

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Masses ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7 am & 9.30 am

No Weekday Masses until further notice

Masses Saturdays & Public Holidays 9 am

Reconciliation ~ under RED by appointment only, Email the parish office.

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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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Tel 09 3034509

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

NO weekday Masses until further notice

Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm—5.45pm by appointment only

St Benedict's Parish Secretary

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 20 FEBRUARY 2022

Pastor's Note

When we think about the Word of God and the selection of readings that are laid before us on a Sunday, we don't often pay much attention to the psalm. This Sunday's psalm refrain is "The Lord is kind and merciful", this is the key phrase which helps us interpret the verses of the psalm. It reveals to us the way God wants to love us through his kindness and mercy and these can only be exercised if there is love present between the individuals giving and receiving the kindness and mercy.

Love between two persons always elicits a response. The first verse tells us that our thankfulness is a direct response to the love the God pours out on us. The desire to bless God, to speak well of God and to never forget the love that God has for us is our reply to God's love. These prayerful responses come from a desire to reciprocate the love that has been given. Love always begets love, God desires that the Love given generously to us might bear fruit and grow. Firstly, in our response to God and then secondly in our interactions with others.

The psalm also shows us how God loves us, it offers us examples of how we are called to love. God forgives our guilt and bestows honours and love upon us. As a perfect Father God has great patience with our weakness and faults and is "slow to anger" and is eager to shower

us with mercy. For loving mercy is the act of bestowing on us good things that we have never or could never earn through our own merits. God wishes to always provide for and console his people.

Our desire to love God, is a response to the love that he showers on us. One of the many blessings that God showers upon us is that he always leads by example. God tells us through his word how he will love us and then reinforces this in our lived experience of God's love. We are called to ponder the psalms, because they are a love letter from God to you.

We have just celebrated Valentine's Day earlier this week and this celebration, from our older liturgical tradition, is a small insight into just how much God loves us. We all love to receive notes or letters from those who love us, especially friends and family. A good way to look at the psalms is to see them as a love letter to us from our Heavenly Father. This approach to the psalms can change our perception of the scripture; it makes it much more personal and meaningful.

We know that the Word of God is a living Word and so each time we ponder these letters of love we are called into a deeper understanding of just how much God loves us and a profound insight into the ways God shows his love for us.

Blessings

Fr. Tony King-Archer

Treat others as you would
like them to treat you.

LUKE 6: 27-38

In giving, we receive:
"full measure, pressed down, shaken together
and running over will be poured into your lap."

How can we be more compassionate
towards others and be loving
of our enemies?



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St John the Baptist Parish

244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

Liturgy of the Word

~ **1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23** David turns down an opportunity to kill Saul because he believes it would not be right before God

~ **Psalm 102** The Lord is kind and merciful.

~ **1 Corinthians 15:45-49** Paul draws parallels between Adam and Christ: to Adam we owe the life of earth; to Christ the life of heaven.

~ **Luke 6:27-38** Jesus stresses the duty of loving one's enemy and the obligations of fraternal charity.

Next Week's readings: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

COVID19 UPDATE

Under "red", we ask everyone visiting or attending Mass to follow these guidelines:

- Keep a record of your visit. Scan the QR codes on display at the church entrance or write your details legibly on the visitor's logbook.
- Face masks must be worn for the entire time while inside the church. Ensure this covers your mouth and nose.
- Observe the minimum 1-metre social distancing whenever possible.
- Bookings required for weekend Masses. Book through our website www.parnellcatholic.org.nz click on MASS REGISTRATION. Bookings must be made before 3pm of the weekend Mass you wish to attend.
- Entry for weekend Masses will be from the main entrance at the back. Exit on the church side door next to the carpark.
- If you are sick or unwell, please stay home.
- **a Valid My Vaccine Pass is required to attend ALL Masses.**

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 5pm Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7am Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week at Parnell

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NZ Catholic Newspaper—The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 and digitally online at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/91a009bd-7a0c-4a13-ab64-7297600e2e3c>

Columban Calendars 2022

Are still available at the Parish Office. \$12 each.

Sunday Mass on TV- the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XyfQet-mOW1mJszfow>. It is also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Appeal for convent in Nazareth

Local members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are raising funds to renovate a convent in Nazareth. Flyers with details of how to donate are in the Church. The Order's main function is to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Online lecture: Thursday, 24 February at 6:30pm, Fr Bernard Teo, lecturer in Moral Theology, talks about mercy as one key to Pope Francis' papacy.

For advanced registration please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdeCtqTwtGNeYwHxMyGnf91RPD98uR773>

Cathedral Spotify Page—Spotify Music list for each of the Sunday Masses continues to be created each week. Listen for free at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4P24CYjn05VaGxAcjNKXr1?si=c38db8f7ab2f4d02>

Fathers' Prayer Group at the Cathedral

5.30-6.30pm every second and fourth of the month in the St Peter Chanel Chapel in the Cathedral. For more information contact Michael Hart michaelh@nzchl.com phone 021-965-483, or Anita phone 027-381-4400 or anita@stpatricks.org.nz

Resources in times of COVID-19

Protection Framework (traffic lights)

The diocese has a page dedicated to the key information for places of worship at this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/>

St Peter's College Mountain Road, Epsom

Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13

Applications are now open for 2023 for Year 7 enrolments in 2023, limited enrolments at other levels.

Application forms and the enrolment process can be downloaded from our website or a pack can be collected from the main office. Applications close on Friday 1st April 2022 at 4pm. No late applications will be accepted. Due to current restrictions, our open day will not be able to proceed onsite. We will be presenting an online presentation. Visit their website for this date to be confirmed. <https://www.st-peters.school.nz>

Catholic Women's League

Come and join the Catholic Women's League, Orakei on 23rd February. Men and women are welcome to our fun filled PICNIC/BBQ at Okahu Bay, Orakei. Cost \$15. Mass is at 10.30am, at St Joseph's Church, 16 Brenton Place, Orakei. After mass, we carpool to go to Okahu Bay. If it rains we will go to the Church Hall for lunch and bingo. Please confirm and for more information ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499.

The Mass of installation of Bishop Steve Lowe

At the Cathedral is going ahead as planned this Saturday 19 February at 11:30AM.

The Installation will be live streamed from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph so that people from across the Diocese can be part of this historic and prayerful liturgy. Go to <https://www.online-multi-media.co.nz/aucklandcatholic> to watch.

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 Phone 0800 680 090.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES

COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/catholic-schools-in-auckland/fees-and-contribution/>

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

Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, Maurice Robinson, Maura Just, Alissa Neal, Avelino Tibudan, Natalie Keane, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Lucas Arnet, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Alice Swann, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Ben Hunt, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Emy Calma, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joe Raymond, Neira, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Kirei Tua, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, AS, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Maree C, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Rosa Santos, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Joy Agon, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Gavin Alexander, BC, Chonusi William, Teana Jones, Judy Hanna, Maria Martho, Jon Manson, Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, Francisco Billinilanz, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Christopher Browne, Ann Gordon, Rosita Galarg, Barry Spooner, Nicholas James, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, John Kainuku, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Adelaida Sison, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Wilfred Mansoor, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Virgilia Velasquez, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .

Jenny Fewtrell, Anthony Raki, Dawson Rata-Harimate, Msgr Des McCarthy, Steven Mulvey, Patricia Kirwan, Peter Considine, David Silich, Ruby Joseph, Rodney Melville-Smith, Carlina Beltran, Raymond Mascarenhas, Farzana Shaikh, Thomas Setyo, Kathleen McHugh, Pat Shepherd, John Divers, Margaret Magness, Alois Ayan, Russell McDowall, Alzira Fernandes, Vida Delegat, Kath Ulrich, Natividad Manalo-Abcede, Odilia Amos, Romeo Sureta Abcede, Hannah de Beer, Claire Howley, Philip Leishman, Regina Orr, Patrick O'Byrne, Cathy Campbell, Sr M Joan Hopkinson rsm, Sr Aileen Martin rsm, John O'Connor, Fr Ray Garchow OH, Kathleen Grey, Kim Jung Ha, Monika Menartowicz, Justiniano Senior, Michael O'Flaherty

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.