

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 Chaplaincy Mass Sunday 18 Sept 7 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass Sunday 25 Sept 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@stpatericks.org.nz Tel 09 3034509

www.stpatericks.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-Friday: Mass 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

C.O.F.F.E.E.

Greetings of peace, joy and love!

God is merciful and compassionate. He is always ready to find the lost, the least and the last. God has revealed this form of love through His Son, Jesus Christ. And so the title of this reflection: **Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere!**

God is pure mercy! One of the expressions of mercy is forgiveness. Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy, has given us this Sunday three parables speaking about the effects of forgiveness!

Commenting on these parables, Pope Francis writes "In these parables God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon." (Miserecordiae Vultus, 9)

Now you can ask yourself, which is easier or difficult; "to forgive" or "to ask forgiveness"? In the three parables presented in the Gospel this Sunday, let us focus on the third, about the lost son. For sure, as you are reading this article of mine, you are expecting new ideas from me. But now, I just would like you to answer these questions and make your own reflection and conclusion.

- + Where is the mother in the parable? What do you think will happen if the mother was there?
- + Why did the father allow his son to get the share of his inheritance and let him leave?
- + The elder son upon knowing what the father has done in welcoming his younger brother, got furious. Did the father convince him to come inside and welcome his brother?
- + Did the elder son forgive his younger brother?

My friends who are reading this article, the parable is open ended - no conclusion. If you are in the story as mother, or father, or younger son or the elder son, how will you conclude the story? Our God is a God of surprises! He enjoys listening

to us! What do you want to tell Him now? Close your eyes and say a little prayer! He is also listening to you!

May the Eucharist then, enable us to listen and experience the loving embrace of God, our Father! May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us, the church, to act as the Good Shepherd acts, to risk everything to be loving and compassionate as we actively seek out those who most need to experience God's saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Quote: "God never gets tired of forgiving us... often times WE are the ones who get tired of asking forgiveness from Him."
(Evangelii Gaudium)

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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

~ Exodus 32:7-11.13-14 Moses intercedes with God for the people because they have fallen into idolatry.

~ Psalm 50 I will rise and go to my father.

~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 In his conversion Paul is a witness to the fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

~ Luke 15:1-32 Through telling three parables Jesus justifies his concern for sinners.

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

COVID19 UPDATE

We are in still operating 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 Stephen Berecz
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

Mass for The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Will be on **Wednesday, 14 September at 6pm** here in church. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Mass on this evening.

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.

Accommodation Needed

Ideally looking for a Bed/breakfast (room w/ own bathroom) in Parnell/Remuera area for a 26 y.o.

French visitor (speaks English) who will be arriving and staying here in Auckland from 28 September - 10 October 2022, payment in advance. Contact: Mary phone 379 9076 for more details.

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>

Upcoming Retreats & Events

at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days – Day Retreats 9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) 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 information or to or to book phone 09 625 6651 or visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.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

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland—needs new

members. If you are interested in doing work that promotes dialogue and talks, to foster unity with other Christian Churches or Religions in your community, this is the opportunity for you to become missionary disciples of Christ.

Please contact pastoraloffice@cda.org.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 and 1 night by the Dead Sea. For details, email Pat on patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or phone (09) 480-4463.

VACANCIES

Mercy Hospice—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: lrattray@mh.org.nz, or Gwen Arago-Kemp: garago-kemp@mh.org.nz.

HR Manager Altus Enterprises

Altus are a non for profit organisation that exist to provide work for people with disabilities.

For more information and to apply, google 'Seek

HR Manager Altus Enterprises' or contact

chanel@positivepeople.co.nz

Prison Chaplaincy: Tikanga Māori Enabler

Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa provides religious and spiritual support services to prisons under contract to the Department of Corrections.

TTPCA has a fixed term Tikanga Māori

Enabler—Arawhata Māori vacancy for 24 months in the Wellington National Office. Closing date 5 pm, 14 September. [Click for further information](#)

Volunteers Urgently Needed—St Vincent de Paul Shop: Onehunga Mall. You will be part of a caring and committed team involved in shop-front service, customer relationships, sorting and preparation of donated goods.

Also needed a volunteer driver to assist with the collection and delivery of furniture and goods.

Please phone or text Claire 021 733 694

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

Jack Gibbs, Don Vallerio Fontanilla, Malu Beltran, 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 Denise 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 . . .

Milagros Undag, Cyril Fernando, Isabella Alexandra, Louie Beltran, Marita Beltran, Ramon Preeda, Elizabeth Hales, Msgr Pat Ward, Myra Crawford, Barbara Bato, Dermot O'Leary, Fr Des Moosman, Ethel Marshall, Marie Early, Patricia Yambao, Reynaldo Yambao, Brendyn Bianzon, Lenny Hidalgo, Ruby Holland, Maria Boles, Kath Allen, Carmel Jefferies, Brian Raju, Ivan Main, Justyn Schollum, Dianne Molloy, Emma Gill, George Fisher, Michael O'Reilly, Wayne Hotton, Lani Sinawari, Eng Hoc Ong, Apolinario Castano, Sheila Bamford, Kees van Hassel, Ira Divinagracia, Dorothy James, Ray Buisson, Moira Bryant, Cathy Sheehan, Julie Keesling, Dorothy Jones, Bruce Sherlock, . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Tertiary Chaplaincy Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
18 September 7 pm. All are welcome.

Diocesan Youth Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
25 September 7 pm. This Mass is Hosted by Vinnies as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul! All are welcome

World Youth Day 2023

The Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal.

Email samuelb@cda.org.nz if interested.

Young Adults Ball 15 October—Put on your best formal attire for an unforgettable evening at McHugh's of Cheltenham. Dance the night away with the live band, The Velvet Tones.

Early bird tickets are \$90 (until 16th September).

Standard tickets \$110. This is an 18+ event.

Visit facebook.com/AKCYM to find out more.

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



St Patrick Cathedral RCIA - Catholic Enquiry

Thursday evenings. Pizza and juice 6.30-7pm and then opening prayer 7pm. All welcome. Contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 027-381-4400.