

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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Parking in St John's Car Park

Those attending a Sunday or weekday Mass 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 or Saturday Morning, 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

Opening the Shades?

In recent weeks the Sunday readings have focused on the deceptiveness of wealth enticing the rich to presume they can ensure a secure future, the potential idolatry of possessions, the importance of attending to the poor, and the critical importance of the manner in which we give alms.

The story of Lazarus and Dives is aimed at Luke's community which composed of either predominantly rich people needing to be reminded of their obligations to the poor or a community with tension between the rich and poor. The parable has all 'lovers of money' in its sights and invites us to reflect two kinds of generosity – the generosity of God's mercy toward sinners and our generosity toward the poor in the use of possessions.

In this Gospel, the poor man is given the name Lazarus (meaning "my God helps") to remind us that the "anonymous poor" are known by God and that wealth carries with it a different and more tragic kind of anonymity, for Dives is a Latin word for 'a rich person'.

Luke emphasises the social difference that separates them: the poor beggar is covered with sores and lacks the energy or the will to chase away the scavenger dogs while the rich man is described by the manner of his extravagant dress and diet.

At the heart of the Gospel is the great reversal in which the rich and powerful, who in life perceive no need for divine grace, and are cut off from the people of God while the poor, the lowly, and the outcasts are given a proper place in the community of faith.

It is only after the death of both characters and their reversed positions in the afterlife

that we see the real problem with the rich man. The difficulty in their relationship all those years on earth was that the rich man never saw Lazarus. It is only after death that for the first time the rich man sees Lazarus.

For the rich man, and even for ourselves, prosperity has a way of limiting our perception, of closing the shades of the distasteful, so as not to disturb our enjoyment.

We must ask ourselves, how many issues in the world today do we continue to ignore? It can be the simple things in a relationship that separate people or there can be the large scale and complex issues like climate change, global warming, pandemics, etc. Regardless of the issue, without awareness and action we are warned that when we do take notice it might be too late!

So, time to open the shades perhaps?

Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz St John the Baptist, Parnell



'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/>

