

**CATHEDRAL OF
ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH**

SUNDAY MASSES

8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm & 7 pm

WEEKDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mass Monday-Friday: 7.00 am & 12.15 pm
Saturdays & Public Holidays: 8.30 am

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General Enquires email auckland@stvincies.co.nz

Food Bank email foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

THE SQUARE GIFT STORE (Catholic Shop)

Email info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz

Phone 09 365 1693

<https://www.thesquaregiftstore.co.nz>

ST BENEDICT'S, NEWTON

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

Parish Priest ~ Fr Gilbert Ramos

Secretary ~ Catherine van Veen & Miranda Wagg

Phone 09 379 0624 office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
& Sunday 9.30am**

Filipino ACFC: (every Sunday) 11:30 am

Tongan Mass: 1.30pm 3rd Sunday of the month.

Indonesian Mass: 1.30pm 4th Sunday of the month.

WEEKDAYS AT ST BENEDICT'S

Wednesday - Friday 12.10pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PARNELL

244 Parnell Rd

Parish Priest ~ Fr Stephen Berecz

Presbytery 300 6372

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office@parnellcatholic.org.nz ~ 373 3132

**Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm
& Sunday 9.30am**

Saturdays & Public holidays 9 am.

ST PETER'S, WAIHEKE ISLAND

Masses Saturday Vigil 5 pm & Sunday 9.15 am

Liaison ~ Christine 09 372 3581

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral ~ Weekdays 11.15 am-12.10 pm

St Benedict's ~ Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm

St John's Parnell ~ Saturdays 9.30 am

**DIOCESAN YOUTH
& YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

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www.instagram.com/acym2

Contact Sam Brebner

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CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

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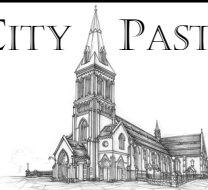
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244 PARNELL ROAD
PARNELL, AUCKLAND



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1 ST BENEDICT'S ST
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43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

This week's Gospel presents a powerful lesson on forgiveness and the profound impact it can have on our lives. In this passage, Peter approaches Jesus and asks how many times he should forgive someone who sins against him—suggesting the possibility of forgiving up to seven times. However, Jesus responds with the parable of the unforgiving servant, conveying a message that transcends mere numbers.

The parable revolves around a servant who owes an enormous debt to his master. The master, moved by compassion, forgives the servant's debt entirely. Yet, the same servant, upon encountering a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller debt, mercilessly demands repayment, and shows no mercy. When the master learns of this, he retracts his forgiveness and punishes the servant for his lack of compassion.

This passage invites us to reflect on the nature of forgiveness and its implications for our own lives. Peter's question about forgiving seven times reflects a common human tendency to quantify and limit our forgiveness. However, Jesus' response challenges us to embrace a limitless, unconditional forgiveness—one that mirrors God's forgiveness toward us. The parable's central message is clear: if we have received God's abundant forgiveness, we should extend the same grace to others without hesitation.

The parable's unforgiving servant highlights

the danger of harbouring resentment and refusing to forgive. By juxtaposing the servant's actions with the master's response, the parable emphasizes the stark contrast between the divine forgiveness we receive and the human forgiveness we are called to extend. This contrast serves as a poignant reminder of our responsibility to reflect God's love and forgiveness in our interactions with others.

Furthermore, the parable underscores the interconnectedness of forgiveness and humility. Just as the servant's pride led to his downfall, a lack of humility can hinder our ability to forgive. True forgiveness requires us to set aside our ego, acknowledge our own imperfections, and approach others with a compassionate heart.

In a world often marked by conflicts and grievances, the Gospel today provides a timeless lesson on the transformative power of forgiveness. It challenges us to break the cycle of bitterness and animosity, fostering healing and reconciliation instead. As we ponder this passage, we are encouraged to examine our own attitudes toward forgiveness and to strive for the kind of grace-filled interactions that reflect our divine calling. Ultimately, this reflection prompts us to embrace a spirit of boundless forgiveness, just as we have been forgiven by our Creator.

Fr Stephen Berecz

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

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

WILSON CAR PARK HOBSON ST: \$4.50 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at using the **ParkMate App ONLY!** Please download and familiarise yourself with the App where possible. The Promo Code **STPATS** must be selected for the \$4.50 discount.

WILSON CAR PARK City Centre/Durham Lane: SUNDAY MASS PARKING validated parking rate has increased to \$3. 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 Durham Lane go to the payment machine.

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 Anita Hudson phone 09 303-4509 x205, 027-381-4400 or anita@stpatricks.org.nz. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards

0800-114-662. You may also contact the police 111.



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Liturgy of the Word

~ **Ecclesus 27:30-28:7** In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us, we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

~ **Psalm 102** The Lord is Kind and Merciful, slow to anger rich in mercy.

~ **Romans 14:7-9** The existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.

~ **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-30** We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

Next :Week's readings: Isaiah. 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philipians. 1:20-24,27; Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

This Week at the Cathedral

Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7 am & 12 pm

Saturday 8.30 am

Sunday 8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm & 7 pm

Reconciliation—Monday to Friday 11.15 am to 12.10 pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel

Rosary at the Cathedral

Monday to Friday after 7 am Mass

Friday Rosary 5.15 pm

Saturday & Public Holidays after 8.30 am Mass.

Marian Movement of Priests (MMP)

Saturdays 9.30-10am in the Cathedral's St Peter Chanel Chapel. Adoration, Rosary and Cenacle.

All welcome. Contact Fr Glen for further information frglen@stpatricks.org.nz

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11am Mass, 3-7years and 8-12 years. Parents welcome to join their children. We recommend families sit close to the front so children can easily return to their seats.

Ministries at the Cathedral—We have a great team of rostered ministers at each Mass, and we encourage you to join us. Children's Liturgy, Cantors, Sacristans, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers.

Also behind the scenes service.

Ministry descriptions are on our App.

Full training and support given. Enquiries anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 303-4509 x205

Sacramental programmes 2023

RCIA programme – for adults considering becoming Catholic.

RCIC programme – for children 8-12 years looking for Catholic baptism. Sunday morning classes starting soon.

RCIT programme – 14-18 year olds seeking to become Catholic.

All enquiries contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 027-381-4400.

Cathedral Fathers' Prayer Group

Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm fortnightly in the Cathedral's St Peter Chanel chapel. A small group of fathers who get together on their way home from work for bible reflection and to pray for their families. All new members welcome.

Contact Michael Hart 021-965-482 or email michaelh@nzchl.com

Cathedral Office Hours in September

While the parish secretary is away on leave in September, the office will be open:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday from 9 am to 1 pm,

Wednesday from 9 am to 2 pm.

The office will be closed Thursdays.

Daylight Saving starts next Sunday

Let's continue through Ordinary Time

But remember Saturday night 23 September we turn our clocks **FORWARD 1 HOUR** for Daylight saving.

The Season of Creation A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation we pray: that we "heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice." Pope Francis

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue. The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a **Liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation**. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe. Wednesday | 25 October 7.30 pm Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

St Joseph's Catholic School, Onehunga

Celebrating 175 Years

An invitation to past pupils, Staff members or BoT members. Celebrations for 175th Anniversary are Friday 27th to Sunday 29 October 2023.

To register your interest email Melanie Duarte mduarte@sis.school.nz

Important Notice for visitors to the Cathedral

The cathedral toilets will be out of action for the next 10 days as they undergo repairs.

As a result of a proposed protest that will be held in St Patricks Square on **Wednesday 20 September** there will be no 12.15pm mass that day and the cathedral will be closed in the middle of the day during the protest.

Invitation to the Episcopal Ordination

of Rev John Adams—The diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to formally announce Saturday 30 September 2023, for the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Reverend John Adams as Bishop of Palmerston North to which all are cordially invited. A live stream of the ordination will be found at www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Women in the Bible - The Book of Esther with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back!

At Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th October.

If you want to be involved in the organising/ volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.

The Agapé Community

Meets every Wednesday between 6:30 and 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Hall, Vermont Street, Ponsonby. With fellowship and pizza at the Ponsonby food court to follow.

For enquiries phone or text Paul 022 500 9459 or email pobrownepppob@gmail.com.

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starting September 25.

"With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable."

To learn more about the programmes, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

NZ Catholic—The latest edition is available in the Cathedral foyer for \$4.

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

Rita Lopez, Wayne Barden, Joy Mitchell, Lyn Sparks, Ian Werder, Maryke Lind, Paul Mulderry, Louise Collins, Judy Hanna, Neira, Thilsi Vern, Ivy Hi, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran, Vivien Emery, Gil Melling, Teresa Gudex, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Ben Hunt, Angela Robinson, Anne Telles, Kirei Tua, Maurice Robinson, Maura Just, Aaron Ablan, Alice Swann, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, John Sullivan, Jyon Agon, Lynn Welsh, Samira & Raj, James L. Cu, Linda Mole, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Brian Murphy, Christopher Hughes, BC, Ana Manjarrez, Sue Bedford, Joe Raymond, Dawn Rocca, Royston Beckham, AS, Margaret Everett, Mary Bratton, John & Rosa Williams, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Rosa Santos, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Ann Gordon, Nicholas James, Bonifacio Sanches, Rosita Galarg, Gavin Alexander, Teana Jones, Chonusi William, Maria Martho, Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, J. Harrington, John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Serena Coughy, Adelaida Sison, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Shannon Kavanagh, Rosemarie Glassey.

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

Shane McGruddy, Cleofe Mora, Marian Saqueton, Murray Nash, Eduardo Sagge, Msgr Brian Arahill, Peta Knibb, Angus Gomez, John Fitzmauice, Assid Corban, Pauline D'souza, Cyril Breslin, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johnny Austin, Johannes Wijoko, Florence Gomez, Michael Hontiveros, Barbara Richardson, Joe Coleman, 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, Sharon Lim, 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.

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.