

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:

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 a 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

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-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@stbenedicts.auckland.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.

Exploring Pope Francis' Letter...
The Liturgical Formation of the People of God
Saturday 29th October
9.30am - 3pm
Rosmini College
To register:
Scan the QR code below
or contact us at
liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 16 OCTOBER 2022

St Luke tells us in today's Gospel that Jesus told this parable to teach that we should pray constantly. If we accept that we should, however, that still leaves the question "Why?". Why do we pray? It is an important question, because if we stop asking it, it is likely that we have lost interest in the answer, because we have stopped praying at all.

At its heart prayer is a statement of humility and faith. Humility, because it is an acknowledgment of lack, that we do not have what we need, and we cannot provide it for ourselves. Faith, because it is a statement that we believe the one we ask can provide it. The widow cannot have been enthusiastic about going again and again to the unjust judge. Jesus makes clear he was not a good man. Yet she did not have the justice she needed and deserved, and he was the only one who could give it to her. And so, she returns again and again. Clearly, it is something that we are prepared to do in with a mortal, sinful, human being. How much more the, should we be prepared to do this with our loving Father.

But our prayer should be more than just a longer version of the word "please." We are called not just to prayer but to prayerfulness. That is, an ongoing receptivity at all times to the active presence of the God's life in which we live and move and have our being. That prayerfulness is how Christians are to evaluate and appreciate all that happens in their life. In all matters the Christian should be prayerfully ready to turn to Christ and the Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father to guide and direct her. Every Christian by their baptismal birth-right has received the gift of counsel. Not that charismatic gift of

counselling others which some receive, but, by our adoption, the grace to be counselled by the Holy Spirit of Jesus constantly.

Our receptivity to this counselling could be enhanced or diminished. In our secular world it is all too easy for this Christian attentiveness to be attenuated. We have all allowed our Christian imagination to be secularised. We no longer talk of the graces and blessings which surround us. (Nor of the crosses we are asked to carry). We should instinctively turn to Christ's presence in all situations of life. Prayer at its most basic is an ongoing conversation with God. A loving two-way conversation if we are both humble and insistent in asking, and humble and attentive in listening.

If we allow ourselves to recognize that presence of Christ around us, we will have that constancy in prayer by which Moses, in our first reading, supported the people of Israel. And in that way we will find true triumph in our own day.

Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph



'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/>

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Exodus 17:8-13** The Israelites gain a victory over their enemies through the power of God which comes to them as a result of the prayer of Moses.

~ **Psalms 120** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

~ **2 Timothy 3:14-4:2** Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine which he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus. hardship, opposition and persecution.

~ **Luke 18:1-8** Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 35:12-14.16-19; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18;

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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 Tony Dunn
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

Volunteers needed in our Parish

We are still needing more volunteers to help with the various ministries here in our Parish. At the moment, we are VERY SHORT of **Communion Ministers, Ministers of the Sick** and are looking to train more Sacristans to help in all of our weekend Masses. Training will be provided. To find out more and to arrange a training, please contact Felina at the parish office : office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

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>

NZ Catholic - The latest edition of the NZ Catholic is for sale in church foyer. Price \$4.

Sunday 23 October is World Mission Sunday

In the Catholic Church world-wide, and the bishops are asking everyone to donate to Missio Aotearoa, which represents the Pontifical Mission Societies in New Zealand with generating spiritual, material, and financial support for those working in mission and Third World territories.

World Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence, and oppression. Everything you give to Missio Aotearoa helps missionaries continue their work. Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here: <https://missio.nz/donate/>

Learn more about this appeal here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wms2022>

G.I.F.T. Saints Dinner and Disco—29th October

5.30pm - 9pm at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden by Good Shepherd Church.

All intellectually disabled friends and support people welcome. Dress up as your favourite saint and eat, dance, and make new friends. Phone 620 9524. Cost - \$5 per person

St Francis Retreat Centre—24Hr Quietude

A short retreat 18-19 November. Friday 7pm to Saturday 7pm. \$120pp includes accommodation and food. For information and to book phone 09 6256651 or www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023

Registrations are now open for the Northland pilgrimage from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to this hikoī to learn more of our Catholic heritage. They will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. Visit

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> contact Stephen Fraser

09 360 3052 or email stephenf@cda.org.nz,

VACANCIES

Diocesan Vacancies

Catholic Social Services - Two Social Workers
For their Otara Office.

Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer

For further information and position descriptions visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

Director sought for the Catholic Enquiry Centre

The NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference is looking for a Director for the Catholic Enquiry Centre in Wellington. This is a full-time, three-year fixed term role. Applications to Maria Lucero mlucero@nzcbc.org.nz by 20 October.

More details on the NZCBC website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/director-cec/> and on Seek: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58682211>

NCRS RE Curriculum Resource Developer-Year 12

Full-time, 1-year Fixed Term for 2023. An experienced, creative, and theologically knowledgeable Secondary RE teacher to design, write and create quality educational resources to support the new Catholic RE Curriculum for Year 12 in Catholic colleges. Applications close 4th November.

Enquiries please email Colin Macleod c.macleod@ncrs.org.nz or phone 04 8198386

Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse

On Thursday 13 October, the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care began its final Hearing. This is the second Institutional Response Hearing, the first focusing on abuse of care in State agencies. The focus of the upcoming Hearing is the responses of faith-based institutions to abuse and neglect under their care. Church leaders, including those from dioceses and congregations of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and leadership of St Patrick's Silverstream, will be present at the hearing. Running for 6 days the hearing will hear from over 25 witnesses.

Representatives of the Catholic Church will be present for the extent of the hearing, with Monday 17 October being the day that Church leaders will appear. For more information visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Information-Institutional-Response-Hearing-Faith-based.pdf>

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**St Michael's, Remuera**—A book about St Michael's church is to be published in December at a cover price of \$20. See the poster and brochures in the foyer. For information contact [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz) or visit [www.remueracatholic.org.nz/guide-book](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/guide-book).

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

Benjamin Salvador, Don Valerio Fontanilla, Malu Beltran, Jack Gibbs, Alison Foss, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Angela Robinson, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Neira, Alissa Neal, Ivy Hi, 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, Joy Agon, Ana Laura Robles, Christopher Hughes, Anne Telles, Ana Denise Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Alberto Olarte, AS, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alice Swann, Ann Sayegh, Fr Andrei Centeno, Alana North, John & Rosa Williams, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Mary Bratton, Maree C, Elizabeth Beckham, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, 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 . . .*

Ernesto Manacap Tubal, John Griffen, Clemence Crummer, Demetrio C. Bolante, Von Phillippus, Cesar Budoj, Virginia Calamucha, Sylvia Worth, Josie Gillies, Alma Sands, Innes Colegrove, Kathleen Sharkey, Sharon Lim, Grant Hutchinson, Januaria Contreras, Mary Brittenden, Siaganoa Availepule, Ligaya Juarez, Cyril Breslin, Bernardo Gomez, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Joe Coleman, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Florence Gomez, Victoria Cano, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Nancy Kelly, Eric Kolhase, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Ann Foss, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Rose Blaicklok, Patricia Borg, Joseph Ang, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Des Rosser, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*