



# CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

### Pastor's Note

Spring is officially upon us, and as you go out on our walks, you will start to see the first signs of spring in the vegetation around you. Several of our plants around the presbytery are starting to bud and come into flower, and we hope that some of these flowers will bear fruit like they did last season. These flowers and the fruit that follows are clear signs of the health of the plant. When it comes to us as humans, we can also ascertain the health of a person in what they say and do.

A healthy person can do things that those who are injured or are sick are unable to do. We are also able to recognise the goodness in others and this goodness attracts us. These goodhearted people attract us and it is natural for us want to be around them and ultimately, we want to be their friends. St James, in this Sunday's second reading, encapsulates the origin of this attractive goodness. He also makes a clear link between faith in God and external words and actions that are good and attractive.

St James ultimately tells us that the good deeds that we do are the evidence of the gift of faith that has been given to us by God. The phrase "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17) is a strong statement. It conveys a reality, that belief must lead to action. Therefore, someone who really believes in a certain way of life would then conform their life in accordance with that belief. For example, someone who comes to the realisation that family relationships are essential for a balanced and fulfilled life would spend energy and resources to achieve this. They would take time out of their day to get in contact with different family members, they would make sure that they would be able to attend family reunions (lockdown levels permitting). Living out the principles that they hold dear would change them, they would be formed and transformed by this and people looking from the outside would be able to see that they clearly prioritise their family relationships. Essentially, people would be able to clearly identify that they would be practicing what they preached.

This practical example also works when it is translated to the spiritual life. When we have faith, it makes demands of us, it governs how we will talk and how we will act. These are the "works" that St James refers to, when we keep alive our life of faith it will manifest in visible works. When we live by faith, we will desire good outcomes for ourselves and for others, we will want other people to share in the good things that we already have. We will desire that all have access to the essentials of life, for example, food, water, clothing, and housing. However, the ultimate good that we as Christians possess is that bond, that relationship with God, that we have by virtue of our baptism. This ultimate good that we possess also needs to be shared, it is a scary thing to think about sharing something that is so personal. Even if it is intimidating, it is important to bear witness to the good that Jesus has worked in your life, to share with others the fruit of your faith in Christ. This is faith in action, and when you choose to share this aspect of your life it is a sharing of the good works that God has manifested in your life and ultimately is a compelling witness to the faith that you have.

*God Bless ~ Fr Tony King-Archer*

### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 50:5-9** The just person is sustained in all their trials by the firm belief that God is with them.

~ **Psalm 114** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

~ **James 2:14-18** Faith without good works is dead.

~ **Mark 8:27-35** Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.

**Next Week's readings: Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

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:*

**Maura Just, Allisa Neal, Malu Beltran, Frank Guzzo, Avelino Tibudan, Natalie Keane, Aaron Ablan, Rosario Navarro, Jenny Fewtrell, Lucas Arnet, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Teresa Gudex, Ben Hunt, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Emy Calma, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alice Swann, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, BC, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Kirei Tua, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Maurice Robinson, AS, Michael Wong, Maree C, Kanawhat Cheevachit, Dolly P, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Sue Wynne Davis, Neira, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Patricia Wright, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Judy Hanna, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Teana Jones, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Nicholas James, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Frank Van Nieukerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Jill Hopgood-Luyfers, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.**

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

**Isabella Alexandra, Ramon Preeda, Elizabeth Hales, Msgr Pat Ward, Myra Crawford, Maurice Churton, Barbara Bato, Dermot O'Leary, Fr Des Moosman, Ethel Marshall, Mary Herbert, Patricia Yambao, Reynaldo Yambao, Justyn Bianzon, Lenny Hidalgo, Ruby Holland, Maria Boles, Kath Allen, Carmel Jefferies, Brian Raju, Don Crawford, Aisla Duffy, Joann Swartz, Aisling Cooke, Juanita Banzon, Esther Gill, Jean Mullan, Ivan Main, Brendan Schollum, Dianne Mollooy, George Fisher, Michael O'Reilly, Wayne Hotton, Lani Sinawari, Eng Hoc Ong, Apolinario Castano, Sheila Bamford, Kees van Hassel, Ira Divinagracia, Dorothy James, Ray Buisson, Moira Bryant, Cathy Sheehan, Julie Keesling, Emma Gill, Dorothy Jones, Bruce Sherlock, Joe Paraiso, Marie Early, Mark Gleeson**

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*

#### LEVEL 4 AT THE CATHEDRAL

With Auckland remaining in Level 4 the Cathedral and Cathedral Office will remain closed.

Please keep an eye on the Cathedral website and Facebook page for any further updates.

**The Cathedral Office**—is open remotely Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Please email [info@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz). For any urgent matters or concerns during this period, you may contact Fr Chris directly on 021 932 366.

#### Mass Intentions

Our priests are saying Mass daily—if you have any Mass intentions please email [frchris@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:frchris@stpatricks.org.nz) or [tony@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:tony@stpatricks.org.nz) or Fr James [padre@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:padre@stpatricks.org.nz)

#### Sunday Mass Livestreamed from the Cathedral

Our priests will be livestreaming Mass from the Cathedral 11 am Sundays on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksnz/>

**Sunday Mass on TV**—continues to be broadcast at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. Or you can watch online from Sunday morning at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic/playlists>

**The Church at Home**—This is a time when the Domestic Church is so important. Why not visit the **Family Life Page** on our website where Anita has put together a number of resources for all. Included is a downloadable PDF with links to some activities by other parish communities that you maybe interested in. Go to <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/family-life-our-domestic-churches/>.

**Resources in times of Lockdown** - The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

**On-line Rosary** - 8.30 am daily with the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Email [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join.

#### Lectio Divina— reflecting on the daily Gospel readings

Fr James is leading an introduction to this method of prayer, reflecting on the daily Gospel readings. All are welcome. Please email [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join.

**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/0J0zlb7QYYQmZIXpDzm9I9?si=0c2d5f9b3e064ef1>

**Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day** - Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives and this situation on the Diocesan YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic/playlists>

**Chief Financial Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Fantastic leadership role available. Become a trusted advisor and lead the strategic and operational financial functions of one of New Zealand's oldest and largest religious organisations. Applications close 5pm 13 September.

**To view the position description, please visit the Diocesan website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.**

#### ONLINE EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Movie Night – My Sister's Keeper

7 pm Friday 10 September

Grab some popcorn and end the week with a movie night! The Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy will be watching My Sister's Keeper, followed by some discussion about the film. <https://www.facebook.com/TheChaplains>

#### Light of Hope - Online concert with Fr. Chris Skinner

7 pm Saturday 11 September 7pm

An evening of spirit-filled worship, led by the fantastic Fr. Chris Skinner. Video available on Bishop Pat's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick>

#### CYAC Vocations Series: A Journey to the Priesthood

6.15 pm Monday 13 September

The Catholic Young Adults Community continues their Vocations Series with newly-ordained, Fr. Isaac Fransen, share about his personal journey towards priesthood. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1298302237259435>

#### Livin' in Lockdown #4 - Mental Health

Wednesday 15/09, 7pm

Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth & young adults on Facebook Live. This week's topic is mental health. <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

**Information about other events and resources can be found on the Cathedral Website's Family Life Page**

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**NZ Catholic** - the latest free digital edition is now available for everyone at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/25f770ac-5f43-4534-abc8-db3a6d9c451e>

#### Social Justice Week - 12 to 18 September

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue.

The theme this year will highlight the Beatitudes and is "A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church" "He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu: Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi."

This theme on encounter and community was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti (2020).

#### Season of Creation - September 1 – October 4

This year the global Christian family will participate in initiatives of **prayer, sustainability, and advocacy to care for our common home**. This year's Season of Creation symbol is **Abraham's tent**. It expresses the ecumenical call of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and non-human in the household (oikos) of God.

Further information, prayers and other liturgy resources can be found at **Justice & Peace - Catholic Diocese of Auckland ([aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz)) at the Environment & Sustainability tab.**

#### St Vincent de Paul Needs Help

Our friends at St Vincent de Paul need donations to continue their work in the wider Auckland You can donate by visiting their Give A Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinniesauckland>. Or with online banking—Bank Account Details Name: Soc of St Vincent De Paul Ak Account Number: 12-3017-0500224-00; Reference: Covid-19 For a tax receipt & enquiries email [auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvinnies.co.nz).

**If you require assistance with a food parcel you can phone them on 0800 680 090.**

#### Living cashless? The Cathedral is 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 receipts are issued as soon as possible after 31 March each year.

