

**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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Parish Priest ~ Fr Gilbert Ramos

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

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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

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& YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

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Contact Sam Brebner

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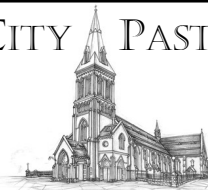
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244 PARNELL ROAD
PARNELL, AUCKLAND



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1 ST BENEDICT'S ST
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

Mark's Gospel provides a significant insight into Jesus' teachings on true purity and the nature of genuine religion. This passage emphasizes that the mere keeping of external laws does not lead to God; rather, a heart truly converted and aligned with God's will is essential to follow the way of Jesus.

In verses 1-8, Jesus confronts the Pharisees and scribes, who criticize His disciples for not following traditional ceremonial washings. Jesus responds by quoting Isaiah, pointing out the hypocrisy of those who honour God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him. He condemns their legalism, emphasizing that their worship is in vain because they have replaced God's commandments with human traditions. This critique is not just about the specific tradition of handwashing, but a broader indictment of a religious mindset that prioritizes external rituals over inner transformation.

Jesus' challenge to the Pharisees underscores a critical point: adherence to external laws and rituals, in and of itself, does not bring one closer to God. Instead, what God desires is a heart that is genuinely committed to His ways. This calls for an internal conversion—a transformation that goes beyond outward compliance to the laws and touches the very core of a person's being.

In verses 14-15, Jesus further clarifies His message to the crowd. He declares, "Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." This radical statement overturns the prevailing Jewish purity laws

that focused on external sources of impurity. Jesus shifts the focus from external observances to the internal moral and spiritual state of an individual. True defilement, according to Jesus, arises from within a person, from the evil intentions and actions that emanate from the heart.

In verses 21-23 Jesus highlights that the root of moral corruption is internal, and thus, true purity requires a transformation of the heart.

This passage strongly advocates for a religion of the heart rather than one that is legalistic.

Jesus favours a faith that is characterized by inner purity and moral integrity over one that is merely concerned with external observance of rules. The keeping of external laws, while not inherently wrong, becomes meaningless if it is not accompanied by a genuine conversion of the heart. Jesus calls His followers to go beyond superficial religiosity and embrace a deeper, more authentic spirituality that transforms their inner selves and, consequently, their actions.

This week the Gospel challenges us to examine the state of our hearts and to seek a true conversion that aligns our innermost being with the will of God. Jesus teaches us that genuine faith is not about rigid adherence to laws and traditions but about cultivating a pure heart that reflects God's love and righteousness. This calls for a continuous and sincere effort to align our thoughts, intentions, and actions with the teachings of Christ, fostering a faith that is vibrant, authentic, and transformative.

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

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WILSON CAR PARK HOBSON ST: \$4.50 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at using the ParkMate App ONLY! Please download, register 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

~ **Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8** Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's law, which is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom.

~ **Psalm 14** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

~ **James 1:17-18** It is not enough to listen to the word of God; we must put it into practice.

~ **Gospel Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23** Jesus tells the Pharisees that they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God, and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of the heart.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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 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

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 9am-9.35am,
St Peter Chanel Chapel, followed by cuppa and
fellowship. Contact Tina Koon:
ckoon89@gmail.com

Fathers' Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5.30-
6.30pm in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

We welcome all Fathers and Grandfathers to
come and join us. Contact Michael Hart
021-965-482 or michaelh@nzchl.com

Sacramental Programmes

RCIA – becoming Catholic for adults programme.
Thursday evening (6.30-8.30pm) .
New enquiries are welcome.

RCIC programme: Baptism preparation for
children 8-12 years old has begun.

Contact Anita Hudson anita@stpatricks.org.nz
or 303-4509 for information for either
programme.

Durham Lane Wilson's Car Park—there are to
be a short-term closures of the Albert Street slip
lane to vehicles from 26 August to the end of
September, while they do work on the old
bluestone wall. There will still be access to and
from the car park from Queen Street. Please see
our noticeboard for further details.

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Special Mass for Loss of a Child - A Mass will be
offered for those who have experienced loss of a
child. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Ave,
Remuera, Saturday 7th September at 5 pm.
Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm.

For more information contact Brenda Brightwell
on behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615.

A Day with Hildegard of Bingen

A two session reflection day on Zoom.

Thursday 12 September. The first session will be
10am and the second session at 4pm. Beginning
with the richness of Hildegard's wisdom and a
deepening appreciation of her writings, her music
and art—all reflective of her spirituality.

Please register your interest with Sr Lyndall at
lyndallb19@gmail.com ph 021 185 6750.

Homecoming Retreat—A live in retreat at the
Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay beginning
Friday October 4 at 7pm and finishing on Sunday
6 October at 4pm. Facilitated by Eamon Butler,
titled *Homecoming* and you will explore the
parable of the Prodigal Son using Rembrandt's
painting of the son's homecoming and insights
from Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the
Prodigal Son*. To register Phone 021 027 91424 or
email Eamon_david@hotmail.com.

Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival

Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September
at the Malaela Samoan Catholic Community
Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere. A time of
celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows
on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in
on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, be there.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology.

Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian
identity, life and mission in *Lumen Gentium*, the
Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Tuesday,
3 September from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a
fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this
lecture series and join the remaining live
sessions. To register visit:

www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology

ALONE AGAIN? - A weekend away to help those
suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or
Widowhood on 6-8 September. \$350 for 2 nights
accommodation, meals, materials and a follow up
event is \$350. For further information please
phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings
0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Cans for Christmas - is a Charity that has run for
10 years coordinating our Catholic Schools to
collect canned food items for St Vincent de Paul.
During the last 9 years they have collected 160,000
cans and \$10,000 for St Vincent de Paul to help
those in need. You can support this initiative
by donating money using the QR. This
money goes directly to St Vincent de Paul.



St Mary's Mt Albert Centenary Celebration 2024

Labour Weekend 26 to 27 October.

Events include: High tea, a Semi-formal dinner,
and Mass with Bishop Steve, 9 am Sunday
followed by a family fun day. For tickets email
stmarysparishmtalbert@gmail.com

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

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

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

Mary Wright, Helen Moverley, Frank Mufty, Peggy Bell-Booth, Julie Nicholls, Palaamo Kalati, Michelle Pereira, Anne O'Sullivan, Diana Ross, Elizabeth Hales, James Gallagher, Sean O'Keeffe, Kirk Badiola, Maurice Churton, Emile Kiar, Fr Kevin McKone, John Lane, Bill Doyle, Francesca Goodwin, Miriam Adique, George Celedonio, Kath Allen, Mary Herbert, Patrick Smith, Terence Oliver, Soagia Faga, John La'Croix, Ryan Carduzo, Aisla Duffy, Don Crawford, John Jude, JoAnn Swartz, Luis Tura, Aisling Cooke, Juanita Banzon, Esther Gill, Jean Mullan, Teresita del Valle, Boris Srhoj, Michael del Valle, Moira Bryant, Janette Currie, Bryan Lynch, Theresa Carroll, Elizabeth Ihaka rsm, Jack Smith, Geoff Bruce, Toi Rapiara, John Chambers, Ongo Kaihea, Joe Paraiso, Basil Yap, Br Francis Erni OFM, Barry Russell, Jovita Antao, Maria Madalena, Eric Werder, William Thode, Kevin McBride, James Marinovich, Douglas Paterson, Ric de la Cruz, Mark Gleeson . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

Youth Events & News

Cathedral Youth Group

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 Glen Lowe frglen@stpatricks.org.nz

University Students, Mass and FREE lunch

Mindful that many Catholic university students in
Auckland "don't know what's out there for them,"
every Tuesday during the semester, at 12:10pm,
at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, there is mass,
followed by a delicious (free) lunch. If you'd like to
find out more about what's going on for Catholic
university students in Auckland, please check out
[instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

—Are seeking long term
(6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January
2025 to work with young people in their Salesian
communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste,
Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st 2024.

Visit <https://www.cagliero.org.au/>
or email lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 6th September 7 pm at St Mary's Parish,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. All Welcome