

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 am-12.10 pm  
St Benedict's ~ Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm  
St John the Baptist ~ Saturdays 9.30 am

**DIOCESAN YOUTH  
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Contact Sam Brebner  
[samb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samb@cda.org.nz)

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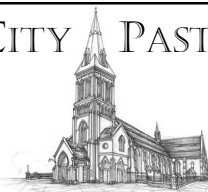
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**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ~ 12 MAY 2024**

To make sense of why Jesus goes to heaven, we have to ask how he goes. I don't mean whether he was whisked away on angels' wings or a cirro-cumulus cloud. I mean that he ascended in his risen and glorious body.

St Thomas Aquinas makes the point that Jesus ascended into heaven as man. As God, of course, Jesus had no need to do so, he was eternally there with the Father and the Holy Spirit! So, the point, if you like, of the Ascension is that the Lord takes his human body into the glory of heaven.

The humanity of Jesus, the humanity we share with him, is not shed or dropped aside.

It was not a disguise, or a temporary adoption. The humanity of Jesus is eternal. The man, Jesus Christ, reigns forever in heaven. But no man is an island; and we who are his kin, by blood and by baptism, are united with him and are to share that kingdom.

The ascension of Jesus, the head of the body of which we are members, is the beginning of our future bodily life in heaven.

The Ascension indicates that the life in Christ we begin on earth through the gift of the Spirit has its fulfillment in heaven. I have used the word "heaven" a lot in the previous paragraphs, because today is the feast that, more than any other, should drive home to us that heaven is where we are


meant to be. Because of the Lord's Passion, Death, Resurrection, AND Ascension our eternal home is there. This is the feast that shows most powerfully that the great work of our redemption is not about taking us back to Eden before the Fall. It is, rather, about bringing us to a new and glorious life, sharing in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

This feast is where we really begin to understand why, in the Exsultet sung at the Easter Vigil, we speak of the Fall as the "happy fault." Because today we begin to really understand what God's response to our sin is, not punishment and destruction, but healing and transformation. Today we see a little more clearly, hopefully, truth of the words in the Preface for masses for the dead, for the Lord's faithful people life is changed not ended. Today we see how wondrous that change will be.

**Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham  
Cathedral Dean**



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Download the App, login and create a profile. Then ensure you turn on the notifications on your phone's settings. Visit our website for instructions on how to turn on [Notifications for your App](#). You will be able to contact us, update your details with the parish, read the newsletter, have ready access to important notifications, links to our Facebook, daily readings etc and donate online using the Pushpay link within the App.

### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 1:1-11** This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

~ **Psalm 46** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

~ **Ephesians 1:17-23** Paul describes the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

~ **Gospel Mark 16:15-20** Before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

**Next Week's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13; Gospel: John 20:19-23**

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.

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11 am Mass,  
3-7 years and 8-12 years. Parents are welcome  
to join their children.



#### Prayer Groups at the Cathedral:

*All new members welcome! Enquires, contact  
Anita 303-4509 or [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz)*

**Weekday Rosary:** after 7am Mass Monday to  
Friday in the Cathedral, and coffee before work.

#### **Christian Meditation Group:**

Mondays 5.30-6.30pm, St Peter Chanel Chapel.

**Friday Rosary:** all four Mysteries 5-6pm,  
St Peter Chanel Chapel.

**Saturday & Public Holidays Rosary:** after 8.30am  
Mass, mornings in the Cathedral.

#### **Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) Cenacle**

**Prayer Meeting:** Saturday mornings 9.00-9.35am,  
St Peter Chanel Chapel,

followed by cuppa and fellowship. Contact Tina  
Koon: [ckoon89@gmail.com](mailto:ckoon89@gmail.com)

**Fathers' Prayer Group:** alternate Mondays  
5.30-6.30pm. Scripture study and prayer for our  
families on the way home from work.

Contact Michael Hart 021-965-482 or  
[michaelh@nzchl.com](http://michaelh@nzchl.com)

#### Sacramental Programmes

**RCIA** – becoming Catholic for adults programme.

**Adult Confirmation Programme:** a 5-week course  
begins 30 May, Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm

**RCIC programme:** Baptism preparation for  
children 8-12 year old seeking Baptism.  
Commences 28 July.

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

**Mass of Welcome**—On Pentecost Sunday 19 May  
at 4.30pm in the Cathedral Bishop Steve and the  
diocesan community invites all those that were  
baptised at Easter to the Mass of the Neophytes  
(newly planted in the faith) to give thanks for the  
gift of faith. All are welcome

**Cathedral Youth Group**—Our Youth Group is up  
and running but there is still plenty of room for  
YOU! Inviting young people aged 16 to 30 years to  
join our Cathedral Youth Group. Sundays from  
5.45 pm to 6.45 pm in Liston Hall.

For more information please contact: Fr Glenford  
Lowe, Youth Chaplain [frglen@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:frglen@stpatricks.org.nz)

#### Marriage and Family Life Ministry

The Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years  
or more who would like to train as Marriage  
Educators to prepare engaged couples for  
marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding  
and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry  
on 021 02247442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

#### The Israel Palestine Conflict

##### **A Perspective from Professor Mazin**

1 pm, 18 May, at St Mary's in Holy Trinity  
Anglican Cathedral in Parnell. Professor Mazin is  
a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem  
University where New Zealander Brother Peter  
Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently.  
He has knowledge about the situation and has a  
sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

#### Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat

**Centre:** to book call 09 625 6651 or

visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day  
retreat. From 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes  
lunch). Wednesday 15 May, Thursday 27 June,  
Tuesday 9 July.

**Behold the Man-** A retreat for men with  
Fr Michael Therese CSJ. Friday 7 June 7pm to  
Sunday 9 June e. Email [retreats@sfrc.org.nz](mailto:retreats@sfrc.org.nz)  
to register and receive more information.

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

##### in New Zealand—Sunday 12 to 19 May 2024

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
in New Zealand. The theme for the Week in 2024  
was prepared by different Christian traditions in  
Burkina Faso. The choice of biblical and liturgical  
texts is inspired by the image of the good  
Samaritan from the parable (Luke 10: 25-37) in  
which Jesus demonstrates what it means to love  
one's neighbour. "You shall love the Lord your  
God...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke  
10:27). You are invited to a combined Christian  
Prayer Service at St Elias Melkite Catholic Church,  
5 Mt Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens, Manurewa,  
5 pm, 25 August



#### Homestays for pre-seminary students

The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam  
discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are  
learning English with a view to entering our  
seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay  
hosts for the next 8-10 months.

The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board.  
If you can offer them a supportive home with a  
room of their own and would like to find out more,  
please email [alisonm@cda.org.nz](mailto:alisonm@cda.org.nz)  
or phone 09 360 3003.

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

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

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

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

Colin Devine, Judith Parkinson, Kay Vlcek, Bonnie Shanahan, John Galumalemana, John Ikitongia,  
Patricia Yurack, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Tuhi Aspell, John Faire, Blessie Gotingco, Bridget McCullough,  
Lorna Wright, Anthony Lovrich, Joan Burrellman, Francisco Lucero, Robyn Sewter, Allison Waldron-Daly,  
Ong Liong Kee, Veronica Handojo, Joan Armstrong, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Br Reginald Burgess,  
Cathy Eman, Bruce Birnie, George Holmes-Kinsella, Frank O'Gorman, Iowana Konarkowska, Brian Hamlin,  
Gijsbertus van Dam, Rex McGovern, Robert & Eleanor Drazsdak, Syd Tonks, Lionel Riberero, Paul Reynolds,  
Maia Nguyen Thi Phuong, Angela O'Brien, Basiran Khan, Fr Frank Shannahan, Joaquin Menezes, Frank Sylvester,  
Jacqueline McVey, Rowena Capundag, Dr James Cameron Bowie, Patricia Tunison Preston, Nancy Henderson,  
Mavis Jager-Smith, Philomena Wade, Bishop Phillipe Viard SM, Filipina Orpania, Perlito Capundag

... Eternal rest grant to them.

#### St Peter's College Palmerston North 50th Jubilee

- is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour  
Weekend. More information and registrations at  
<https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

#### Jubilee Bursary—Available for Semester 2, 2024.

For Theology and RE courses at tertiary  
level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024  
please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

**Ignatian Spirituality NZ** - is offering three  
individually guided retreats in Auckland this year.  
8-days 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July, \$950; 6-days 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
August, \$720 and 6-days 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September  
\$720. All retreats are at the Mary MacKillop  
Centre in Mission Bay and include full board and  
daily accompaniment by a director. Each is limited  
to 8 spaces. Enquiries [info@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:info@ignatianspirituality.nz)

#### Auckland Diocese Vacancies

For a full list of vacancies available and job  
descriptions please visit  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

#### Part time Executive Officer for the Society of the

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management position is a mix of strategic, fi-  
nance, governance, HR and legal responsibilities,  
with help to advance the purpose of the Society's  
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Seek, [https://www.seek.co.nz/Executive-Officer-  
jobs/in-auckland](https://www.seek.co.nz/Executive-Officer-jobs/in-auckland)