

**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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**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](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz). You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662. You may also contact the police 111.

**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

Secretary ~ Nathaniel Hood  
office@parnellcatholic.org.nz ~ 373 3132

**Masses: Saturday 9 am,  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm,  
Sunday 7am & 9.30am.**

**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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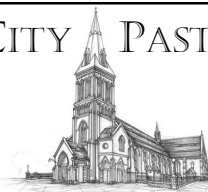
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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11 FEBRUARY 2024**

In today's Gospel we read a profoundly moving encounter between Jesus and a leper. This narrative is not just a testament to Jesus' miraculous power to heal physical ailments but also a profound insight into His deep understanding of human suffering and His approach to healing that goes beyond the physical.

In the reading we witness a leper approaching Jesus, imploring Him for healing. Leprosy in biblical times was not just a physical ailment; it was laden with social and spiritual implications. Lepers were not only shunned by their communities but were also seen as bearers of divine punishment for sin. This man's illness was a source of profound physical suffering, social isolation, and spiritual despair. The heartbreak accompanying this disease was immense, as it severed individuals from their communities and made them subjects of scorn and fear.

Jesus' reaction to the leper is deeply telling. He is moved with compassion, understanding the full spectrum of the man's suffering. This compassion is not just for the physical ailment but for the profound emotional and spiritual pain that comes from being ostracized and labelled as cursed by God. Jesus' response is holistic – He sees the leper not just as a sick body but as a whole person, crushed under the weight of illness, social rejection, and spiritual anguish.

By reaching out and touching the leper, Jesus does something revolutionary and deeply symbolic. In that society, touching a leper was unthinkable; it rendered one ceremonially unclean. Yet, Jesus' touch was a powerful

statement – He was willing to share in the leper's social and spiritual alienation to restore him. This action was a radical message of inclusion and acceptance. Jesus was not only healing the man's physical leprosy but was also restoring his dignity, his sense of belonging, and his spiritual well-being.

When Jesus commands, "be clean," it is more than a physical healing. It is a restoration of the man's total identity – his social, emotional, and spiritual life. Jesus gives back to the man what his condition had stolen – his humanity, his place in the community, and his relationship with God. The healing is comprehensive, addressing the deep-seated feelings of being despised and rejected, not just by society but also seemingly by God.

This passage is a vivid reminder that Jesus' ministry was deeply rooted in compassion and radical inclusion. It challenges us to see beyond the surface, to understand the complex nature of suffering, and to approach others with the same depth of compassion and bold love that Jesus demonstrated.

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

**Caritas Lenten Appeal 2024**

**The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā!**  
Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world.

You can either use the single donation Envelopes available in the Cathedral or donate with the Cathedral App by selecting Caritas in the list of donations. Or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/> for further ways to donate.



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## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Leviticus 13:1-2.45-46** lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community.

**Psalms 31** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

~ **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1** St Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

~ **Gospel Mark 1:40-45** This tells of the cure of a leper by Jesus.

**Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

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

## **This Week at the Cathedral**

### Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7 am & 12.15 pm

Saturday and Public Holidays 8.30 am

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

### Reconciliation—Monday to Friday

11 am to 12 pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

### Rosary at the Cathedral

Monday to Friday after 7 am Mass

**Friday Rosary 5.15 pm**—will resume

16th February 2024.

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.

### 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](mailto:michaelh@nzchl.com)

### Friday Stations of the Cross for Lent

From 16 February at 5.15 pm in the Cathedral.

### 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.

### Sacramental Programmes

**RCIA**—becoming Catholic for Adults programme continues.

### **Children's Confirmation and First Holy**

**Adult confirmation programme**—A 5-week course will be held during the Easter Season.

**All enquiries to Anita** [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz)

## Ash Wednesday at the Cathedral, 14 February

### **Our Ash Wednesday Masses**

7 am, 12.15 pm & 1.15 pm.

### **At 7.30 pm Combined Services of the Ashes**

With the Anglican Bishop, Ross Bay and Bishop Steve Lowe at St Patrick's Cathedral. *Ashes will be distributed at all of the services.*

### Pianists Needed—Our Music Group are needing a

pianist or 2 to join them. They provide music ministry for 2 Sunday Masses a month at the Cathedral, at both the 4.30 pm and 7 pm Masses. If you are interested please email Sona on [sonadavsan@gmail.com](mailto:sonadavsan@gmail.com)

**Sacristan 7pm Mass**—We are looking for two Sacristans to fulfil a rostered ministry at the 7pm Mass, starting in February. This is a varied and interesting ministry, serving at Masses which range from a quiet evening Mass through to the bustle of Youth Masses. Full training and support given. For further information please contact Anita [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) or 303-4509.

### Introduction to Christian Meditation

Curious about meditation... what it is, how it is done and how it serves you?  
We invite you to come and learn all about this form of silent, imageless prayer, deeply rooted in the Gospel and practised by the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Desert Teachers. This ancient prayer tradition was recovered by the Benedictine monk, John Main. A six-session course led by Fr Peter Murphy will be offered at the Cathedral's St Peter Chanel Chapel, starting 5.30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

For further information contact Anita [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) or 303-4509

**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.

## Lent at St Michael's, Remuera

In the lead up to Lent, St Michael's is holding a programme of five weekly talks by Fr Merv Duffy.

This unique series is designed to enrich our understanding of Lent, deepen our faith, as well as explore the mysteries and significance of the Eucharist during this sacred season.

Tuesday evenings at St Michael's beginning 20 February 7pm to 8pm. To register visit: <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/lenten-programme>

### Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass,

#### **Sunday 25 February**

Bishop Steve Lowe, will commission our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2024, here at the Cathedral 7 pm Sunday 25 February. All are welcome.

### Theology of the Body—Beginners Course.

This course is ideal for those new to TOB. Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March, 8am-6pm, Mission Bay. All adults are welcome. For more information and to register please visit <https://theologyofthebody.nz/>

**Bible Diary 2024- Now only \$10** -Sample copy is in the Cathedral notice board foyer. \$10 each. To order your copy email [michaelh@nzchl.com](mailto:michaelh@nzchl.com) 021-965-483

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

**Dominican Mass**—Saturdays 8am at Peace Place, in Emily Place.

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

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

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

Jacqueline Fagan, Pa Mikare Ryan MHM, Pat Hickey, Cynthia Forrest, Margaret Schipper, Roberto Jongco, Anna Foss, Fr Graeme Alexander, Mary Dunn, Maureen Channon, John Mahoney, Corazon Carido, Nimia Suero, Kathleen Hughes, Maggy Collinge, Regina Orr, Collin & Keri Coutts, Bishop Barry Jones, Kim Jung Ha, Alois Ayan, Margaret Magness, Claire Howley, Michael O'Flarherty, Russell McDowall, Alzira Fernandes, John O'Connor, Kath Urlich, Natividad Manalo-Abcede, Thomas Setyo, Romeo Abcede, Hannah de Beer, Philip Leishman, Patrick O'Byrne, Cathy Campbell, Sr M Joan Hopkinson rsm, Kathleen Grey, Sr Aileen Martin rsm, Odilia Amos, Justiniano Senior, Fr Ray Garchow OH, Monika Menartowicz, Klara & Miha Pintaric

... Eternal rest grant to them.

## Want to know what happened at the Synod in October?

Everyone is invited to join one of the two evening Zooms to hear Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley, St Joseph's Levin parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda and Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM. The three were part of the wider Oceania group from Australia and the Pacific who participated in the first session of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome. Register now to attend one of these special one-hour Zoom sessions:

Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/yc8c2s28>

Thursday 15 February 7:30pm. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/4e2hnf9p>

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students** - If you are a fourth or fifth year medical student in 2024, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information email [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz).

### **Baradene College Open Day—Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 February 2024**

Please book online [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz)

**Booking is required** (bookings open 9 am, Tuesday 20 February). Tour times: 9am and 10am daily.

Book by 3 pm Monday 26 February.

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2025** and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 15 March, 2024.