

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

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz ~ Email: sberecz@gmail.com

Parish Secretary ~ Felina Soldevilla: phone (09) 373 3132 ~ Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Parish Pastoral Council:

Diane Howe ~ dianehow@gmail.com Olivia Gaston ~ oliviagaston@gmail.com

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 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

Tertiary Mass Sunday 21 August 7 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass Sunday 28 August 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 BENEDICT'S NEWTON

1 St Benedict's Street (off Upper Queen St)

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6 pm & Sunday 9.30 am
Mass Filipino ACFC (Every Sunday) 11:30 am

Weekdays

Wednesday to Friday 12.10pm

Wednesday (Filipino Community) 7.30pm

First & Third Friday (Filipino Community) 7.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

St Benedict's Parish Secretary

Catherine van Veen

office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

Tel 09 3790624

www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God.

Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Felina Soldevilla and you can contact her by phone (09) 373 3132 or email

office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662. You may also contact the police 111.



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 21 AUGUST 2022

Why do we listen to the Bible at Mass week by week? Why do we have to hear about Put and Lud and Moshech, which were fliespecks even in Old Testament times, and certainly don't make the headlines – or even footnotes – in our day?

Is the Bible a textbook for studying ancient history? The Church would not be commending it to us if it were just that: it's our belief that God speaks to us now through the Bible, in which we hear his Word. Our readings are not history lessons, they are real teaching for us here and now.

In the gospel for today Jesus is travelling, as so often is the case. Jesus doesn't just sit in one place and wait for people to come and listen to his teaching: he moves forward in obedience to his destiny; those who want to hear him must travel with him, and for us that means being willing to change and to learn. We can never say of the Gospel, 'I've got it.' If we do, we haven't got it. We can't be complacent; but nor can we condemn ourselves; neither of those attitudes helps us.

The Bible is full of movement – away from Egypt, to the Promised Land, away into exile, back to the promised land; and not only do God's chosen people get moved: the people of all these foreign places like Put and Lud and Moshech are invited to move, to come to Jerusalem, the place of God's glory. (They are even promised to be priests in God's sanctuary; a pretty shocking idea to the Jewish purists). The call is to move – away from our smaller world into God's bigger world.

So Jesus challenged his hearers not to imagine that just because they had had contact with God through the scriptures read in the synagogue, or had been visited by Jesus as he went round preaching, they were assured of a place in the kingdom: the question was, had they responded to God, had they truly desired a place in the kingdom? Had they really wanted him, like the people from east and west and north and south, the outsiders who would be welcomed into the feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob simply because they wanted to be there?

That is the only real price of admission to the heavenly banquet: if we are truly hungry to be there. Those who think they have a right to be there will get a shock; they have not tried their best to enter by the narrow door, which paradoxically welcomes countless unexpected guests through it; it is the door of humility, of need, of poverty in spirit. Those who have had a good, well-behaved upbringing may think that that is all they require; somehow they're already in the club, and they needn't bother to apply. But the fact is that we can only come into God's presence if we come as needy people who know we have nothing to offer but everything to receive. If we are people who passionately want to be with God, if that is our heart's desire.

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

Mission Map Momentum

The Diocesan Pastoral Services Group invites interested parishioners to a day of prayer, formation, information and collaboration. Beginning at 10.30 am and concluding at 2.15pm. Lunch will be provided. During this time, they will explore what we consider the hallmarks are of a welcoming, vibrant faith community, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship, explore the different resources personnel and practical that are available, and give communities time to reflect on what they could do now. These sessions limited so register at:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/>

The Auckland opportunities are:

- Saturday 24 September Onehunga Church Hall. RSVP by 19 September
- Saturday 15 October Takapuna Church Hall. RSVP by 10 October.



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 66:18-21** Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings.

~ **Psalms 116** Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

~ **Hebrews 12:5-7.11-18** As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering.

~ **Luke: 13:22-30** The Kingdom of God is offered, not just to the Jews, but to people from the four corners of the world.

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 3:17-20.28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24;

Gospel: Luke 14:7-14

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

COVID19 UPDATE

We are in 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 ask everyone to continue wearing a mask while inside the 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 Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7am Fr Tony Dunn
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week at Parnell

Monday to Friday— no Mass until Further notice
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

Reconciliation—Saturdays 9.30am.

St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday to Friday 7am and 12pm
Saturday 8am
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

Volunteers needed in our Parish

We are still needing more volunteers to help with the various ministries here in our Parish. For more details, please get in touch with Felina at the parish office office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>



CDA CONNECT—August Issue is out now:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days – Day Retreats 9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) 23 August, 20 September, 18 October, 22 November & 6 December.

24Hr Quietude Retreats – Friday 7pm to Saturday 7pm (\$120pp includes accommodation + food). 16-17 September & 18-19 November.

For more information or to or to book any of the retreats visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or phone 09 625 6651.

Titipounamu Study & Joy—Online Session

Online Sessions (Evening) please notice the date changes and additional event:

Marian Dogmas with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm.

Mary of Nazareth - With Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 29 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/mary-of-nazareth/>.

For more information and registration visit:

www.studyjoy.nz

Reflection Day—Yes, Modern Slavery is

Growing in Aotearoa New Zealand

Led by Sr Katrina Brill at the Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre in Mission Bay.

Saturday 27th August 9.30am to 1pm

\$30 waged/\$20 unwaged

Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by 20th August marymackillopcentre@sosi.org.au or 09528 1801

Diocesan Youth Mass -7 pm Sunday

28 August at St Patrick's Cathedral.

All are welcome.

Theology of the Body NZ —is running a symposium to celebrate Saint John Paul II's catechesis on human love and dignity.

Saturday 8th October. Registration \$95.

Register at theologyofthebody.nz

Beginning Experience—A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood, 23-25 September.

The Beginning Experience provides support for the grieving single again. Total cost is \$350.

For further information please phone

Lynda 0274898003 or (09)4789742

or Kelly in the evenings on 027 6864416

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom – Parish and School Centennial

—The Centennial events have

been delayed. **The new dates are 9th – 11th**

September 2022. Registrations are open on the

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish website:

<https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

St Leo's Catholic Primary School in Devonport

Situated a short ferry ride from the city across to Devonport, this is a lovely small family oriented Catholic school. For enquiries phone 09 445 9339

or visit their website www.stleos.school.nz

See the Holy Land Pilgrimage

Enquiries are invited for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023. It will be led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of NZ Catholic, with Fr Chris Denham, as chaplain. The itinerary includes all the sacred sites of interest to Christian pilgrims including Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Petra and 1 night by the Dead Sea. For details, email Pat on patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or phone (09) 480-4463.

VACANCIES

Officer Manager, Holy Cross Seminary

Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby, Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hours minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community. To apply email secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by 22 August.

For more details visit

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58017032>

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Chief Executive for Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

— the largest Apostolate of the Diocese of Auckland. For an information pack and job description visit

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58036105>

Mercy Hospice - Palliative Medicine Employment

Opportunity—Mercy Hospice Auckland is

recruiting for an experienced **Counsellor** and **Social worker** to join the psychosocial support

team. The current openings are part-time positions, and submissions are open through

SEEK. For more information contact Louise

Rattray: lratray@mh.org.nz, or a copy of the

Position Description email Gwen Arago-Kemp:

garago-kemp@mh.org.nz.

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

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

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

Gerard Brown, Wilma Bretana, Muriel Prendergast, Lodewijk Widarma, Elizabeth Inawati, Lee Francisca, Michelle Pereira, Noreen Fletcher, Salvador & Ana Maria Robles, Peter Williams, Dr Warren Moran, Basil Aholelei, Bill Roche, Phyllis Murphy, Greg Boyed, George Dyer, V. Handoyo, Laurie Neeson, Peter Nola, Frank Soldner, Jo Scully, Anthony Raman, Maurice Boland, Eileen Brosnan, Mikie King, Michael Rehder, Cecy da Costa, Betty Johnstone, Jo Scully, Hazel Harris, Eugina Reyes, Robin Maber, Basil Yap, Pat Tonks, Nolean Byers, Jim Robbie, Lizza Tagle, Anthony Moore, Andrew Martin, Brendan Dunican, Romeo Ballona, Josephine Bish, Bob Skelton, George Wood, Benjamin Contreras Snr, Moira Bryant, Lynette Collins, Maura Henley, Pacing Bergante Talamor, Eleanor Tierney, Kazimier Milek, Sr Frances Scully OP, Eric Szczerba, Marie Murphy

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.