

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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th October 2021

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Jeremiah 31:7-9 **Psalm:** 126

2nd Rdg: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



Dear Parishioners,

This week it was announced that we will be in Level 3 for at least another 2 more weeks. This was not the news that we had hoped for but it would appear to be inevitable when we have irresponsible party goers and anti-vaccine rallies. In case any of you are in any doubt I had been double vaccinated some time back and to date I have defied the prophets of doom by refusing to drop dead or become a magnetic appendage to every lamp post I pass. I find it difficult to comprehend the hesitancy that some people have towards the vaccination. I also find it disappointing that many rich nations have done so little to help poorer nations fund their vaccinations.

We will not be able to celebrate our Sunday Liturgy for some time. Our Patronal Feast Days have already gone by the board and I'm hoping that there will be some degree of normality before Christmas. Let us stay focussed on this, that the trials we experience now will eventually pass and will become bad memories from the past. Make space for yourselves and remember that everyone is in the same boat. Be compassionate and kind. In spite of the difficulties, I encourage you to keep a prayer life and a spiritual side to your lives.

In these strange times, here is a story from Japan. In the 16th Century, the Jesuit Missionaries landed in Japan and began a Catholic Mission in Nagasaki. They converted a number of locals and the community slowly began to grow. Then, in 1603 there was a change of Shogun and the Missionaries were expelled. The locals were persecuted. In 1867 when Japan once again opened to the rest of the world, due to a progressive Emperor Meiji, Catholic Missionaries returned. They were startled to discover in Nagasaki, a small primitive Catholic community was still in existence. They passed their simple faith on through baptism and marriage and their simple prayer life. They had no Priest to minister to them and no Sacramental life apart from baptism and marriage. They lived in extraordinary times but got through it.

We too, live in extraordinary times and we too, will come through it. Keep on praying, being kind and compassionate.

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



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There are a lot of rumours and conspiracies about Coronavirus in general. If you have any concerns please contact the Centre website (contact details below).

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Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz **Secretary:** Ms Paula Betham

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 2:30pm; except Thursday Office Closed.

Parish Account: RC Bishop of Auckland (Pt Chev) BNZ Auckland 02-0100-0120982-017

St Francis School Principal: Mrs Lisa Bateman Ph: 846 4696

Pray For The Sick

Tony Soon, Robbie Rowe, Audrey Earl,
Chan San Mooi, Maureen Barbafiera
Russell Finnemore, Murray Hobson, Deacon
Kalolo Pasina, and Fr Jacques Duquesne.

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for all those who are recently deceased
especially Fr Gerard Glynn CP
Please pray also for all those whose
Anniversaries occur around this time.

Upcoming Readings

Sunday 31st October 2021

31st Sunday in OT Mission Sunday

1st Rdg: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 **Psalm:** 18

2nd Rdg: Hebrews 7-23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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.

BUY-A-BRICK

\$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.

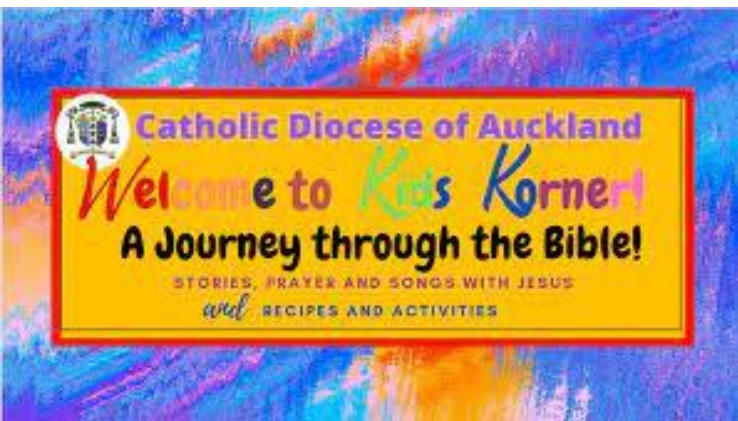
Thanksgiving Celebration Liturgy 2021

On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, and Bishop Michael, we cordially invite all parish volunteers and Lay leaders, to share in our online liturgy of Thanksgiving. We wish to thank and honour you all for your desire to build the kingdom in a year that has been disrupted by Covid. The Liturgy will be held online on **Saturday 6th November 2021, starting at 5.30pm** See you all there!!



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. Amen

LITURGICAL RESOURCES



Kids Korner:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/30th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

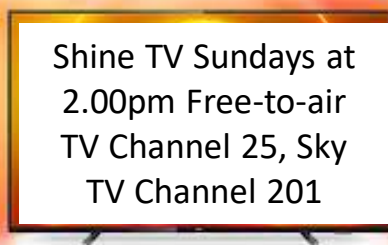
Parent Ponderings:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/3-Unexpected-virtues-to-learn-from-children.pdf>

Liturgy of the Word for families with children:

[Ordinary-Time-30th-Sunday-Year-B-LOWWC.pdf \(aucklandcatholic.org.nz\)](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/30th-SUNDAY-in-OT.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/>



Catholic Mass showings



Latest copy of the NZ Catholic

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



Click the link to view the latest digital issue

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

New CDA Connect issue out now!

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

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

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

Lectio Divina reflectindxzg 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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9
A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to streams of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born

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



PSALM: 126 *The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy.*

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like people dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6 GNB
A reading from the book of Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is chosen from among their fellows and appointed to serve God on their behalf, to offer sacrifices and offerings for sins. Since the high priest is weak in many ways, they are able to be gentle with those who are ignorant and make mistakes. And because the high priest is weak, they must offer sacrifices not only for the sins of the people but also for their own sins. No one chooses for themselves the honour of being a high priest. It is only by God's call that someone is made a high priest — just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take upon himself the honour of being a high priest. Instead, God said to him: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." God also said in another place, "You will be a priest for ever, in the priestly order of Melchizedek."

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

GOSPEL: Mark: 10:46-52
The Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

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

Diocesan Job Vacancy Executive Officer We are seeking a highly capable and experienced Executive Officer. Our Executive Officer will provide executive support in governance, legal, property, finance, treasury, human resources, risk and compliance as well as supporting the GM on strategic projects and initiatives. We're looking for a people person with great communication, relationship, and administration skills. Sound judgement, accountability, discretion, initiative, and the ability to work autonomously, efficiently and professionally are essential for the success of this position and its reputation. Please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz to view the full advert, position description. Applications are via SEEK and **close on 3 November**.

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

World Youth Day 2021 // Stand Up! | Sunday 21/11, 7pm Stand up and get excited for World Youth Day 2021! Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Michael Gielen and the ACYM team invite you to join us on Facebook Live to celebrate World Youth Day, as we live out this year's theme of "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen." <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

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/>

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/>

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