

**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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Secretary ~ Catherine van Veen & Miranda Wagg
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**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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Sunday Masses: Sunday 7am & 9.30am

There will be no Saturday masses until further notice.

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

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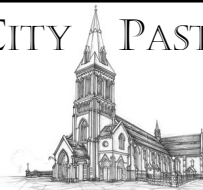
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Matthew's Gospel presents a parable that carries profound lessons about the utilization of God's gifts and the pursuit of wisdom. This passage encourages us to reflect on how we manage the talents and abilities entrusted to us by the Divine, and how our choices can either lead us towards a life of purpose or down a path of missed opportunities.

In this parable, a master entrusts his servants with various talents, each according to their abilities. The servants who received five and two talents put them to work and doubled their assets, while the one who received only one talent buried it out of fear. The master praised the diligent servants for their wise use of his gifts, but the fearful servant was cast into the darkness.

The reading inspires us to consider the way we steward the gifts and resources God has bestowed upon us. It highlights the importance of recognizing our unique talents and abilities, and the responsibility that comes with them. Just as the diligent servants multiplied their talents, we are called to invest our gifts, be it time, skills, or resources, wisely. Through proactive and purposeful action, we can grow and make a positive impact on the world.

The challenging aspect of this parable lies in the fear and hesitancy of the one who buried his talent. Many of us can relate to times in our lives when we've hesitated to take risks or remained complacent. Our desire for a

'quiet life' or a fear of failure can lead us to squander our potential. This reluctance to embrace opportunities and fulfil our true purpose can ultimately distance us from the richness of a meaningful life and separate us from the divine feast of eternal life.

We must overcome this fear and idleness, recognizing that God's gifts are meant to be shared and developed, not hidden away. By cultivating our talents and using them for the betterment of others, we not only fulfil our purpose but also draw closer to the divine purpose set before us.


This Gospel serves as a powerful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be utilized for the greater good. It calls us to action, wisdom, and the embrace of our unique talents. Simultaneously, it serves as a stark warning against complacency and fear, urging us to avoid becoming isolated in the darkness of our own limitations.

By recognizing our talents, utilizing them wisely, and conquering our hesitation, we can ensure that we draw closer to the feast of eternal life that God has prepared for us.

**Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz
St John the Baptist, Parnell**



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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 kaumataua, 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.

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31** By today's standards the woman at the centre of this reading would hardly be called a talented person. Yet she is held up as a model.

Psalm 127 Happy are those who fear the Lord.

~ **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** Since they do not know the exactly when the Lord will return, Paul urges the disciples to be always ready lest they be caught unawares.

~ **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30** The parable of the talents tells us how best to await the Lord's return.

Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28;

Matthew 25:31-46.

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 & 12.15 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 11 am Mass,

3-7 years 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 need you!

Advent and Christmas is fast approaching and need of ministers to serve the crowds that come to our beautiful Cathedral Masses. As well as Readers, Ministers of Communion, welcoming and ushering visitors is such a rewarding ministry. There is still time to get involved.

Contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 303-4509

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

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

Christmas Service - Labour of Love

—is the Cathedral spring cleaning group. Join us this 16 December from 12 pm-3:30 pm to spruce up our Cathedral for Christmas. All welcome.

Cleaning products supplied.

Email Dori on dorihanda@gmail.com

or text +6421 064 3447 to confirm.

Important Notice for all visitors to the Cathedral

As a result of multiple security issues in and around the Cathedral the decision has been made for the safety of the patrons, staff and the Cathedral building all **doors will be locked** outside of Mass times. We are looking to find ways to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

Homeless Outreach—Anyone interested in getting involved in a Homeless Outreach initiative, either helping with food preparation or food delivery teams or donations, please contact Joshua King on 022 525 7837.

World Day of the Poor 2023

Today, 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tobias 4:7). Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand partners with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023.

To find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/> and <https://www.facebook.com/caritasaotearoa>

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 1st December 7pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. All Welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Feed A Family Appeal

We are approaching the Christmas season and the need for support in the wider community continues to grow.

Our Cathedral Community has always been a leading advocate for the St Vincent de Paul Feed A Family Appeal and next Sunday, 26 November we will welcome the Vinnies team as they launch the Feed A family Appeal for 2023. This is an opportunity for you to connect with a family, and make a difference in our community.

Santa Parade Next Week, Sunday, 26 November

Please note that validated/ParkMate App parking at the Wilson car parks is limited to 3 hours only as per normal. After 3 hours the normal Wilson's parking fees will apply.

Witnesses of Faith Event

Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm.

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who suffer for their faith.

A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. For more information and to register : www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses

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

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

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

Sir Ian Barker, Linda Ward, Andrew Sheedy, Josephine Tipene, Peter Gheradi, Mary Anderson, Des Raffles, Molly Novak, Deacon John Kooze, Zena Edgar, Ancel Fernandes, Linda Ward, Matilda Hong, Albertus Lodewyck, Sr Mary Columba O.P, Isabel Acuna, Francis Maunsell, John Kim, Mary Carr, Henry Abecedo, Evelyn McGiley, Jessamine Meneses, Damiana Agonoy-Adviento, Frank McGrath, Virgie Culiati, Finbarr Drohan, Gail Collins, Charles Pederson, Catherine Brockley, Peter Wood, Msgr James Shannahan, Jim Fogarty, Dr Grattan O'Connell, Louise Perkins, Peter Marinovich, Walfrido Fantino, Fr Patrick Costello, Bishop Henry Cleary

... Eternal rest grant to them.

Gift4Kids Appeal

—The St Vincent de Paul Gifts4kids Appeal begins for 2023. We ask families and individuals to bring gifts for boys & girls aged 0 to 18 & drop them off to the Cathedral after the Masses on Sunday or on Mondays & Wednesdays to the Cathedral Office.

Marist Catholic Primary School, Herne Bay

A values driven central city Integrated Catholic Primary School. Aiming for academic excellence in a warm and friendly environment with plenty of green open space. Marist, Herne Bay is an un-zoned local school serving the surrounding areas. For further information or to visit the school phone: 09 376 7173 or email Sarah Gleeson principal@maristschool.co.nz

Secretary Vacancy—St John the Baptist Parnell

Are currently seeking to employ a capable and self-motivated Parish Secretary for effective day to day running of the Parish Office and to support the Parish Priest and other pastoral staff.

Applicants should have good administration and written and oral communication skills, be highly competent in the usual Microsoft Windows applications, as well as WordPress website management and familiar with basic accounting procedures. For a full position phone 373 3132 or email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

Applications close 3 December 2023

Gaudete—Advent & Christmas Carols

Music from groups across the Diocese in celebration of Advent, 3pm - 6pm Saturday, 25th November at the Sir Woolf Fisher Arena, 770 Great South Road, Manukau. Entry by Koha.