

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 ~ 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

8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm & 7 pm

Children's Liturgy at 8.00 am, 11.00 am & 4.30 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass 8 May at 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

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 8 MAY 2022

The beginning of our Gospel this Sunday is very simple, but has profound implications for all of us. Our Lord speaks and His sheep hear His voice. Then, when His sheep listen, they discover they are known (and loved) completely and, learning that, are called to follow their shepherd.

That sounds simple enough, but it is not always easy in practice.

In a silent room or a quiet garden if someone speaks it is impossible not to hear. But in the midst of a noisy train station, or a crowded bar, you have to be listening carefully to hear what is said. And we live in a very noisy world! We are surrounded by a cacophony of voices and distractions, some of them diametrically opposed to Christ. That means we are called to make the effort to listen carefully, trying to discern what our shepherd is saying. Sometimes, in fact, we need to make the effort to find a quieter space – to try to shut out the loudest noises, so we might make it easier for ourselves to hear the Lord's call.

I find myself reflecting on my own personal experience of that. I first had a hint of a call to a priestly vocation at the age of 19; I began to study for the priesthood at the age of 33. Was I actually ready to begin at 19? Not at all! Did I need to wait 14 years to get ready? Sadly, no. It took that long because I turned away too quickly and, if I am honest, stopped listening, or rather started paying more attention to other voices. I got there in the end but, keeping to the theme of honesty,

even now I don't always take the care to listen to the Lord's continuing call to me.

And that is very foolish of me.

It is very easy in the modern world to get distracted. There are so many things, events, and yes, voices, to which we find ourselves devoting our time and attention.

Some of them are good, some distinctly dodgy, but none of them are, in the end, as important as the voice of Jesus. That is the voice of the one who loves us completely and utterly and who desires the greatest possible good for us. Because of that, the path on which He is calling us to follow necessarily leads to our greatest good, our greatest joy. That makes listening for that voice the very essence of good sense, as we say today, a no-brainer.

So, whether we are at the beginning of the journey or nearing its end, may we all make a greater effort to hear the Lord's voice amidst the noise, and perhaps make an effort to find the quiet places in the world, and in our hearts and minds, to make it easier to do so. May we keep doing that even as we walk the path, so we don't go astray. And may we all try not to wait 14 years!

*Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Cathedral Dean*



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

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 13:14.43-52** Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel firstly to the Jews but they reject it; then they preach it to the Gentiles who receive it with joy.

~ **Psalm 99** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

~ **Revelations 7:9.14-17** This contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.

~ **John 10:27-30** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep the Father has given him.

Next Week's readings: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Revelations 21:1-5; Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

COVID19 UPDATE

We have moved to Orange in the Covid Traffic Light Framework. This means we can welcome you all to our services unrestricted.

If you are attending any of our services we :

- Continue to wear a mask while in Church.
- All those who serve and minister in the Church must still wear a mask.
- Please stay home if you are unwell.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 5pm Fr Chris Skinner SM
Sunday 7am Fr Anthony Paris
Sunday 9.30am Fr Anthony Paris

Mass times this week at Parnell

No Weekday Masses until further notice
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

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

New Batch of Planned Giving Envelopes - are now ready for collection in the parish office.

Sunday Mass on TV- the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfOet-mOW1mJSzfoW>. It is also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201. The Mass for this weekend comes to us from our very own Parish of St John the Baptist presided by Fr Stephen Berecz.

Resources in times of COVID-19

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/>

Alpha Course for Couples

An invitation to you to explore life, faith and meaning through Alpha for Couples starting in July. Expressions of interest please email marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz

Founders Day Mass at Holy Cross Seminary

Join with Seminary Staff and Students at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby at 7pm on Monday, 9th May. Celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. All are invited to refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

From 30 May – 5 June. Please join with us to celebrate together at this year's Ecumenical Prayer Service hosted by St Peter's Syrian Orthodox Church 6.30 pm Sunday 12th June at 15 Culperry Road, Glendene. For more information email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Vacancy for Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor

Catholic Education Services have a vacancy for a full time Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor, starting in Term 3. To view the full advert and to apply visit

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Applications close 13th May.



A Prayer for Mothers

Our mothers are earthbound angels
Sent by God above,
To give our lives direction
And fill our hearts with love.
They have no wings or halos
And yet they are divine,
For years of toil and sacrifice
Have rendered them sublime.
So, mothers, may God bless you
Wherever you may be,
For the gift of love you gave us
Lives on eternally!

Happy Mother's Day to all Mums!!!



Marist College Open Day—Tours being held on Wednesday, 11 May at 9am and at 11.30am at Marist College. For further information visit

<http://www.maristcollege.school.nz>

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. 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.

Application forms are available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/> ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Do you know someone who is blind or visually impaired - that may appreciate access to books on faith topics and inspiration? The Xavier Society for the Blind that provides braille and audio books free. Visit <https://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/> or email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Pray the Rosary with us

The Flame of Love rosary is prayed every night at 8pm on Zoom. Duration approx. 40 mins. Please text Vivienne 0211064722 for the link.



Bishop's Jubilee Bursary - Semester 2 2022
Jubilee Bursary Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level. Applications close Thursday, 9 June. Email michellej@cda.org.nz for information.

Scholarship Medical Students

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2022, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information email randallr@cda.org.nz

Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute Semester 2 enrolments for the Bachelor of Divinity and the Graduate Diploma in Theology programmes (both Level 7 qualification).

For further information visit: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/.../our-programmes/>
NZ Catholic - With the country now in Orange, the last free digital edition is available for everyone to read at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

Headlines for this issue: NZ canon lawyer calls for more laity in Church governance. Dame Lyndsay Freer retires from Church media role. Cardinal Dew quizzed on radio at Easter. Northland author of book on priests suffers devastating property fire.

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

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

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

Henry Martin Mascringhas, Mary Culas, Dolores Santillan, Domingo Benitez Snr, Ellie Blackwell, Hyeran Baek, Peter van der Fluit, Peter Lau, Alf Just, Fengxin Wang, Ciaran Doherty, Tom Brown, Michael Byrne, Jean Meo, Mary Shirtcliffe, Darin McKay, Lynette Beare, Anastacia Estrada Sison, George Fraser, Jane Schollum, Jeff Kam, Lalia Osunsade, Sr Alice Tachen rsj, Graeme Marshall, Wan Hyong Choi, Brendan O'Malley, Sugaritha Joseph, Koan Antony, Angela O'Brien, Rex Mc Govern, Henry Shaw, Mavis Jager-Smith, Mercedes Manikan, Sharon Lim, Vivienne White, Sandra Sequeira, Dorothy Mulvey, Joseph Rajan, Lily Hoy, Philomena Wade, Douglas Mortimer, William Tapper, Beunarentura Galang, Kay Naidoo, Iris Day, Baptist D'Souza, Vern Anamallay, Jimmy Ong, Carlos Garcia, Jean Evans, Dudley Jenke, Roy Barden, Iris Macedo, Abelardo Comilang, Peter Ryan, Mary Angell, Edmund Fitzpatrick, Sarah Concisom, Guy Chambers, Fr Peter Durning OP, Aileen Belcher, Hip Yan Foon Kam, Edward de Silva, Hope Buckton, Fr George McHardy sm, Niko Bartulovich . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*