

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's Northcote,

COVID 19 TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM UP-DATE

Blessings as we enter the Season of Advent, a season of joyful expectations.

Auckland is envisaged to move to Traffic Light Red on Friday, 3rd December. This would allow us to open our church and celebrate public Masses, albeit with restrictions in place. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather and worship as a community. To keep everyone safe, we follow the guidance of our Bishops and adhere to the instructions of the Government.

Please note the following arrangements we have put in place under the Traffic Light Red:

1. Mass attendance will be limited to a maximum of 100 for those who can show proof of vaccination, which could be either the My Vaccine Pass or the original purple card received at the time of vaccination. This would be asked before entering the church. Please come early to give us time to do the necessary checking. Children under 12 who are not vaccinated can attend Mass as long as they are accompanied by a vaccinated adult. A booking system will be in place.
2. You will be required to sign in by scanning the QR code or, if you do not use a smart phone, writing down your details in a form provided at the entrance of the church.
3. Masks/facial coverings are to be worn at all time. Please sanitize your hands as you enter.
4. Social distancing is to be observed within the church. Some pews are cordoned off for this purpose.
5. There will be no Holy Water in the fonts and no sharing of prayer books. There will be no singing and at the sign of peace, a simple wave or a bow would suffice.
6. Holy Communion will be under one specie. You are asked to keep your masks on upon approaching the minister. Reception would only be by the hand. When you return to your seats, you can remove your mask and consume the Host reverently.

At the moment, we cannot offer a separate Mass for those without proof of vaccination because the maximum number can only be 25. We need to observe these directives, non-compliance of which could incur a \$15,000 fine.

We met with the Parish Pastoral Council and we decided that we will start weekday Masses on **Wednesday, 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, keeping the 9:15 am schedule. **Sunday Masses will resume on the weekend of 11/12th December, the Third Sunday of Advent**, following the regular time slots.

For those who are unable to come because of not having proof of vaccination, kindly let us know and we will arrange reception of Holy Communion outside the scheduled Masses. You are encouraged to attend Mass on-line or on Shine TV.

We are emailing everyone we have emails for over the next few days to try to ensure that all parishioners are aware of what we are doing in our parish. Please spread the word as wide as you can, especially if you know of parishioners who do not access social media. Notices will also be posted on our parish Facebook and Website. Details on how to book for Weekend Masses will be advised shortly. Please check our Website and Facebook regularly for updates.

We have missed everyone and look forward to celebrating Mass together. God bless,
Fr Lio, Fr Marchellino and the Parish Team

DE PAUL HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS YEAR'S ANGEL TREE!

Can you help bless a family this Christmas?



This year due to the restrictions of lockdown, lack of volunteers on site and logistics, we are asking families to

sponsor children with a gift voucher, so the children have the pleasure of choosing their own Christmas gift. We are suggesting Gift Vouchers from The Warehouse, Westfield Mall or Kmart. Or you can donate direct to our account via our website on

<http://www.depaulhouse.org.nz/donations>

Or online banking 02-0278-0059429-02 Please reference Xmas.

On behalf of the De Paul House families, we thank you for your continuing support and care and wish you all a very joy filled Christmas Season.

Jan Rutledge, General Manager 480 5959
admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

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>

ROBERT BARRON'S 'SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES' resumes 7.30pm Thursday 9 Dec.
Via jitsi meet. Link will be sent to participants closer to the time.

BOOKING FOR MASS 11/12 DECEMBER

Open Monday 6 Dec. & close when full or on

Fri. 10 Dec. at 3.30pm. Go to our web page

www.northcotecatholic.org.nz click on Mass Registrations, go to the required Mass time enter number attending, including children.

When you arrive at Mass, all adults and children over 12 years of age should have your Vaccine Pass, and Covid Tracing App ready to show to the usher (if you do not have a Covid App then please sign in on the form provided).

Please wear your face mask while in church and follow instructions given by the ushers

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

ADVENT PRAYER & ACTION/ AN INVITATION

All are invited to join a circle of prayer. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world.

Each morning from 1st Sunday of Advent today to Christmas Eve at 8.30am on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic>



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

Live Streamed from St Patrick's Cathedral daily at 7pm Starts Mon. 29th Nov through to Wed. 8th December. Find out more here www.aucklandvocations.org.nz/novena
Please join us if you can.

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 100 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Baptism Preparation Programme we hope to be able to organise a Preparation a programme prior to Christmas and will give details next week.

Sacramental Programme Preparation (Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion) we hope to be able to advise Registration dates for the next Programme in next week's newsletter.

Please check our Website www.northcotecatholic.org.nz Regularly for the latest up dates

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	Isaiah	35: 1- 10	Ps. 85
Gospel	Luke	5:17-26	
Tuesday - St Ambrose			
Reading	Isaiah	40: 1-11	Ps. 96
Gospel	Matthew	18:12-14	
Wednesday -Immaculate Conception			
1st Reading	Genesis	3: 9-15,20	Ps. 98
2nd Reading	Ephesians	1: 3- 6,11-12	
Gospel	Luke	1:26-38	
Thursday -			
Reading	Isaiah	41:13-20	Ps. 145
Gospel	Matthew	11:11-15	
Friday -			
Reading	Isaiah	48:17-19	Ps. 1
Gospel	Matthew	11:16-19	
Saturday -			
Reading	Eccles.	48: 1- 4,9-11	Ps. 80
Gospel	Matthew	17:10:-13	
3rd Sunday in Advent			
1st Reading	Zephaniah	3:14- 18	Cant. Isaiah
2nd Reading	Philippians	4: 4- 7	
Gospel	Luke	3:10- 18	

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/)

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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

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

LUKE 3: 1-6

How are we preparing a way for
the Lord this Advent?



PRO-LIFE FACTS

This week's bulletin is number 500. So many topics have been covered in the bulletins over the years, from topical New Zealand and international issues, to focusing on the work of individuals and various opportunities for pro-life action. This year has perhaps been the most challenging since the bulletins began, with the impact of the Abortion Legislation Act (2020). However, this unjust law is certainly not the end of the road for the pro-life cause because it does not change the hearts of those who care for the lives of all human beings at every stage of life. As we reach our 500th bulletin, and the final one for 2021, we invite you to consider becoming a member of Voice for Life and, in the coming year, helping to cultivate a society that truly values life.

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