

Parish of St Francis & St Therese

Reverend Father John Webb – Parish Priest

Mass Times: Monday 10am Christ the King Chapel, Selwyn Village
Tuesday 9:15am - Wednesday 12pm - Friday 9:15am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am
Reconciliation: Sat 5pm or by appointment.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th October 2021

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm: 89

2nd Rdg: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-3



Dear Parishioners,

When we first went into lockdown in the middle of August, none of us would have believed that we would still be at Level 3 in mid-October. This has been a long and hard lockdown and I'm sure it has taken a toll on many of us.

Live Masses and celebration of the Sacraments are still many weeks away. The rising numbers don't give a hopeful message and while we're having people acting irresponsibly it does not look as if there will be any early escape from the lockdown.

As you already know Sunday Mass will only restart at Level 1. I feel for those of you who have businesses that are suffering or parishioners who live alone and of course there are those of us who have lost a loved one during this trying time.

Personally I'm keeping myself busy by looking after my sister and organising the photographs of all my travels. This last task has been bittersweet as I constantly come across good friends who are no longer with me.

There have been some Parishioners in hospital and I ask you to please keep them in your prayers.

There will be an end to this – so keep strong and if you haven't been vaccinated please do organise it. We need to be strong in these adverse times so be gentle with yourself and others; we are not living in a normal situation. Life is going to throw us the odd curveballs and we need to cope with this sensibly. The global village is in this together and just as past pandemics are now history so will this become history.

I encourage you to watch Mass remotely and also to maintain a spiritual life, difficult as it may be in these times of stress and strain. I am looking forward to the day when we can gather around the Eucharistic table united as brothers and sisters in a Community of faith called to serve God and our neighbour.

Thinking and praying for you all. God bless and keep safe. Fr John.

There are a lot of rumours and conspiracy theories going around about the Pfizer vaccine and the Coronavirus in general. If you have any concerns about it, check out the information on the Nathaniel Centre website (contact details below). Experts at The Nathaniel Centre advise the Bishops of NZ.



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THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTRE

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Pray For The Sick

Tony Soon, Robbie Rowe, Audrey Earl,
Chan San Mooi, Maureen Barbafiera
Russell Finnemore & Murray Hobson

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for all those who are recently deceased
especially

**Howard Trenwith, Fr Frank Kelly & Patricia
Sumich**

Please pray also for all those whose
Anniversaries occur around this time.

Upcoming Readings

Sunday 24th October 2021

30th Sunday in OT Mission Sunday

1st Rdg: Jeremiah 31:7-9 **Psalm:** 126

2nd Rdg: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Next Baptism Preparation Class

TO BE CONFIRMED

Sacramental Programme

Lessons are now complete, thank you to all
involved.

We will contact you again once we know when
our Masses will be

SPONSORSHIPS

Major Sponsorship(s): >\$25,000

will receive prominent signage recognition.

Minor sponsorship(s): >\$ 10, 000

will receive signage recognition.

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\$500+ contribution:

will receive a guaranteed name plaque.

\$200-\$500 contribution:

will go into a draw for a name plaque.

Payments can be made by bank transfer to the
Parish Bank Account.

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CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

A lot of work has been carried out behind the
scenes to help ascertain scope and priority of
works to be done in refurbishing our Church.
While we await final reports, we hope to keep
building up our Refurbishment funds.

A huge thank you to those who have made
contributions towards this.

If you are interested, here are a few options or
feel free to contact our Finance Committee.

Thinking of selling your house?

You can help our school with their canopy project



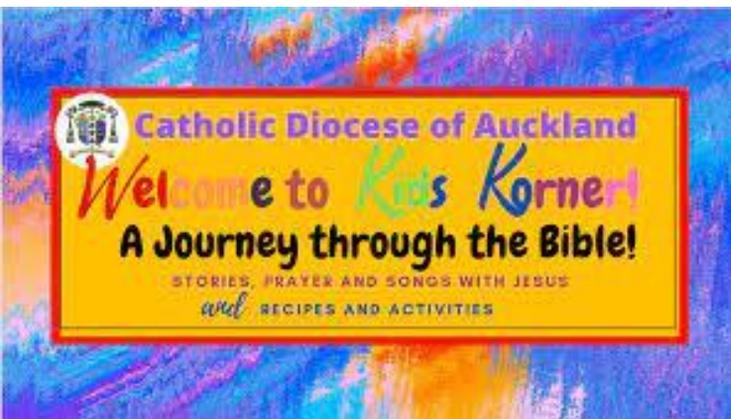
We are happy to announce that **Ray White Pt. Chevalier - Von Group Ltd.** (previously known as "the Professionals Real Estate Point Chevalier") have agreed to be a major contributor towards our St. Francis School Canopy project should at least one person in our St. Francis network that is looking at selling their property approach **Derek von Sturmer of Ray White Pt. Chevalier - Von Group Ltd.** directly on **027 533 7357** or Derek.vs@raywhite.com. Accordingly, if you're looking at selling, please contact Derek directly and let him know that you are from St. Francis. Please also let **Stuart King know (027 818 2403)** so we can keep track of the approaches.

NEW TIGER TURF

Check out the new Tiger Turf on the lower courts of the School. Huge congratulations to Mrs Bateman, BoT, staff and families, it looks great!!



LITURGICAL RESOURCES



Kids Korner:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/29th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/The-black-dot.pdf>

Liturgy of the Word for families with children:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Ordinary-Time-28th-Sunday-Year-B-LOWWC.pdf>

The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

Shine TV Sundays at
2.00pm Free-to-air
TV Channel 25, Sky
TV Channel 201

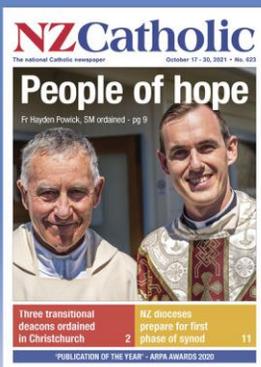
Catholic Mass showings

Youtube channel
Auckland
Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow>

Latest copy of the NZ Catholic

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/70e2feb6-c052-4909-9c4f-3fd80f663ef1>

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The opening of the Diocesan Phase of Synod 2021-2023 | For a Synodal Church

In Auckland we will gather around Bishop Pat in a slightly different way due to the closure of our Church buildings. We will connect, pray, and celebrate digitally. You, yours and everybody are therefore invited to through

Zoom | <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86115722795>

[Bishop Pat](#) or [ACYM](#) Facebook or [CDA YouTube](#) to the opening.

Please pass the invitation on. Come one, come all.

Daily Reflections from Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections from the Bishops on Facebook [Bishop Pat](#) and [Bishop Michael](#)

Lectio Divina reflectinfdxzg on the daily Gospel readings (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 10.00am and 8.00pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish

Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives and this situation [YouTube](#)

On-line Rosary (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 9am daily with the Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph

Good News Bible

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord



PSALM: 33

Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all God's works are trustworthy. The Lord loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear God, upon those who hope for God's kindness,

To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16 GNB

Brothers and sisters: Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God — Jesus, the Son of God. Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ko te rongopai a te Ariki - The Gospel of the Lord. Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A reminder that I formally give you **dispensation** from the **obligation** to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.



(cc 87 #1, 1247). + Bishop Patrick Dunn 24 March 2020

The **priests** are still **praying Mass**, privately without a physically present **Congregation**. They are **praying for all people** and with all people.





Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites you to join him to prayerfully launch the Diocesan phase of the Synod 2021 - 2023 | For a Synodal Church

Synod Launch

7:00PM Sunday 17 October 2021

Zoom ID: 86115722795
CDA YouTube:
www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic
Live on Bishop Pat's and ACYM's Facebook Page



Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to a Synod.

He is seeking a conversation about Synodality in the Church. The **Auckland Diocese** is launching our Synod pathway this **Sunday (October 17th)** evening at a liturgy of the Word that will be streamed live at 7.00pm. You, are warmly invited to this liturgy, through Zoom | <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86115722795> , [Bishop Pat](#) Facebook page, or [ACYM](#) Facebook or [CDA YouTube](#) to the opening. All these links will be live at 7.00pm Sunday.

You are warmly invited to be there. Please pass this invitation on. All voices are important.

There are resources in this week's liturgy (below) for the synod that will help us both understand what the Synod is, and help us participate in it. You might also want to look at the Diocesan Synod page.

Synod:

Auckland Diocese, Synod - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>.

Flashes of Insight – A Power Shift; the Catholic Church (a conversation; Cardinal John Dew, Bishop Mark Coleridge (Brisbane), Thomas O'Loughlin and Joe Grayland)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxrwOnYBk8g&t=1798s>.

Litany - for the Synod

All respond – *Open our hearts, guide us Holy Spirit*

- R** For the Church. That we may journey as companions, side by side one another on the same road.
- R** For listening ears. That our hearts and minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.
- R** For the gift of speaking out. That we be encouraged in this Synod journey to speak with courage and boldness, integrating freedom, truth, and love.
- R** For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.
- R** For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission that is entrusted to us.
- R** For true dialogue in the Church and in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, and mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons and peoples.
- R** For the unity of Christians. That dialogue between Christians of different denominations, united by one Baptism, may radiate with new brightness on this Synodal journey.
- R** For the exercise of authority and participation in the People of God. That the Synodal roots of the Church will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.
- R** For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned through a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit.
- R** For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER: In this time of silence, we bring to mind the cares of our hearts, all the things we want to pray for.

Ever-living God, grant that we may always try to want and do what you want us to do. May we serve you with a sincere heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **ALL:** Amen

NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Rosary in October. This month is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary

Pope Francis will officially open the **Synod on Synodality** at the Vatican with the celebration of the Eucharist at St Peter's Basilica (**Sunday 10 October**), preceded by a moment of reflection in the Synod's New Hall (Saturday 9 October). You can join the Church in this time of prayer through the Vatican News website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>. You can join Bishop Pat in prayerfully opening the local diocesan phase of this Synod journey on Sunday 17 October 7.00pm through his Facebook page. More details next week.

End of Life Prayer Day 7 November. On the day that the End of Life Choice Act, legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand, comes into force we are called to offer prayerful witness and solidarity with the vulnerable. Especially as it coincides with the traditional Christian day of worship - when we gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the saving power of His life over death. Join us.

Jubilee Bursary Open for Semester 1, 2022 Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level **Applications close Thursday, 11 Nov 2021** please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz

Ruakaka 30th Anniversary On **Sunday 14th November 2021**, the Ruakaka Holy Family Catholic Community is celebrating 30 years since moving into the new Church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka. Mass is at 10.30am followed by a shared luncheon, sausage sizzle and entertainment for young and old. We are specially reaching out to past members and friends who could be interested in coming along and sharing a few memories.

Please contact either; Ray Timmins; 02102788867 : raydale.timmins@xtra.co.nz Or Monica Johnson ; 021382401 : monica.johnson01@gmail.com

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (DayTime): Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursdays, 04 and 22 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-2/>

Online Sessions (Evening): Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies. Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>



The Auckland roadmap

Phase 1: From 11.59pm, Tuesday, October 5

Outdoor catch-ups

- Limit of 10 people outside from no more than two households
- Wear a mask and keep your distance when removing them to eat and drink

Early childhood education

- Bubbles of 10 children
- Parents to wear masks for drop-off and pick-up
- Teachers to get a Covid test

Recreation

- Can move around city
- Beach, bowls, hunting and fishing allowed
- Stay outside and keep to groups of no more than 10 people

Funerals, tangihanga weddings and civil unions

- Limit of 10 people plus staff

Phase 2

- Retail re-opens
- Public facilities such as libraries, pools, museums and zoos re-open
- Outdoor catch-ups increase to 25 people limit
- Limit of 25 people plus staff for funerals, tangihanga and weddings

Phase 3

- Hospitality re-opens
- Close contact businesses such as hairdressers re-open
- Indoor and outdoor social gatherings increase to a limit of 50 people

Source: covid19.govt.nz
Herald Network graphic