

CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH SUNDAY MASSES

8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm, 7 pm

Children's Liturgy at 8 am, 11 am & 4.30 pm
Tertiary Mass third Sunday of the month 7 pm.

Diocesan Youth Mass last Sunday
of the month 7 pm.

WEEKDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mass Monday-Friday: 7.00 am & 12.15 pm

Saturdays & **Public Holidays**: 8.30 am

Rosary to follow.

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www.facebook.com/akcym

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ST BENEDICT'S, NEWTON

1 St Benedict's Street (off Upper Queen St)

Parish Priest ~ Monsignor Paul Farmer

Secretary ~ Catherine van Veen

Tel 379 0624 stbenedicts@xtra.co.nz

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6 pm

Sunday 9.30am (with children's liturgy) & **5.30pm**

Mass in Spanish: 12 pm 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month.

Mass in Tongan: 12 pm 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mass in Indonesian: 12 pm 4th Sunday of the month.

WEEKDAYS AT ST BENEDICT'S

Monday: 12.10pm Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion

Tuesday- Friday 12.10pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PARNELL

244 Parnell Rd

Parish Priest ~ Fr Chris Denham

Presbytery 300 6372

Secretary ~ Felina Soldevilla

office@parnellcatholic.org.nz ~ 373 3132

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm

& Sunday 7am & 9.30am

Monday to Friday 12.10 pm.

Saturdays & Public holidays 9 am.

ST PETER'S, WAIHEKE ISLAND

Sunday Masses ~ Saturday Vigil:

5 pm, Sunday 9.15 am

Liaison ~ Christine 09 372 3581

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral ~ Weekdays

11.30 am - 12.10 pm (except Public Holidays)

St Benedict's ~ Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm

St John's Parnell ~ Saturday 9.30 am

CATHOLIC STUDENT CHAPLAINCY

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www.thechaplains.org.nz 303 3852:

Fr Chris Denham-frchris@cda.org.nz or ph 021 932366

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St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 815 6122

The Square Gift Shop: 365 1693

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PARNELL, AUCKLAND



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CATHEDRAL OF

ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH

43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 15 DECEMBER 2019

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice."

Rose vestments are worn on this Sunday, to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Only 10 days until Christmas. Less than two weeks is another way of saying it. Either way, it's not long to wait. That's why this Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes on the 'joy' which should be in our hearts because the birth of our Saviour is close at hand.

The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing close when the Lord comes again to human souls as once he came to Bethlehem. We are the spiritual Bethlehem's, where Jesus is born anew, again and again, he Journeys once more over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he encounters on His way souls that are lost to earthly vanities, and souls that have strayed away from him.

We see the practical reason for the Church crying out to our soul: *"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the wilderness His paths, then shall you see the salvation of God!"* Despite our self-praised progress in our world, it's evident that real joy is missing from our modern life. In such a desert we look to Christ. Only He can bring light to the darkness of our minds, deliver and forgive us and say to us who lose hope, 'Take courage.'

The truth is that there has always been a wide variety of opinions about how God acts in and through creation, about, who he is.

In today's Gospel we find John the Baptist shut in a prison – full of shadows and forebodings. The Messiah whom he believed he recognized, does not behave like a sovereign judge.

Nor does he act as the unrelenting executor of God's judgement against sinners.

Confused and helpless, John sends to Jesus to enquire: *"Are you really the Messiah whom we await – you who are non-violent, forbearing and forgiving?"*

This question echoes down the centuries and challenges us today more than ever, faced as we are with God's silence and passivity before our own de-Christianised society. We expect answers from the gospel, but instead the gospel seems to pose us further questions!

Where we expected to find ready-made solutions, we find instead an invitation to formulate our own. We expect to find miracles only to find the gospel following nature's process of slow germination.

We find it difficult to admit that Christianity is a matter of liberty and love –hence a matter of faith and risk.

Like John, we need to enter into our spirit and recognize the real face of God in the countenance of Jesus Christ – *"the humble and merciful deliverer."*

Blessings ~ Fr George Carlos SDB



Feed a Family Christmas Appeal 2019

"Feed a Family", is an initiative by St Vincent de Paul to support families who are struggling to put food on the table during the Christmas Season.

It is an opportunity for you to connect with a family, and really make a difference.

You can donate through Internet Banking to Society of St Vincent de Paul Auckland.

ASB Bank 12-3017-0500224-00. Reference

Fields: Your name and the words "FeedAFamily". Or visit svdpak.org.nz. For a tax receipt email auckland@stvincies.co.nz with your details.

St Patrick's Square Bollards have arrived!!!!

*** Please note that the Square is owned by Auckland Council and NOT the Church. ***

It is designated a *pedestrian mall* and parking is not permitted.

Cars parked illegally may be fined or towed by city parking wardens.

Spaces on either side of the Cathedral doors must be kept clear for the disabled.

\$4 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at WILSON CAR PARK HOBSON ST

(old Farmers) and **\$2 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at WILSON CAR PARK**

DURHAM LANE. Your ticket must be validated in the Cathedral before returning to Wilson's. The validator is at the left as you enter the main doors of the Cathedral. As soon as the light turns RED withdraw your card! When you return to Wilson's go to the payment machine.

It helps to have **TWO DOLLAR COINS** ready for payment to exit.

TOILETS : Liston Hall toilets open 30 minutes before and after Cathedral services only.

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 35:1-6.10** God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.

~ **Psalm 145** Lord, come and save us.

~ **James 5:7-10** St James urges us to be patient with one another,
and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

~ **Gospel Matthew 11:2-11** We see Jesus at work, and hear his words of praise
for his imprisoned cousin, John.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

This week at the Cathedral

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday at 7 am & 12.15 pm

Adoration—Monday to Friday 11 am-12 pm.

Reconciliation—Monday to Friday 11.30 am
to 12.10 pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting -Wednesdays at
6pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

Friday Rosary

5.15 pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

Marian Movement of Priests—with Fr George
Friday 6:30pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

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HELP! Ministers for Christmas/New Year Masses

All Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers &

Greeters are **URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES.** Come join us
to welcome visitors and parishioners to rejoice in
the birth of our Saviour and welcome in the New
Year. The Roster is in the Sacristy to sign your
name up. New ministers welcome. Contact Anita
anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 303-4509x211.

Office Closed—the Cathedral Office will be closed
from 24 December to 20 January 2020.

Please note that the Parish email address
info@stpatricks.org.nz will only be monitored
intermittently during this period and non-urgent
emails will be responded to the week
beginning Monday 20 January.

The Loud Fences Movement

The Cathedral as the Mother Church of the
Auckland Diocese, supports and honours the
victims of sexual abuse especially within the
Catholic Church, by the tying of ribbons to
our street fence.

We acknowledge the pain and suffering that has
been caused and pray for justice, healing and
reconciliation for all victims of abuse.

If you would like to show your support please
feel free to take a ribbon and tie it to our
Wyndham Street fence.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Tuesday 24th December

5 pm ~ Children's Vigil Mass

*(Children are encouraged to come dressed
as angels or shepherds).*

8 pm ~ Vigil Mass

11 pm ~ Service of Readings & Carols
followed by mass at Midnight 12 am.
Be early to get a seat!

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8 am, 11 am & 4.30 pm

(Please note there is NO 7 pm Mass).

Thursday 26 December

Feast of St Stephen 8.30 am only.

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th December

8.30 am only.

Sunday 29th December

8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm, 7 pm.

Monday 30th December ~ 8.30 am only.

Tuesday 31st December 2019 ~ 8.30 am Mass.

11 pm New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Wednesday 1st January 2020

New Year's Day Mass ~ Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God 8.30 am only.

Thursday 2nd January to Saturday

4th January 2020 ~ Mass is at 8.30 am only.
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Wood Carvings For Sale at the Cathedral

Sunday 15 December Today— Jiries and Marcelle

Giacaman, are selling their beautiful liturgical
wood carvings at the Cathedral after the 8 am,
11 am & 4.30 pm Masses today.

Reusable Eco-Bags Stall Today—They were very
popular at the Fair so be in quick so you don't
miss out on finding that last minute perfect gift.
After the 8 am, 11 am & 4.30 pm Masses today.

Children's Sacramental Programme 2020

Enrolments are open for children preparing for
the Sacraments of Initiation: Reconciliation,
Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

Enrolment forms are in the foyer of the Cathedral
or email Anita anita@stpatricks.org.nz.



Pushpay.

Living cashless? The Cathedral is now on Pushpay!

A 10 second giving app. Go to your app store to download the Pushpay app,
register, in the search button put St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, click and give!

Tax deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address.

Your weekly gifts enable liturgy, worship and the care of our priests. Thank you!

Tap and Go at the Cathedral

You can make an automatic donation of \$5 with
your credit or debit card by tapping it on the Tap
and Go module located on the wooden stand by
the main entrance of the Cathedral.

We thank you for your support.

Christmas Eve Buffet Dinner

RYDGES
HOTELS - RESORTS

Our friends at the Rydges Hotel on Federal Street
are once again having their sumptuous buffet
dinner from 6 pm to 9.30 pm on Christmas Eve for
\$55. They will donate \$5 for every booking to
the Cathedral Presbytery Restoration Appeal.
Bookings are essential. To see the menu pick up a
brochure from the back of the church.

You can phone 375 5919 or email
vince_patena@evt.com to book.

Totara Point Mass

An invitation to the 182nd anniversary of the
First Mass celebrated at Totara Point in the
Hokianga on 13th January 1838.
January 12th 2020 at 11am Mass at Totara Point,
followed by a shared picnic lunch.

Please email tamatea.motuti@xtra.co.nz

for more information.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Outreach – for people 18-30s - For more
information contact Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

RITE II Reconciliation

In preparation for Christmas we encourage you to
participate in this sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Tuesday 17 December, 7pm
- at St John the Baptist.
- Wednesday 18 December 7.30pm
- at Sacred Heart, Ponsonby.

Santo Nino 2020 at the Cathedral

Nine Days of Novena Masses in devotion
to the Holy Child Jesus (Senor Santo Nino).
10th -18th January 2020 from 6.45 pm
at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph.
Validated parking will be available at the
Wilson's car parks on Hobson Street
and Durham Lane.

19 January 2020, Santo Nino concludes at
the North Shore Events Centre at 9.30 am
with the procession & 10.30 am the Mass.
All are welcome! For more information phone
Oscar 027 5701139 or Miriam 027 4875 428.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

Available in the main foyer for \$4

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

June Yuong, Margaret Everett, Elizabeth Beckham, Dolly P, Kanawhat (Pui) Cheevachit, Yaroslav Khmel,
Ann Sayegh, Steve Mascarenhas, Alice Swann, Patricia Devereaux, Guozhi Wang, Chris Dwyer, Linus Broughton,
Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Michael Wong, Sepi Fe'ao, Patricia Wright, Maurice Robinson, Alana North,
Ben Hunt, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Kirei Tua, Gavin Alexander, Yuliang Liu, Ivy Hi, Mary Bratton,
Julie Nicholls, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Tom Keane,
Linda Mole, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thils Vern, Brendan McFadden, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, BC,
Rosily Chacko, Marie Mole, Buntty Hart, Bronwyn Ryan, Nicholas James, AS, Maree C, Judy Hanna,
Pamela Vincent, Neira, Luigi Rocca, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Anne Telles, Jon Manson, J. Harrington,
Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Frank Van Nieuwerker, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Neoline Levick, Jane Ireland,
Maria Martho, Jin Shu Qin, Ellie Blackwell, Jill Hopgood-Luyters, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, Martin Harriman,
Sheila Birnie, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Baden McPherson,
Peggy Bell-Booth, Shannon Kavanagh, John & Gloria Gillespie.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .

Grace Millane, Mary Jury, Peter Schoeman, Yasmin Ryan, Catriona Jackson, Ivan Selak, Wim Van Het Bolscher,
Maria Baek, Kasanita Peauafi Bell-Booth, Betty Walsh, Doug Brebner, Rolando Lagman, Barry Young,
Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier, Nancy Wackrow, Dorothy Chatterley, Jim McKay, Msgr Pat O'Corr, Henning
Petersen, Fr George Duggan SM, Betty White, Vincent Buonanno, Joachim Kim, Alexander Lee, Lance Christian,
Mary Kearns, Chris Hughes, Rosemary Weatherstone, Br Sean Hanaray FMS, John Fabling, Msgr Paul Cronin,
Mary Henley, Janine Haywood, Peggy Griffiths, Cornelius Bakker, Frederick (Buster) Bell-Booth, Julita Binuya,
John Shea, Milagros Logarta, Doris Myers, Ella Swanson, Don Thompson. . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*