Stephen Nobilo, Fidel Dionisio, Albert Smits, Sr Moira Feeney rsm, Sr Lorraine Challis OP, Jill Perry, Tony Brown, Sr Margaret Maher RSCJ, Mary Ashton, Margaret Foster, Teresa Fisher, Florence Neven, Hugh Laracy, Neville Williams, Conchita Benitez, Msgr Vincent Hunt, Fr Lawrie Sakey, Ken Giblin, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Fitzpatrick, Mary McDiarmid, Matija Selak, Ruru Hotene Karnuth, Emmanuel Santos, Ann Melendes Tuazon, Senia Auva'a, Karen Cipriano, John Rountree, Donna Carreon, Irene Roca, Walter Homan, Sue Neal, Cameron Murphy, Pat Hendry, Delfino Labay, Patrick Early Snr, Kaz Wisniewski, Maria Lette, Marie Wratt, Phyllis Revel, Kathleen Wiles-Pickard, Fr Peter Kay, Zita Kean, Kathleen Vanniselroy, Anna Mlekusch, Pamela Muffty, Anne Mayall, Rosemary Eller, Edward Waldron, Bobby Gee, Jim Walsh, Austin Donegan, Joan Gillies, Kalala Fuimaono, Benjamin Mendoza, Josefina Abellana, Fr Leo Downey, Fr Philip Catcheside IC . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

COVID19 UPDATE

Auckland has moved down to Alert Level 3 from 11.59pm on 21 September.

Tight restrictions remain in place. There are still no public Masses and the Church can only open for weddings and funerals. Both services are limited to 10 people which includes the officiating priest or deacon.

The Parish Office remains closed and emails will continue to be monitored remotely from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday. For any urgent concerns, contact Fr Francis on 021 130 7932. Visit our website www.parnellcatholic.org.nz or connect with us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistParnell> for the latest updates.

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT MERI HŌHEPA CELEBRATION Sunday 3 October Mass on Shine TV with Cardinal John Dew

October 3rd is Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa Celebration Sunday. Cardinal Dew will be celebrating a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. It will be broadcast at 2pm on Shine TV or Sky channel 201. Or you can watch online from Sunday morning at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic/playlists>

Please pray for the beatification and eventual canonisation of Meri Hōhepa, Suzanne Aubert.

And, let us remember her constant prayer

"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."



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>

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 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 to join.

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/1AKiMo8x8Ui9JE7HqibpKc?si=dcec29004c0741ff>

By God's grace, Jesus had to experience death for all humankind

HEBREWS 2: 9-11

Do we recognise the blessings in the form of those who have come into our lives at significant moments and have walked with us?



ONLINE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Vocations Adoration Feast of St Therese of Lisieux.

7pm Saturday 2nd October—Join Bishop Michael Gielen for the monthly first Friday Adoration and Benediction live from St Patrick's Cathedral. On <https://www.facebook.com/BishopGielen/>

Setting Hearts on Fire Weekend Worship with Michael Mangan—7 pm Saturday 2 October

Join Aussie Catholic singer/songwriter Michael Mangan for Weekend Worship for 60 minutes of music, movement, fun and faith for the whole family. Sing along with some of Michael's well known "classics" including Hearts On Fire and Come Together and learn some of his newer songs. <https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic>

The GREAT Diocesan Quiz Night—7 pm Sunday 3rd October

Win up to \$500 for your parish, school, or faith community. Join us for our first ever great Diocesan quiz night! Get your bubble organised for a family-friendly night of fun that will test your knowledge of movies, sports, Catholic trivia and much more! Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81074868459> or at <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

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/>

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. If you require assistance with a food parcel you can phone them on 0800 680 090.

Rosary in October - October is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary

Jubilee Bursary Open for Semester 1, 2022

Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 11 November 2021. Please email Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz to apply.

Ruakaka 30th Anniversary

On Sunday 14th November 2021, the Ruakaka Holy Family Catholic Community is celebrating 30 years since moving into the new Church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka. Mass is at 10.30am followed by a shared luncheon, sausage sizzle and entertainment for young and old. They are specially reaching out to past members and friends who could be interested in coming along and sharing a few memories. Please contact either: Ray Timmins by phoning 02102788867 or emailing raydale.timmins@xtra.co.nz Or Monica Johnson by phoning 021382401 or emailing monica.johnson01@gmail.com

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