

**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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THE SQUARE GIFT STORE (Catholic Shop)

Email info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz
Phone 09 365 1693
<https://www.thesquaregiftstore.co.nz>

* **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, 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.

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 am-12.10 pm
St Benedict's ~ Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm
St John the Baptist ~ Saturdays 9.30 am

**DIOCESAN YOUTH
& YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

www.facebook.com/AKCYM
www.instagram.com/acym2

Contact Sam Brebner
samb@cda.org.nz

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

AUCKLAND INNER CITY PASTORAL AREA



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
244 PARNELL ROAD
PARNELL, AUCKLAND



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1 ST BENEDICT'S ST
NEWTON, AUCKLAND



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43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 26 JANUARY 2025

**"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled
in your hearing."**

Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today, we join the whole world in celebrating the gift of God's Word, the Sacred Scripture. We reflect deeply on our engagement with the Sacred Scriptures and, hopefully, rediscover how the Word of God becomes flesh in our day-to-day lives.

The first reading, from the book of Nehemiah, narrates the priest Ezra reading the Word of God to the Jews from daybreak till midday and they all listened attentively.

These are the people who lost their connection to the faith because they had been exiled during the Babylonian Captivity. Imagine how the Word of God truly touched them. They were shouting "Amen, amen," bowing down and prostrating themselves before the Lord. They were weeping. And Ezra reminded them not to be sad but instead, they must celebrate for rejoicing in the Lord must be their strength.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians spoke about the Mystical Body of Christ. Though it has many parts, through Baptism, all parts are one body. The variety of gifts does not undermine the unity, but rather, all contribute to build up and enrich the Body of Christ. It is absurd when their interest in the Sacred Scriptures divides people. What is supposed to unite all, for there is only one Truth,

becomes an instrument that some people use to isolate themselves from others, thinking that they possess the monopoly of truths. True unity is a sure sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, after reading the passage from the prophet Isaiah about the coming Messiah, Jesus declares that He is the One on whom the Spirit of the Lord rests. He is the Anointed One. He fulfills all prophecies as they hear Him read and preach. How blessed are those people who heard and witnessed it all. If we will listen attentively and take to heart the Scriptures being proclaimed and preached to us, we will be like those people during the time of the priest and prophet Ezra who were so deeply touched by God's Word.

And like those people during the time of Jesus, we will hear Him proclaim to us the Good News and we will truly be joyful. Each time we take the Word of God seriously and act on it, the Scripture passage is fulfilled in our hearing.

**Blessings ~ Fr Gilbert Ramos
St Benedict's, Newton**


2025 Year of Jubilee has begun!

Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/> regularly to discover events and initiatives for the Jubilee year.

The first Jubilee Jottings is available to read at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/JubileeJottingsDEC-2024.pdf>



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Go to your app store to download the Cathedral App— St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland.  Pushpay
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

~ **Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10** After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.

~ **Psalm 18** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

~ **1 Corinthians 12:12-30** Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the Church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ.

~ **Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21** God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long awaited Saviour of the poor and oppressed.

Next Week's readings: Malachi 3:1-4 , Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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

This Week at the Cathedral

Mass Times

Tuesday 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—Tuesday 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.

Sunday 2nd February - we will be welcoming our
new Dean, Fr Craig Dunford to the Cathedral.
Fr Craig will be celebrating all 4 Masses.

Auckland Anniversary Day & Waitangi Day

Monday 27th January and Thursday 8 February
are public holidays, so there will be an 8.30 am
Mass only and the Cathedral Office will be closed.

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.
All are welcome.

Friday Rosary: all four Mysteries 5-6pm,
St Peter Chanel Chapel. Friday Rosary will
reconvene on 7th February.

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

Fathers' Prayer Group: 5.30-6.30pm Wednesdays
Contact Michael Hart 021-965-482 or
michaelh@nzchl.com

Cathedral Youth Group ~ for youth between the ages of 16-35years

The Cathedral Youth Group resumes 16 February,
meeting Sunday evenings between
5.45 pm & 6.45 pm. To register please email
Fr Glen at frglen@stpatricks.org.nz

Cathedral Children's Sacramental Programme 2025

Enrolments are open for children 8-12 years old
seeking to complete their Rites of Initiation with
the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation
and First Holy Communion.

Begins Sunday 16 February 9.30-10.30am.

Please complete the following form

[https://stpatrickcathedralnz.ccbchurch.com/
goto/forms/90/responses/new](https://stpatrickcathedralnz.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/90/responses/new).

Enquiry forms are also in the Cathedral Foyer.

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3 day Women's Retreat - Friday 28th February
6pm to Sunday 2nd March 3pm - with time for
Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation,
Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction.

All women are welcome. For information and to
register visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Te Ara o te Tūmanako

The Way of Hope Pilgrimage

Departing September 2025 accompanied by
Bishop Steve Lowe, Our Way of Hope will begin in
Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in
Aotearoa New Zealand and journey to Rome.

Meeting pilgrims of the past who have influenced
our local and the universal Church and who will
inspire us in hope in preparation to pass through
the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and
receive the Jubilee blessing. For bookings
and information call 1800 819 156 or visit

<https://bookings.harvestjourneys.com/pv2566>

Bishop Steve Speaks—Tune into the diocesan
YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to
hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and
other moments of conversation.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZxcTLhpW_gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZxcTLhpW_gsxny4e)

Incense-A Taste of Heaven? - With Beate Matthies
Monday, 24 February, 7-8pm on ZOOM. For more
information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Theology of the Body Courses

Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners

Course Ideal for those new to Theology of the
Body. Focussing on the meaning and purpose of
the human person, love and the infinite
fulfilment found in Christ. Saturday 14 and
Sunday 15 February. Mission Bay, Auckland.
All adults 20+ are welcome.

7-week guided book study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love

A reflection on how to approach relationships
and how these insights inspire us to live out our
relationships with greater Christ-like love.

This course is for young adults (18 - 35 years)
single, dating, engaged and married couples
7 Wednesdays evenings starting 12 February,
Hillsborough, Auckland

**To register or for more information
for either course please visit:**

theologyofthebody.nz



Story of the Stations of the Cross - Across the
diocese people will gather throughout Lent to
walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. Why has
this become such a popular devotion? How come
there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23?
Explore these questions with Sr Sian the meaning
and history of the Stations of the Cross.
26 February 7pm online.

Email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to register.

Young Leaders Masterclass

Sunday 23 February 2pm-6pm
30 New Street Ponsonby

For youth ministry leaders or young adult ministry
leaders, an invitation to the quarterly event
dedicated to equipping, empowering and
energising you for ministry. The first Masterclass
for 2025 will feature two workshops focused on
helping you make the best possible start to your
ministry year! Go to [www.facebook.com/
AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more
information and to register.

Diocesan Youth Commissioning Mass

Sunday 23 February 7pm at the Cathedral
Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass with Bishop
Steve Lowe celebrating and commissioning our
young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in
2025. All are welcome. Go to [www.facebook.com/
AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more
information.

Multimedia Journalist Vacancy - (20 hours per
week) The Diocese is seeking a talented person to
create engaging digital multimedia content
(stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of
the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies.
These stories will also contribute to supporting
the national CathNews platform which delivers
news, analysis, and commentary of interest
to the Catholic community.
For full details, visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz
– Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

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

Diane Burton, Jazriel Maraya, Patricia Fisher, Rosemarie Glassey, Rita Lopez, Wayne Barden, Joy Agon,
Lyn Sparks, Joy Mitchell, Maryke Lind, Gil Melling, Louise Collins, Judy Hanna, Neira, Thilsi 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, James L. Cu, Linda Mole,
Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Brian Murphy, BC, Christopher Hughes, Ana Manjarrez, Sue Bedford,
Joe Raymond, Dawn Rocca, Mary Bratton, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams,
Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Rosa Santos, Rosita Galarg, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis,
Ann Gordon, Nicholas James, Bonifacio Sanches, Gavin Alexander, Teana Jones, Chonusi William, Maria Martho,
Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, J. Harrington, John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Serena Goughy,
Adelaida Sison, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Shannon Kavanagh, Amiria Marshall Amai.

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

Niqi Butterworth-Snell, Robert Davies, Jose Marco Acac, Ann Sayegh, Wanda Czarcinski, Graeme Owens,
Manuka Henare, Val Bennett, Teresa Owens, James Lewis, Gregory Tan, Sr Veronica Keane rsj, Peter Gilmour,
Catherine Pinto, Malisa & Bernard Williams, Leo Divine, Maurice Williams, Mary Pratt, Neil Collins, Helena Yiin,
Harold Serpes, Dorothy Serpes, Patrick Sigamoney, Ljubica Steinhauser, Basil Machado, Irene Dermody,
Br Tony Sisson cfc, Ian Johnson, John Lanun, John McHugh, Marjorie Gardner, Meliton Magbago Jr, Carol Franks,
Fiona Gooder, Pat O'Connor, Peter Goddard, Carol Date Chong, Mary B Connaghan, Vicki Rommel, Marjory Hall,
Val Dawson, Catharina Kamp, Desmond O'Brien, Pat Murphy, Edith O'Brien, Yasmine Baheshy, Valentina Angel,
Desmond Graham, Thomas Scannell, Jean Spelman, Evelyn Considine, John Nienarber

... Eternal rest grant to them.