

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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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

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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.

For everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but the one who humbles themselves will be exalted.

LUKE 14: 9-14

How often do we recognise humility in others and in ourselves?
Are we more alike to the Pharisee or the tax collector in Jesus' parable?



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 23 OCTOBER 2022

Prayer

I don't know about you, but prayer is easy; it's the practice of prayer that I can find myself struggling at. Knowing that prayer characterizes the Christian experience, I can feel quite guilty because of the sporadic nature of my prayer and frustrated because my requests never seem to receive answers or results. (*I'm still waiting on the Lotto win!*) I often feel praying is reserved for a certain type of Christian that has a special aptitude for it, like those who can sing or speak in public. Many priests and ministers find it difficult to talk about prayer because they are often too aware of their shortcomings and that they have relegated prayer to a priority secondary to social or charitable activities. However, even with all these shortcomings, one never gives up! Prayer is the predominant theme in Luke's Gospel. Communion with God lies at the heart of discipleship and faith can be defined in terms of perseverance in prayer.

With the contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector we can already anticipate who is the good guy and who is the bad in this situation. The Pharisee's prayer, while in the form of thanksgiving, is really requesting God to confirm that he "is not like other people" and that his rigorous piety is exceptional. There is also an arrogance in his comparison to others that are less religious than himself. Sadly, the Pharisee never gets beyond himself in his prayer.

The key to understanding this type of prayer can be found in contrast to the prayer of the tax collector. The tax collector puts himself in a position of contrition and remorse. He stands at a distance; he cannot bring

himself to look up towards heaven and he pounds his chest in deep anguish. The tax collector is clearly aware of the divine judgement of the gap that exists between himself and God. He throws himself at the mercy God. God, in turn, accepts his prayer.

We can learn from both examples. From the Pharisee: to avoid piety that separates us from others, and arrogance from a perceived position of superiority. From the Tax Collector: offers a simple petition, that wasn't a long list of failures, from the heart he calls out "God be merciful to me".

Today is Mission Sunday. We offer our prayers and financial resources for the ongoing mission of the Church beyond our borders.

Today is also important to the people of Hungary who on the 23rd October 1956 rebelled against Communist control. My father, with many others, left their homeland for freedom. We continue to pray, in solidarity, with all refugees that they, like Dad, will find a home.

Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz

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'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

~ **Sirach 35:12-14.16-19** God shows no partiality for the rich and powerful, but listens to the humble prayer of the just and lowly.

~ **Psalm 33** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

~ **2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18** Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near. But his confidence is unshaken and his hope of the 'crown of glory' is bright.

~ **Luke 18:9-14** The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector.

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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 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 Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week at Parnell

Monday (24 Oct) Labour Day 9am
Tuesday 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 in need of volunteers for our various ministries here in the Parish. At the moment, we are **very short** of Communion Ministers, Ministers of the Sick and are looking to have more Sacristans for 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 new edition of the NZ Catholic is for sale in church foyer. Price \$4.

Organists Needed - St John the Baptist Parish in Parnell are seeking talented organists to be part of our Music Ministry. You will be playing either on the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm or the Sunday 9.30am Mass alongside our cantor from time to time. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please get in touch with the Parish Office, email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

Sacristan—Applications are called for an experienced Sacristan at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. It is 10 hours a week at the weekday Masses. The role requires a good knowledge of the Liturgy, leading Adoration, care of the Sacristy and Liturgical items, and serving with volunteer ministers. Contact Anita 027-381-4400 or anita@stpatricks.org.nz

Today is Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is celebrating our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus. We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world. Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here:

<https://missio.nz/donate/>

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 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 or visit www.remueracatholic.org.nz/guide-book

Greeting from Palestine—presented by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference

Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Taranaki's own Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa NZ early next year, but meanwhile, he is making videos for the bishops on the subject for a Kiwi audience.

You can watch the first -- Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Place; Palestinians in the Holy Land -- on YouTube here now:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S_A4kBfEU

Read more about Br Peter and the video project:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/palestine-video1/>

CDA CONNECT—The October Issue is out now at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Catholic charity Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) celebrates 10 years in New Zealand, helping vulnerable children across Latin America. Come and celebrate with us at our 10 Years Fiesta: 1pm on the 6th November at La Fuente in the CBD.

Tickets \$60. Please book here:

www.nph-nz.org/events No door sales.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd National Catechist Formation Course 19-22 January and 14-16 April 2023

At Sacred Heart Parish Centre, in Ponsonby Catechesis of the Good Shepherd uses Montessori principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to children through sensorially rich materials based on age-appropriate Scriptures and Liturgy. This national course will form adults to pass on the Catholic faith through the CGS method. For information email cgsaotearoa@gmail.com.

Lecture by Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian

Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, the St Gregory the Illuminator parish of Armenian Apostolic Church and the Ecumenical Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland invite you to the lecture of the Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian, Archbishop for Australia and New Zealand of the Armenian Apostolic Church. 7 pm Monday, 31 October in Bishop Selwyn Chapel at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Archbishop Najarian will speak about the Armenian Church and her place in the Christian family, as well as her role in the shaping of the Armenian nation. Light refreshments will follow the lecture. Registrations essential before 25 October to help with catering.

Email ivica@holy-trinity.org.nz .

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

Craig B, 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, Anne Telles, Christopher Hughes, Ana Denisse 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 . . .

Tom Keane, Eileen Keane, Tony Wu, Mabel Thomson, Von Phillips, Conrad Saldanha, Brian Philipps, Ester Rian, Henryk Wolk, Isabel Rodriguez, John Pakistan, Fr John Airey CSsR, Fr John Berry, Denham Shale, Paul Austin, Eulalio Daguman, Billy Plumb, Rosa Romualdez, Mario Samala, Faustino Calvelo, Bill Mudgway, James O'Grady, Violet Sinkovich, Trinidad Antolin, Eileen O'Brien, John Geddes, Jo Walsh, June Courtney, Luke Tipene, Brian Claney, Tarun Asantha, Campbell Adams, Paul Gallagher, Janis Coleman, Carolina Noionha, Ann Marian, Carmel McCarthy, Cheekeong, Pat Insley, Mary Conning, Shirley Loretz, Shaun McKay, Terence Abreo, Rosann Laird, I Antoniraj, Rosemary Mohi, Jim Waldron, Dallys Horne, John Gordon, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cuneen, Jim Butterworth, Leonard Lanigan, Monthi Fernandes, Margaret Chapman, Dan McCarthy, Jillian Paterson, Fr Michael O'Hara, Steve Noonan, Margaret McLean, Maria do Carmo Noronha, Jose Tlentino, Dorothy Bowerman, Phyliss Bloomfield . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*