

SYNOD 2021-2023: FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Pope Francis has launched a journey towards a Synod, to be held in Rome in October 2023. The Synod is a gathering of representatives from all over the world who will meet with Pope Francis to discuss the topic on *synodality**, or how we can become a synodal Church. Synodality involves **hearing** the whole People of God, **consulting** all members of the Church with **The Holy Spirit leading** the path to journey together as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

Pope Francis wants each and every one of us to be heard. We are asked:

How is journeying together as a pilgrim and missionary People of God happening in St Mary's Parish, Northcote?
What steps do we take in order "to grow and journey together"?

What YOU can do?

You are invited to participate by responding to the synod material either as an individual or in small groups. We have some volunteer parishioners ready to lead the small groups. You are welcome to invite Catholics who seldom attend Mass to participate in a group. Let the parish office know if you need help to access Zoom on your computer or phone.

The time frame for this is short: from the beginning of November till the middle of December. Your group may be able to meet just once or twice - probably via Zoom because of Covid. Or, if you cannot join with others in a group (online), you can look at the material yourself or with your household and send in your submissions.

Please let the parish office (info@northcotecatholic.org.nz or 09 480 7357) know if you would like to participate in a small group - and the best time for you (day of the week, morning/ afternoon/evening); or if you wish to respond to the synod material as an individual.

I hope many of you will take part in this synodal process. At the heart of the process is Pope Francis' belief that the agenda of the Church must be driven by the Holy Spirit - the work of God is the Church's task. What God asks of us emerges as we journey together on the way of encountering, listening and discerning.

*Notes for your interest:

In Greek: *syn* = with and *hodos* = way. Pope Francis believes that the Church must continually renew its structures and practices to speak to the people of today. We have to encounter each other, listen to each other, and so discern how the Holy Spirit speaks and guides. It's not just about doing what the bishops say. All of us, as members of Christ, have insights and wisdom to offer.

The Overall Phase:

Diocesan Phase (October 2021-February 2022) where local churches and groups gather to discern and respond to the synod materials. Responses are then submitted to the Diocese.

(Bishop Pat opened our Diocesan Phase on 17 October, 2021, <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>). The success of the diocesan phase relies on what will happen in parishes.

Continental Phase (February 2022 – April 2022) where submissions are synthesised into a single NZ document outlining responses received from each diocese and then combined into an Oceania document and submitted to the Synod.

Universal Phase (September 2022 – October 2023) where each document from the 7 continents is brought before the Synod of Bishops in Rome to discern the people's voice to decide the direction of the Church moving forward. God bless Frs Lio & Marchellino

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2021//STAND UP!
SUNDAY 21/11 @ 7PM**

Stand up and get excited for World Youth Day 2021! Bishop Patrick Dunn and Bishop Michael Gielen and the ACYM team invite you to join them 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>



NAMES FOR REMBRANCE AT DAILY MASS
If you would like the names of your loved ones remembered in our priests daily Mass
Please email them to the office
info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
They will e placed in the special container, used each year, and placed on the altar.

DIOCESAN LOCKDOWN RESOURCES

Can now be accessed on the Web homepage of the parish
www.northcotecatholic.org.nz Pan down to the bottom of the page Under our Newsletter.

**THE GREAT DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS QUIZ
SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 7PM**

We are back with another opportunity to win up to \$500 for your parish school or faith community. Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun!
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

CARITAS IS LOOKING FOR A CEO

A fantastic Career opportunity committed to service. Candidates can apply on line at www.sheffield.co.nz for full job description. To apply attach cover letter and CV to cwvlg@sheffield.co.nz

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT TE KUPENGA
CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship*. Available for a select number of people intending to do 1 or more Theology papers at the college towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022. For more info. and application form email catheriner@cda.org.nz
Closing date 3rd December

Dei Verbum Reading Challenge

Free 2 week guided reading journey through Church Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. *Dei Verbum*, "Word of God" one of the most important documents of the 2nd Vatican Council. Challenge starts Mon. 8 Nov. led by Dr Richard DeClue, Fellow of Theology. Learn more from wordonfire.institute/dei-verbun-reading-challenge

**DE PAUL HOUSE (92 Onewa Rd) SHELVES
ARE EMPTY**

Can you help by providing food, supermarket vouchers, or a donation against our food bank purchases? Over the past 88 days of lockdown we have supported vulnerable families with over 185 food parcels. We are able to take fridge/freezer goods now. We have 3 Commercial Fridges Donations can be taken through our web site www.depaulhouse.org.nz or call 480 5959. Thank you for your support during these challenging times-
Jan Rutledge, General Manager.

SYNOD - DIOCESAN PHASE

"..... The purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to build bridges, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another"

MORE LINKS FOR YOU

[Kids Corner](#)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner/>

[Parent Ponderings](#)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings/>

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.

CONTACT DETAILS!!

If you haven't heard from us during this lockdown it probably means that we do not have your correct phone number or email! Please keep in touch email: info@northcotecatholic.org.nz us with your contacts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sharon LARCOMBE, long-time parishioner of St Mary's who died this week - MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

WANTED RENTALS IN BIRKEHEAD

House 3/4 bed for family of 5, live in Wellington, need to come to Birkenhead to care for elderly mother who is unwell. Will sign a 12 month lease, reasonable rent. contact parish info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
1 bed flat for elderly lady, no steps please, must be warm call Beverley call 360 2503

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, Linda F, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L. Shannon, Owen B, Susan C. Brian, Neil M, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S. Ronald B. Paula & Peter O'S, Syrel C, Billy G M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Mark B, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Jill O'N, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Marie B, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Elliot T, Denise C, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Tui O'S, Maselino L, Beulah B

DAILY READINGS

Monday -			
Reading	I Maccabees	1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64	Ps. 119P
Gospel	Luke	18:35-43	
Tuesday -			
Reading	II Maccabees	6:18-31	Ps. 3
Gospel	Luke	19: 1-10	
Wednesday - St Elizabeth of Hungry			
Reading	II Maccabees	7: 1,20-31	Ps. 17
Gospel	Luke	19:11-28	
Thursday -			
Reading	I Maccabees	2:15-29	Ps. 50
Gospel	Luke	17:20-25	
Friday -			
Reading	I Maccabees	4:36-37,52-59	Cant. I Chronicles
Gospel	Luke	19:45-48	
Saturday -			
Reading	I Maccabees	6: 1-13	Ps. 9
Gospel	Luke	20:27-40	
Sunday - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King			
1st Reading	Daniel	7:13-14	Ps. 93
2nd Reading	Apocalypse	1: 5- 8	
Gospel	John	18:33-37	

DIOCESAN RESOURCES IN TIMES OF LOCKDOWN

Sunday Mass is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow>.
Mass also on Shine at 2pm Sunday.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday with links to appropriate music videos, suggestion for reflections, accompanied with a Power Point for Sharing aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers
Daily Reflections by Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections on Facebook [Bishop Pat and Bishop Michael](#)
Online Rosary contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join at 10.00am and 8pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish
Information on the Synod We are at the start of the 2021-2023 Synod for a Synodal Church. To find out more about the process including how to get involved go to website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AUCKLAND

Organised by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland will take place from 14 to 18th January 2022 at YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. We welcome all Teens (13 to 17 years) to join St Mary's Northcote as a large group.
Please get in touch with us ASAP on email: stmaryslifeteennorthcote@gmail.com expressing your interest.
Parents please encourage your teens to attend as it will be an amazing experience for them. For more information visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/ltsack22/>

SPONSORING/SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

We are blessed to have around **40 youth from our parish** keen on attending the **LifeTeen camp** organised by the diocese in January 2022. This will be a life changing experience for our youth in bringing them closer to Christ.
The **cost per child is \$250** for 4nights including meals and transportation.
If you are keen to **sponsor a child or if you can support in anyway** it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with the parish office. info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

FIT FOR MISSION



PRO-LIFE FACTS

The End of Life Choice Act came into being on November 7th, assisted suicide and euthanasia are now available under certain circumstances. DefendNZ is allied with Voice for Life to assist New Zealanders understand the dangers and protect the vulnerable from being deliberately killed. Their website www.DefendNZ.co.nz provides the information you need to know and answer questions. Henoeh Kloosterboer, spokesman for DefendNZ says: "We will protect patients, families and medical practitioners from the harms of the EOLCA – and expose illegal practices and abuses of the vulnerable to ensure greater accountability. "We will seek to improve this deficient law with amend- ments to the Act, lobbying the Government and supporting those who truly care."

For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz