

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

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

No Midday Masses during the week until further notice.

Masses Saturdays & Public Holidays 9 am

Reconciliation ~ under RED by appointment only.

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[www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz)

## 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 Saturday mornings, 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

info@stpatricks.org.nz

Tel 09 3034509

[www.stpatricks.org.nz](http://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

Catherine van Veen

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 27 FEBRUARY 2022

### Pastor's Note

One of the most feared words in the world today is “hypocrite.” No one wants to be called that, and as a community we have a tendency to automatically reject anyone we can describe as a hypocrite. And Our Lord seems in our Gospel this week to give us good cause to do so. But is everything as it seems?

On the surface the Lord's words seem to make a mockery of the teaching authority of the Church, mine included. How can I, or any preacher, point out the wrongs done in the world when members of the Church have done such grave wrongs, as we hear each day? Or indeed how can I call people to live the Christian life when I fail in doing so every day? Is the only basis for a call to repentance, then, perfection?

Perhaps not. The root of our English word “hypocrisy” is the Greek word for an actor. So we generally understand it as one who is pretending to be something other than they are – giving the outward appearance of virtue, but not living it interiorly. At one level that isn't entirely terrible. The 17th century French writer François de Rochefoucauld described hypocrisy as the “homage vice pays to virtue.” Hypocrisy is better than nihilism. Hypocrisy actually recognizes what is good and does not reject the concept. It just fails to live up to it.

But it is still wrong because it sets the other in a lower place and exalts itself. It condemns another for flaws while hiding its own.

The solution is self-knowledge and humility. Truth and truthfulness – that is always the key. The antidote to hypocrisy is humility, and humility is about truthfulness: not putting yourself any higher, or lower, than you really are. Humility means being grounded in reality, planted in the fertile earth - just as the root of hypocrisy is an actor, the root of humility is the word for earth “humus”. So humility leads to fertility: a good tree, grounded in reality, will bear good fruit. ‘Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green’ (Psalm 91).

So, as long as we are aware of the log in our own eye, and take urgent steps to remove it, nothing prevents us calling the attention of others to the general problem of specks in eyes, or even to their particular speck in the eye, though we may not see clearly to help them actively remove it. Our Lord's warning remains: attend to the log in your own eye and never ignore it, or you will be a ‘blind guide’ unable to see the truth or to preach it. That is true for each and every one of us in the Church, not just today, but always.

*Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham  
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph*



How can you say to others:  
“Let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,”  
when you cannot see the plank in your own?

LUKE 6: 39-45

How much do we criticise others before  
reflecting on our own failings?

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

## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Sirach 27:4-7** A person's talk show the kind of person he or she is.

~ **Psalm 91** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

~ **1 Corinthians 15:54-58** The resurrection of Christ takes the sting out of death for those who believe in him.

~ **Luke 6:39-45** A blind guide cannot lead others. A person's words flow from what fills his heart.

**Next Week's readings: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 90; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

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

### COVID19 UPDATE

We are currently operating under the "Red" traffic light.

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.
- Keep to your bubble(s) and observe the minimum 1-metre social distancing whenever possible.
- Bookings required for weekend Masses. Book through our website [www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz) click on MASS REGISTRATION. Bookings should 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

No Midday weekday Masses Monday to Friday

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with Distribution of Ashes is at 6pm.  
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

**Reconciliation**—under RED will be by appointment only. Please email the parish office.

### 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/>

**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 broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

### Volunteers to give Communion of the Sick

Please let the Parish Secretary know if you are able to help with distributing Communion to our sick parishioners. Ideally this would be someone who has undergone training with giving Communion however, we can arrange for training to be provided if needed. Please email the parish office for more details.

### What's happening with the Synod

The latest Synod newsletter which contains information about the process in the diocese and the general background to the Synod process is available at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/synod-newsletter/>

**Who is our New Bishop?** - Check out the diocesan YouTube channel for videos that will let us learn a little more about our new Bishop, Steve Lowe: <https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

**Thankyou! Thankyou!** - The diocese is delighted to announce that the Catholics4Tonga initiative raised \$100,000 for relief efforts. Thanks so much for your generosity.

**Cathedral Spotify Page**—Music list for each of the Sunday Masses. Listen for free at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2143dF92yB0bbDQHdqxapz?si=2788f222fd94400e>

**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.

### 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>

### St Paul's College YEARS 7-13

**Catholic Champagnat Marist School for Boys**  
Enrolments are now open for 2023 for Years 7, 8 and 9 with limited slots available for other levels. Applications close 14 April. Visit [www.stpaulscollege.co.nz](http://www.stpaulscollege.co.nz) for more information.

**Baradene College Open Day Thursday 3 March.**  
Tour times: 9 am, 10 am, 11 am and 12.30pm  
Bookings required by 3 pm 1 March. Book your time at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol)  
Enrolments for Year 7, 2023 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close on Friday 18 March, 2022.

### NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available to read digitally online at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

**Part Time Lay Catholic Chaplain for Auckland City Hospital** - Applications for a Catholic chaplaincy position of 15 hours per week as a part of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team in Auckland City Hospital. Applicants should ideally have completed or be willing to complete a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education course or equivalent and/or some experience in parish ministry or other relevant chaplaincy ministry position. For the full position description and to download an application form, please visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close 4th of March.

### 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 are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded 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:*

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, Thilsy 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-Luypers, Virgilia Velasquez, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

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

Marie Quinn, Tony Glassey, Clare Alice Owen, Sr Alei Leilua SMSM, Zofia Wolk, Hannah de Beer, Doris D'Cruz, Fr Andrew Sequeira, Dominic Smith, Sr Fidelis Walter, Hannibal & Miriam Adique, Dennis Willdownson, Robert Amputch, Flavia Dias, Pathma Apoo, Henry Vackhouse-Smith, Margaret Magness, Carolina Birondo, Natividad Abcede, Derek Joseph, Carl Burrows, Manuel Eugenio, Florecina Lucas, Albino Achas, Marie Ion, Kath Ulrich, Josephine Gregan, Samson, Joseph Thomsen, George Foss, Zeldia Moloney, Lomano Halayahu, Tien Pik Ing, Lawson La Brooy, Antonio Musgni, Judy Dacre, Graham Hyndman, Kim Jung Ha, Janet Dyer, Beatriz Ruiz, Maureen Davey, Thomas Setyo, Anna Teong, Salvador & Ana Maria Robles, Joseph Park, Alois Ayan Anacleto Seares, Alfred Pereira, Michael O'Flaherty, Brian Clooney, Linda Doran . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*