

St Patrick's Catholic Church

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The Parish Office is closed during level 2 restrictions, 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

Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time, Sunday 6 September, Year A, Year of Grace

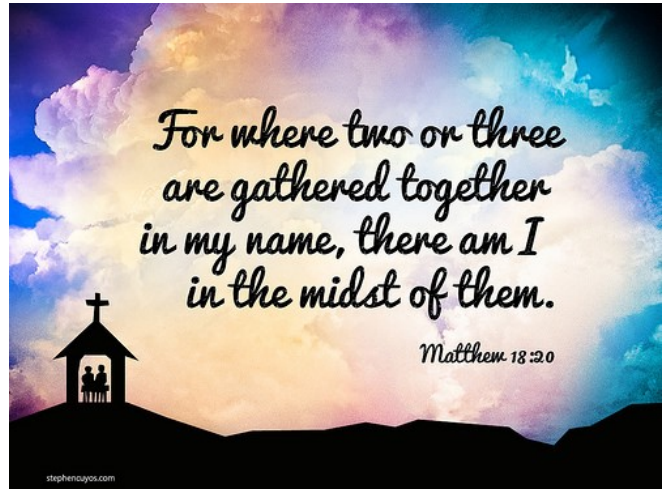
St. Patrick's Pukekohe - Church Opening Times (during level 3)

Our church is open, Tuesday - Sunday, from 9am - 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

www.pukekohecatholic.org.nz

Sunday Bible Reflection:

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17-20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21-23). But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.



Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, PhD

Update:

As per the latest government announcement, level 2.5 restrictions will remain in place until the 16th of September. This means our church opening hours will remain 10am till 12noon, Tuesday - Sunday, with a limit of 10 people at one time.

Readings	Today: Sunday, 6 September	Next Sunday: 13 September
1st	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Ecus 27:30-28:7
2nd	Romans 13:8-10	Romans 14:7-9
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35

Seeking Rental Accommodation

We have a parishioner who needs to seek new rental accommodation as soon as possible! If you are a landlord requiring a tenant for a 2 bdrm house or unit, then please let the office know! Trustworthy tenants are waiting. Contact Nancy, Parish Assistant, on 0204-195-3491. God bless!

Diocesan Noticeboard:

Free Lecture: Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics a free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY.

October 7th registrations through flyer. (attached with emailed bulletin)

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. Poster and slide image attached

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/>.

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.



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

The latest edition of NZ Catholic has again been made available free of charge. Please follow this link

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3c9e92b5-0dd7-45adb33f-286618e52857>

Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas

NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. Members of your community may know of people in this difficult position, and it would be great if we could let people know about the support available. The flyer (accompanying this bulletin) provides links and information.

Job Opportunity

Job opportunity Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer, kdsdtan@gmail.com.

The Season of Creation

is marked throughout the Christian world from **1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)**. The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>

Sunday Mass Options - Sunday, 6 September 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/>

Family Liturgy of the Word for this coming weekend – the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is attached. Other formats and a more formal edition are available

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/resources/ritual-prayers/>

PRAY MASS
SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV
Free-to-air TV Channel 25
SKY TV Channel 201