

Mass Intentions If you would like Fr Pat to remember someone at Mass please call 521 0871 or email him at patrickb@xtra.co.nz

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for ongoing courage as they share their experience with the Commission.

This past week, the Royal Commission has focused on cases involving the Catholic Church. For anyone who has followed the Commission's work this week, especially through the live-streaming of its sessions, this has been a harrowing experience. Having listened to the stories of survivors, we must acknowledge failings and support the justice and reconciliation process, and look forward to the future with hope.

Our bishops and congregational leaders requested that churches and faith-based organisations be included in the Royal Commission process in order to have this significant opportunity to acknowledge the past, listen and learn from the experiences of survivors, and participate in seeking justice

Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December 2020

Faith-Based Redress Hearing: Phase One This first week has focused on survivors sharing their experiences of abuse and the redress processes of the Catholic Church. Next week the focus will be on the Anglican Church and the Salvation Army.

March 2021, TBC

Faith-Based Redress Hearing: Phase Two In the second phase of the hearing, witnesses for the churches will give evidence. **Tautoko*** has started to coordinate witness statements from the Catholic Church for this part of the hearing.

***Te Rōpū Tautoko:** the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission

Found: A car key was found in the parish grounds on Sunday 22 November. Please contact Fr Pat if you think it is yours.

Food for Faith for Advent – Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	5.30pm Vigil
Sunday	9.30 am & 5.00pm
	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 am
	(4th Wed: CWL Mass at 10.30 am)
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.15 am
Saturday & Public Holidays	9.00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30 - 10.00am & 5.10-5.25pm or by appointment

SUNDAY READINGS

THIS WEEK

Psalm	85
1.	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2.	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Canticle	Luke 1:47-54
1.	Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
2.	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel	John 1:6-8, 19-28



Welcome to St Joseph's

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2020

On Friday evening I had the pleasure and privilege to attend the opening of *Toi Tū Toi Ora*, an exhibition of Maori art at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The gallery's largest exhibition ever, *Toi Tū Toi Ora (Art Tall, Art Strong)* features over 300 artworks by over 100 Maori artists from the last 70 years.

As Witi Ihimaera noted in his address, it is as if the home of Maori art, normally the marae, has been transported to Toi o Tāmaki, the gallery becoming our whareniui.

The artists range from great names from the past such as Ralph Hotere to current artists such as Emily Karaka, who inspired our school children in their art last year, and whose daughter, Deborah Pace, is on our staff. Emily's three magnificent panels will grace the atrium of Toi o Tāmaki throughout the exhibition. During Advent, and especially on this 2nd Sunday when we recall John the Baptist's role in pointing the way to Jesus, it is good for us to recall those who have "pointed the way" for us to meet Jesus. In doing so we might normally recall our parents, wider family, teachers, church figures.

Toi Tū Toi Ora reminds us of the part that culture also plays in helping us explore our spiritual lives, in our discovery of the divine, in culture's upholding of those values, like respect for others, human dignity, selfless service, self-sacrifice, the search for justice and peace, which point us towards the reign of God.

But it is not as if it is all handed to us on a plate. Beholding art teaches us that we must search for the deeper realities, and persevere in pursuing that which is more than meets the eye.

So it is with our searching for Christ. Advent teaches us how to long to see him, to seek the face of God. God bless you all. Fr Pat

Advent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the eastern region are as follows (all celebrations are at 7pm):

Wed 9 Dec:	Meadowbank	Thurs 10 Dec:	Pakuranga	Tues 15 Dec:	Ellerslie
Wed 16 Dec:	Glendowie & Panmure	Thurs 17 Dec:	Flat Bush	Fri 18 Dec:	Glen Innes
		Sun 20 Dec:	St Heliers		

The Diocesan Mission Map

Last Sunday our diocese began its journey along the pathway of its new MISSION MAP. You will find the three key components of this Mission Map **explained inside this newsletter**. Our Parish Council will consider this Mission Map at this week's meeting, and hopefully begin its implementation in the new year.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday afternoons, 5.00—6.00 pm. You are warmly invited to come and spend some quiet time in prayer with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament.



TELEVISED MASSES

Every Sunday on the free-to-air channel, **Shine TV, channel 25**, there is a 30 minute telecast at **2.00 pm**.

Christian Care Network Food Assistance

Please contact our Helpline: (09) 521 5712 for assistance. All calls confidential.

Keep these numbers handy for added support:



St Vincent de Paul, Newton **0800 6800 90**

Food parcels for needy families: phone Auckland Emergency Management, **0800 22 22 96, 7am - 7pm**.

Food items of Need: baked beans, spaghetti, canned vegetables/fruit/fish, long-life milk, rice, pasta, canned fruit/corn/tomatoes - Thank You for your kind donations

THE FIRST EDUCATORS IN FAITH ARE PARENTS/WHANAU

<https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/>, a great source of family-friendly material for RE.. From the National Centre for Religious Studies. New materials constantly uploaded

WELCOME! Come and join in refreshments

in the hall after 9.30 Sunday Mass, and in the foyer after 5.30pm Mass on 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Would you like to help with refreshments after Saturday evening Mass?



Parishioners enjoy chatting together as part of the community. We would like a few more volunteers to simply turn on the hot water before Mass & put out a table, then serve tea/coffee after Mass. **Call Aline on 021 137 1505**

“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam”

Christian Care Network (CCN) Update

Listed below are the CCN Food Account bank details, should anyone wish to financially donate. All donations will have tax deductible receipts handed out, with an email addressed listed below for this:

CCN Food Bank Acc: **12-3047-0089077-01**
(your name in the subject line).

Following your donation, please email: priestleyfam@xtra.co.nz (Maxine Priestley) with your name and she will issue you with a tax receipt. Alternatively, in Level 1 we continue with the food donation basket in the church foyer; an updated list is included inside our newsletter today.

God bless
Agnes Gibson PPC (Caring & Service Committee)

Pastoral Care

The Sacrament of Anointing:

The Church offers this sacrament to members who are seriously sick, frail, having surgery or approaching death. Please contact Fr Pat for anointing for yourself or a family member.

Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy:

If you or family are in hospital and wish us to know, please contact Fr Pat or ask the hospital staff in the ward to let the chaplain know.

Ministry to the Sick and Infirm

For the sick or infirm who wish to receive Communion in their home/residence: call 5210871 or email patrickb@xtra.co.nz

CDA Connect Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the current edition <https://mailchi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470> and sign-up to get the latest direct to your inbox.

Online Session (Evening): Christmas Self Care Nibbles with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

NZ Catholic The latest edition of NZ Catholic is available today in the church foyer, \$4.00.

National Office for Professional Standards

(NOPS) deals with complaints concerning Church personnel. For more information

please phone **0800 114 622**

or email prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

or go to: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>

St Joseph's Parish Planned Giving

We encourage parishioners and regular worshippers to support our Planned Giving, & help our parish budgeting. **If you wish to make a one-off donation, our parish account name is RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Orakei & our account number is 02 0100 0120974 22.** Please indicate your name as donor. **If you wish to arrange a direct debit to the parish,** just contact stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz

NZpray2day - An app to encourage people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day, It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga.

A **refreshed diocesan website** same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> is live. Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will find messages from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal 2020 We need your help and support for our Homeless families. We have 1,410 children in our care, who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and no place to call home We have a tradition of providing a gift for every child so they may experience a little Christmas joy. Can you donate a gift/gifts so we can be sure none of them go without? If you can help, please contact Elaine Lolesio, email elaine@montececilia.org.nz or call/text 0277770632, (09) 2756661

2021 Columban Calendars available today. \$12.

Please give the money to Fr Pat.

Auckland Diocese Mission Map

This First Sunday of Advent marks the launching of our Diocese Mission Map. This is our diocesan strategic plan. The name Mission Map reminds us that it is different from what happens in business. It is not about paying dividends to stakeholders. It is about our participation in the mission of God. As the baptised, no matter our vocational role, we are challenged to be part of this initiative using the gifts generously bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit for mission.

We are called to stay awake, alert to the opportunities to be moulded by God that together we might

- **strengthen our Catholic communities for missionary discipleship;**
- **build up the spirituality of our young people,**
- **and care for the poor.**

These are the three priorities which have emerged from all the consultation and discernment that has been happening this year in the diocese in different working groups. In more detail, our priorities are to:

Strengthen our Catholic Communities for Missionary Discipleship

Our goals:

- to grow and develop servant leaders
- to be strong, inclusive communities of missionary disciples;

Build up the Spirituality of our Young People

Our goals:

- to make schools and parishes visible and active as one faith community
- strengthen families;

Care for the Poor

Our goals:

- to be visible, present and active working for the poor and marginalised
- advocate for peace and justice
- develop and enable people who care.

St Joseph's Orakei Parish Pastoral Council will begin to consider how to implement this Map at their meeting this week.