

# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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The Parish Office is closed during Level Level 2, however, your emails and phone messages will still be answered. To keep up to date with changes, please check the website regularly.  
[www.pukekohecatholic.org.nz](http://www.pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

*Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time, Sunday 30 August, Year A, Year of Grace*

## St. Patrick's Pukekohe - Church Opening Times (during level 2)

Our church is open, Tuesday - Sunday, from 10am - 12noon for quiet prayer and reflection with a limit of 10 people at one time. Confession 11am or by appointment. Please sign in on entry with your contact details, use the hand-wash provided and maintain social distancing and be sure to check the Parish Website regularly for updates

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## Sunday Bible Reflection:

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7). What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God. By His Cross,



Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship—to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23). Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied. Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, PhD

**Under Level 2:  
from Monday 31 August**

The church will be  
open from  
10am - 12noon  
Tuesday - Sunday

Readings	Today: Sunday, 30 August	Next Sunday: 6 September
1st	Jeremiah 20:7-9	Ezekiel 33:7-9
2nd	Romans 12:1-2	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27	Matthew 18:15-20

*We remember the 1st anniversary of Margaret Hartland 31 August 2019*



*Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.*

### Diocesan Noticeboard:

Diocesan Mission Map (postponed) - The Diocesan Mission Map (Pastoral Plan) has been postponed from **29 August to 14 November**, St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby B.Y.O: Enthusiasm, Interest, Questions, Lunch. A chance to find out what is happening and be part of the response.

Diocesan Liturgy Conference - You are warmly invited to the Liturgy Conference, Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy and Life, to be held at Baradene College from **1st – 3rd October**. This Conference brings together excellent keynote speakers and a mouth-watering variety of Breakout Sessions to choose from. Have a look at the [website https://wuss.org.nz/](https://wuss.org.nz/). This will be a time to grow deeper in faith, to grow stronger in community, richer in love, more vibrant in our communal prayer and celebration of the liturgy.

1st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – the start of “Season of Creation” - From Laudato Si’, A Prayer for our Earth: “All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen”. Pope Francis has officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual “season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home”. Further information and resources can be found at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>



**PRAY MASS**

**SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV**

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201

### Cancellations:

- ‘Christian Meditation Auckland Community Day’ scheduled for Saturday 5th September in Papakura, has now been cancelled and will be re-scheduled for 2021.
- ‘Counties Catholic Men’s Fellowship’ meeting scheduled for 2nd September is postponed. Please remember to keep the upcoming election and referendums in your prayers.

## TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.

Matthew 16:24



**Can people see god’s love through my actions?**

### Job Opportunity

Te Kupenga—Catholic Leadership Institute is seeking a Marketing and Business Development Advisor to build the profile of the organisation, which was formed on 1 January by the merger of Good Shepherd College and The Catholic Institute (TCI). The role is Auckland-based and fixed term full-time for two years. Full details: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50415919>

## Euthanasia Referendum 2020

### Information:

As we near the election it is important that those opposing the Euthanasia legislation have the facts when discussing the reasons for a “NO” vote. This link to DefendNZ will help.

<https://www.defendnz.co.nz/>

### Flyer Drop Update for Volunteers:

With the recent announcement from the Government the binding referendum has been delayed until 17 October. Amended distribution dates - It is therefore too early to distribute flyers in the previously planned time-frame – so we must delay this. Please do not begin distribution this weekend, but wait until we advise NEW DATES yet to be confirmed. We do not know how long Level 3 will continue, so will advise the new distribution time-frame as soon as it is decided.



The NZ Catholic website offers a number of articles free to read online as well as Sunday reading and reflection. Go to [www.nzcatholic.org.nz](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz)

The latest edition of NZ Catholic has again been made available free of charge. Please follow this link <https://indd.adobe.com/view/3c9e92b5-0dd7-45ad-b33f-286618e52857>

### Sunday Mass Options - Sunday, 23 August 2020

Broadcast Mass Shine TV Sunday 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25 | SKY TV Channel 201. Also available to download from 6pm

Saturday on the diocesan website

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>