

**CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
21ST NOVEMBER 2021**

REFLECTION

Many of the readings from Mark's Gospel that we have encountered over past weeks focus on the misunderstanding the disciples have about the nature of the kingdom that Jesus proclaims.

They remain locked into an earthly understanding of political power.

In this text from John, Jesus makes very explicit that this is not the case.

His kingdom is not of this world!

Pilate pushes the point in order to trap him into an admission of guilt:

'So you are a king then?'

Jesus' kingship, however, is not to be bound by earthly understandings.

He is indeed a king, but he exercises

His kingship by making known the love of God.

For this purpose alone He came into the world: to bear witness to the truth that 'God so loved the world that He gave His only son' (John 3:16).

It is for the world and all humanity that Christ died, so we should avoid the mistake of thinking that Christ's kingdom is in some way unreal or anchored in the clouds each day.

While it is not of this world, it is most definitely anchored in this world.

All Christians are challenged to help bring this kingdom to fulfilment here and now.

'Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.'

It is in the lives and hearts of ordinary people and the societies they build that Christ's kingdom lives and awaits completion. We too must bear witness to this truth.

- What are some of the conflicts between the values of the kingdom of Jesus and the values of the society we live in?

**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>

COVID 19 VACCINE

If you have not yet been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so TODAY!

PAX CHRISTI AEOTEAROA

AGM for 2021 on 11 December at Te Waipuna Puawai, 12A Umere Cres. Ellerslie 10am to 2pm. Please bring something for a shared lunch. To register contact paxchristiaotea-aroa@gmail.com

If Covid restrictions still in place, the GMN will be moved to the Zoom Platform.

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"

**LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST MARY'S SUNDAY 10.AM ON FACEBOOK
[Facebook.com/northcotecatholic](https://www.facebook.com/northcotecatholic)**

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

PATRIS CORDE:

With a Father's Heart A Festival on St Joseph presents the online movie **Joseph of Nazareth: The Man Closest to Christ.**

Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact [0220289737/](tel:0220289737) info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details. All events are FREE.

ALL SCHEDULED MEETING DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID LEVELS !!

SYNOD

Interest in the Synod is high, over 200 people have attended the information sessions to learn about the process and many are preparing to reach out and form listening groups to facilitate responses to the fundamental question. You can download the information booklet from-

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SynodInformationBooklet.pdf

AS previously reported the Vatican has changed the deadline for responses. To keep up-to-date with what is happening, you are encouraged to sign up to the fortnightly

Synod Snapshot www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/synod-newsletter/

NOMINATIONS FOR TU KAHIKATEA AWARDS 2021 ARE NOW OPEN

If you know a young person aged 35 years or younger who has made an outstanding contribution to ministry for more than 3 years and would like them to be nominated, please let Fr Lio know. Nominations close 15th

December. info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

ADVENT PRAYER & ACTION/ AN INVITATION

Advent is a season of Hope. As we move out of a period of stay-at-home orders, with Covid 19 a reality in our communities and a sense of uncertainty we are hopeful that all shall be well. In this season when we prepare with hope for the coming of Emmanuel- God with us. All are invited to join a circle of prayer. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world. Each morning from 1st

Sunday of Advent 28 November to Christmas Eve at 8.30am on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic> Advent prayer will be offered. Young people from our school communities, representatives from parish & ethnic communities and diocesan staff will lead up in prayer. The diocese pausing to gather and pray together.

**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 be 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.

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

DIOCESAN WIDE VOCATIONS NOVENA TO END THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Live streamed from St Patrick's Cathedral daily at 7pm starts Mon 29 Nov. through to Wed. 8 Dec. Find out more here www.aucklandvocations.org.nz/novena

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.

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.

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 7PM CONVERGE//YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT LEADERS GATHERING

You are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation and sharing. Featuring Dr Rob Galea and many familiar faces. How we can journey together <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>

WANTED RENTAL 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

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 - St Cecilia			
Reading	Daniel	1: 1- 6,8-20	Cant. Daniel 3: 1- 4
Gospel	Luke	21: 1- 4	
Tuesday -			
Reading	Daniel	2:31-45	Cant. Daniel 3: 1- 3
Gospel	Luke	21: 5-11	
Wednesday - St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps.			
Reading	Daniel	5: 1- 6,13-14,16-17,23-28	Cant. Daniel 3: 4- 6
Gospel	Luke	21:12-19	
Thursday -			
Reading	Daniel	6:12-28	Cant. Daniel 3: 7- 3:2
Gospel	Luke	21:20-28	
Friday -			
Reading	Daniel	7: 2-14	Cant. Daniel 3: 2- 5
Gospel	Luke	21:29-33	
Saturday -			
Reading	Daniel	7:15-27	Cant. Daniel 3: 6- 9
Gospel	Luke	21:34-36	
1st Sunday in Advent			
1st Reading	Jeremiah	33:14-16	Ps. 25
2nd Reading	I Thess.	3:12-4: 2	
Gospel	Luke	21:25-28,34-36	

DIOCESAN RESOURCES IN TIMES OF LOCKDOWN

Sunday Mass is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the

Youthtube 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://](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/)

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

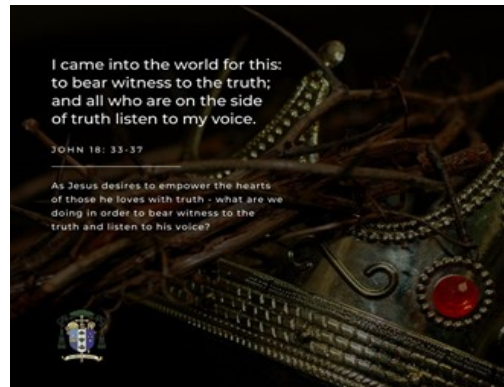
transportation.

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

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PRO-LIFE FACTS

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