



# CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH

## NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 SEPTEMBER 2020

### Pastor's Note

The gospel this Sunday brings to mind the commonly used phrase, "It's just not fair". Just imagine an employer pays all his workers the same salary whether they began work at six or nine, or twelve or three or five. And he justifies his salary system with a questionable principle:

"Am I not allowed to choose with what belongs to me?" (Matt: 20:15)

This parable takes us to those events and places in our lives when we just want to cry out: "It's just not fair!" The parable takes us back to our childhood when our brothers and sisters seemed to get a bigger piece of the cake, or a nicer bike, or a better deal than we did. The parable can remind us of those times that we were left on the side, or we weren't chosen. There are many occasions in our lives when we feel cheated and we want to scream: "It's just not fair!" Jesus first told this parable because people, especially good people, especially religious people were complaining to him that: "It's just not fair!" The faithful were often scandalized that Jesus was so open and that he was so accepting of the rag tags of his day. People like the tax-collectors, the prostitutes, and the new comers to God's reign.

The ever-so-good people thought that somehow religion was a matter of reward. Jesus' response to this kind of attitude was a very definite NO! For Jesus religion was not a matter of reward. Religion was about rejoicing in the fact that ALL are invited to the kingdom, where the first as well as the last, the faithful as well as the sinners, the old-timers as well as the new-comers will all be welcome. Jesus told this parable to the people of his day, who just like us, often think and feel that our faith, that our religion can be measured by our ways. We're being reminded that faith can only be measured by God's ways, because God is more generous and more loving and forgiving than our tiny little minds could ever imagine.

Well what about us living twenty centuries after this parable was first spun? What significance can the Parable of the Good Employer have on our lives? In our popular kiwi-culture aren't there a great deal of attitudes that are widespread? Attitudes like this, "You get what you deserve", or "nothing comes free", or "if you want money then work for it", or "if you want mercy, you have to deserve it". Today's parable is challenging us to look at justice through God's eyes. The justice of which God speaks is not textbook justice. The justice of God says: Give to each man, woman and child what is due to each. Give to each what they have a right to demand, because he or she is a human being.

Open your hearts to this parable, let the spirit loose and you might just be lost in wonder at how good and just God really is.

*Blessings ~ Msgr Paul Farmer*

### Liturgy of the Word

~ Isaiah 55:6-9 As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.

~ Psalm 144 The Lord is near to all who call him.

~ Philippians 1:20-24.27 Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death and longing for complete union with Christ.

~ Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 This is a story about the generosity of God, which soars above human standards.

**Next Week's readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 2:28-32**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

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

John Lee, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Patricia Devereaux, Brian Murphy, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Sue Bedford, PT, Graeme Owens, Joe Raymond, Ben Hunt, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, AS, Fr Martin Bugler, Royston Beckham, Sepi Fe'ao, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Terry Hodge, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Philip Handforth, Fr Andrei Centeno, Margaret Everett, Elizabeth Beckham, Dolly P, Alana North, Steve Mascarenhas, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Kanawhat (Pui) Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Yaroslav Khmel, Linus Broughton, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Michael Wong, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Kirei Tua, Maree C, Rosily Chacko, Bonifacio Sanches, Michael Swann, Gavin Alexander, Mary Bratton, Julie Nicholls, Joy Agon, Chonusi William, Bunt Hart, Eric & Rachel Smith, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Tom Keane, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Thils Vern, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, BC, Jon Manson, Anne Telles, Bronwyn Ryan, Nicholas James, Judy Hanna, Maria Martho, Pamela Vincent, Sheila Birnie, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Frank Van Nieuwerkerk, Rosa Santos, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jane Ireland, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Teana Jones, Rosita Galarg, Martin Harriman, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, John & Gloria Gillespie.

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

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, Joan Tibbles, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Joe Coleman, Florence Gomez, 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, 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, Bonifacio Sanchez, Sharon Lim . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

## LEVEL 2 AT THE CATHEDRAL

With Auckland remaining in Level 2.5 and limiting of numbers to 10, means the Cathedral will remain closed. We await to hear the update this Monday 21 September when hopefully the numbers allowed for gatherings will be increased.

**Reconciliation will be by appointment only**—please email Fr Tony [tony@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:tony@stpatricks.org.nz) or phone the office 303 4509 to arrange a time. We ask that those coming to Reconciliation wear a face mask or some form of facial covering.

**Sunday Mass on TV**—Sunday Mass continues to be broadcast at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. This week's Mass comes from the Cathedral and is celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland.

**Breaking Open the Gospel**—a daily reflection on the Gospel continues. Visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/) and YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow?view_as=subscriber).

**The Cathedral Office**—is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm with restricted access. Please call ahead if you are wanting to come up to the office 09 303 4509 or email [info@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz).

**Ministry Workshops**—To prepare for our return to full Mass, we will be offering mini-workshops to interested parishioners for the following ministries: Readers, Children's Liturgy, Eucharistic Ministry  
Contact Anita [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) or 027-381-4400 to enrol.

**The Church at Home**—This is a time when the Domestic Church is so important. Why not visit the our own Family Life Page on our website where Anita has put together a number of resources for all. Go to <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/family-life-our-domestic-churches/>.

**RCIA Programme for Adults**—This is for adults exploring the Catholic faith. Classes begin in September. For further information regarding all Programmes at the Cathedral, contact [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz).

**Cathedral Spotify Page**—our Acting Director of Music Nicholas Forbes creates a weekly Spotify Music list for each of our Sunday Masses. You can listen for free at [https://open.spotify.com/playlist/71ypgFo03eQi6exUyCZtG1?si=hZ36Sj7mSPKZ\\_1dweyT50g](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/71ypgFo03eQi6exUyCZtG1?si=hZ36Sj7mSPKZ_1dweyT50g)

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**NZ Catholic** - the latest edition is available for free at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>

**Conference 2020 Postponed to 2021 - Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy & Life**—Those who have paid their registration will receive a full refund.

**DIGITAL SERIES** - Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October there will be a series of DIGITAL PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE presenters. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

## CATHEDRAL ANNUAL APPEAL TODAY

Today is our annual Cathedral appeal.

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and Aotearoa New Zealand. We strive to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre.

Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs. Donations can be made via your planned giving envelope or a direct credit can be made to St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05 with contact details emailed to [frances@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:frances@stpatricks.org.nz) for a tax receipt.

**The NZ Catholic Bishops' 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti** - is available at [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf)

## Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

## Live-streamed Forum on Euthanasia with Dr John Kleinsman

Learn more about what you are voting on as Dr John Kleinsman, Chair of the Care Alliance, unpacks the End of Life Choice Act.

Live-streamed presentation: Tuesday 22 September at 7 pm  
Care Alliance Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/>. Authorised by Sinead Donnelly, Care Alliance, 15 Guildford Terrace, Wellington.

## "Season of Creation" - 1 September to 4 October

It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together.

As Pope Francis reminds us:

*Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. (Laudato Si' #12).*



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CREATION

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