

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

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Parish Pastoral Council:

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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

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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

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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

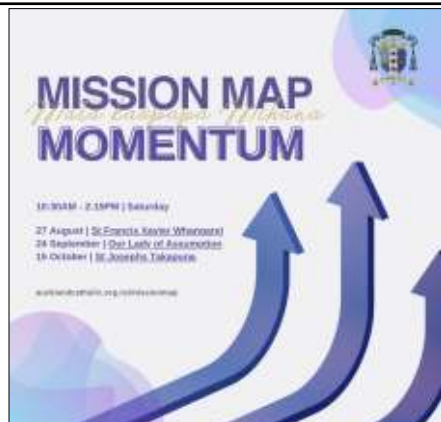
St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

One way of looking at our Gospel today is rather than emphasising how wicked it is to be a slave to Mammon, we should begin with the joys of being a slave to God. After all, if no servant can have two masters, it is equally true that no servant can have no master. In inviting us to free ourselves from slavery to Mammon, Christ today urges us instead to enslave ourselves to God. But isn't this a contradiction? Didn't Christ come to set us free? If we are slaves to God, how can we be free?

We can solve this apparent contradiction by remembering that God and Mammon are not, in fact, opposites. We do not believe that the material goods of the world are wicked, in which Mammon is a sort of anti-God. We believe that God created these goods, and that they are indeed good. We believe that God created everything and saw that it was very good, that God so loved this created world that he took flesh, entering into our world of flesh and blood and bread and oil and wine and water...

God invites us to participate in his work of creation, not – as for Adam – with toil and tears but with joy and laughter and singing, as the created world is not overthrown, evaporating into nothingness, but transformed and redeemed.

And money is an important part of this. Its purpose is the allocation of goods – not of 'bads'. Our ability to devise an economic system, to reason out the right way to allocate resources, is a sign of how God confides in us, allows us to participate in his providence. He gives us an opportunity to be

faithful in little things, to be faithful in the stewardship of his creation.

So it is not a case of 'God is good, money is bad'; in fact, not even of 'money is good, but God is better'. Rather, money is good, and God is the source of that goodness, the meaning and perfection of all goodness. It makes no more sense to talk about God as if he were competing with Mammon, like captains of opposing teams, than it would to talk about the pot competing with the potter.

Yet money is tainted. Not in itself, but because of what we human beings have made of our good created world. We have made a world in which people can so easily become enslaved to money – to greed. Those who have enslaved themselves to money have thereby failed to put it to the good work for which it is intended, and instead drawn others into that terrible slavery. Mammon is unrighteous because we have made it so.

So it was with the steward in today's Gospel. He is described literally as 'servant of unrighteousness' – but now his master has set him free. Perhaps we could say that he is now set free, albeit unwillingly, from service to riches, and by the end of the Gospel is just starting to make money serve him by using it to make friends. He has realised just in time, maybe, that friendship and love are more important than the false security of wealth.

Fr Richard Ounsworth OP

Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies
University of Oxford



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Amos 8:4-7** The prophet Amos condemns the exploitation of the poor.

~ **Psalm 112** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

~ **1 Timothy 2:1-8** Since God wants everyone to be saved we should pray for everyone, but especially for those who bear the responsibility of public office.

~ **Luke 16:1-13** Jesus shows how greed for money can ruin a person, and insists that we can't serve both God and money.

Next Week's Readings: Amos 6:1.4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

COVID19 UPDATE

The Traffic light system has now been officially retired by the government. This means we can welcome everyone to our services without any restrictions in place. Face masks are no longer mandatory however you can still choose to wear them when coming to church. If you are sick or unwell, please stay home.

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

Memorial Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

There will be a Diocesan Memorial Mass for Queen Elizabeth II this coming Wednesday 21st September 2022, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral in the City. All welcome.

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>

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.

'People of God' - Formation Day

The Pope has recently addressed the 'People of God' in a letter titled, the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. The Liturgy Centre for the Diocese of Auckland is hosting a Formation Day October 29th 9.30 – 3pm, at Rosmini College which will unpack some of the contents of this letter.

Please register by email

liturgycentre@cda.org.nz or visit

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgyformation/>

From the NZ Bishops' Conference

—NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops, and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but must fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost.

Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End-of-Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation"

Full details here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

The Season of Creation

—is celebrated worldwide in the month of September ending with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

During this time the global Christian family will participate in initiatives of prayer, sustainability, and advocacy to care for our common home.

This year the theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation" and the image is the "Burning Bush".

It symbolizes God's presence with us and is a reminder of all the fires burning around the world because of global warming & a reminder to take action as stewards/kaitiaki.

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.

St Francis Open Day - Come for an afternoon to learn about St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology & explore the grounds.

Sunday 2 Oct 2pm - 4pm.

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

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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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.



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, Alison Foss, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Don Vallerio Fontanilla, 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, 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 . . .

Shane McGruddy, Cleofe Mora, Marian Saqueton, Murray Nash, Eduardo Sagge, Msgr Brian Arahill, Peta Knibb, Angus Gomez, John Fitzmaurice, Assid Corban, Pauline D'souza, Cyril Breslin, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Florence Gomez, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Joe Coleman, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Ann Foss, Eric Kolhase, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Nancy Kelly, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Sharon Lim, Rose Blaicklok, Patricia Borg, Alma Sands, Joseph Ang, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Des Rosser, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne IC, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez, Victoria Cano

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.