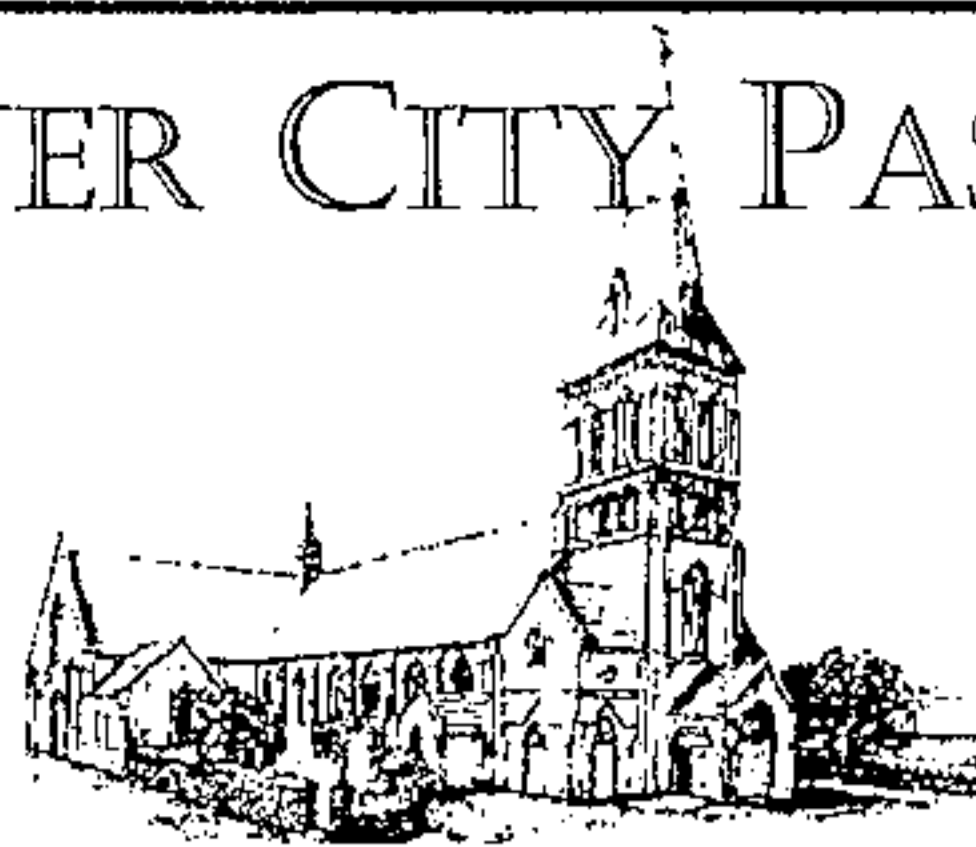


# AUCKLAND INNER CITY PASTORAL AREA



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## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 JULY 2010

On a first reading of the Gospel, we might well wonder about Jesus' attitude to **Martha**. After all, it is Martha who welcomes Jesus and sets about the tasks of hospitality for him. But does she really welcome him? Is she perhaps more preoccupied with hospitality tasks than with Jesus' presence? It is easy to identify with Martha and I have sympathy for her in this story. The tasks need to be done. In stark contrast, her sister **Mary**, who does not appear to do anything, is in fact the one who welcomes Jesus. She gives him her total presence and undivided attention. On the surface it could seem that Jesus undervalues hospitality. However, Jesus does not say, forget about these important tasks. Rather, he points out that we are to welcome one another with attentive listening and by being totally present in loving, generous hospitality. This is how we also wait on God.

There is something very appealing in this story of Jesus with Martha and Mary. It is a model both for prayer and loving discipleship. It forms a wonderful backdrop for Seminarian **Carlo Cruz** as he is ordained today to the Diaconate by Bishop Patrick. For the past year Carlo has ministered in the three Inner City Parishes. We warmly congratulate you Carlo and pray that as you undertake the responsibilities of Deacon, you will grow in love for God by your attentive listening, presence, and loving, generous service to all those you serve. May Carlo's presence as Deacon remind us all of the universal call to diakonia to serve one another.

Today is the annual appeal for the **Caring Foundation**. Calling on our generosity to our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate than ourselves, Bishop Patrick invites us to contribute to the Caring Foundation which regularly distributes funds to those in need. Your gift, no matter how small, is truly appreciated. Please put the envelope safely in the collection bag or in the designated Donation box at the entrance to the church.

It is also **Bible Sunday** today. The Bible Society encourages us all to get into God's Word to *Think It! Drink It! Live It! Give It*. This year the Bible Society aims to increase the printing of Bibles in China for the people there. You are invited to send your donation in the self contained, reply-paid envelopes at the back of the church.

The booklets, **New Words. Deeper Meaning. Same Mass**, are available today in our churches. These booklets explain the new English translation of the Mass which will be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent. They will help our reflections on the word changes which aim to reclaim the richness of the original texts and the beauty of the Mass.

Finally, we hope that school children and university students, who return to their studies this week, have a happy, successful term as do their teachers, parents, and families.

Abundant blessings,  
*Sr Mary*

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Liturgy of the Word**

~ **Genesis 18:1-10** When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself, who would reward him with good news

~ **Psalm 14:2-5** The just will live in the presence of the Lord

~ **Colossians 1:24-28** Paul suffers for his converts.

~ **Luke 10:38-42** The Gospel contrasts Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord.

**Next Week's readings:** First reading: **Genesis 18:20-32**, Psalm: 137:1-3, 6-8,

Second reading: Colossians 2:12-14, Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

**At St Benedict's....**

**Every Wednesday...Novena and Mass to our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7pm.**

**First Friday of the month...Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction 6.30pm followed by Mass in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30pm.**

**Third Friday of the month...Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Novena & Mass in devotion to the Holy Child Jesus, Senor Santo Nino at 7.30pm.**

**Golden Jubilee Congratulations**

Our congratulations go to Father Terry Dibble, Father Pat Ward, and Fr Terry Fitzpatrick sm, who are celebrating 50 years of priestly service this week. May they continue to find fulfilment through their ministry.

**Caring Sunday**

Caring Sunday is the annual appeal for Bishop Pat's charitable Foundation. Will you help us to help others?

**Young Peoples Fellowship**

Are having a cake stall after 9.30 Eucharist today, Sunday 18 July, please help to support them

**Reflection Day ' Mary MacKillop's Spirit'**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of August 10.0 a.m. – 3.00p.m.

A reflective day with time to be in touch with Mary MacKillop's Spirit. How can the spirit and spirituality of Mary MacKillop inspire and encourage us to be attentive to the God within us?

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland

Facilitator... Ann Neven rsj Cost: \$20 Bring own lunch – tea and coffee provided.

Registration to Ann Neven [aneven@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aneven@xtra.co.nz)

Phone: 2797047

**Mary MacKillop:** In celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop which will take place on **17 October** this year, we have a set of three booklets on the life and work of Mary MacKillop. These booklets have been produced by the Sisters of St Joseph. The set of booklets are available for **\$10** and are very interesting reading, especially in light of Mary MacKillop's connection with St Benedicts.

**Bishop's Forum 2010**

**7.30pm-9.30pm Tuesday 3 August** St Columba Centre (City/Central) 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby All welcome especially parish priests, pastoral councillors, pastoral workers, youth, ethnic community leaders, all interested people

*Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:*

Gilbert Purdom, Tessa Foley, Cecilia Fouhy, Terry Welch, Daniel Doran, Patricia Borg, Josephine Scully, Valerie Tolich, Joan Gollins, Helen Hudson, Claire Christian, Peter McNamara, Patricia Byrne, Robert Rankin, Jasper Todd, Noel Lyons, Eva Schumkel, Trish Stubbs, Sr Patricia Hackett, Abigail Pluijmers, Rhoda McMahon, Mericie de Souza, Andrew Martin, Val de Souza, Jean McErlane, Denise O'Connor, John O'Connor, Iona Turner, Fr Terry Fitzpatrick, Grahame Rice, Stuart Drube, Nhanel Goundar, Efren Lorenzo, Sr Mary Concannon OP, Theresa Stowers, Ann Gilroy, Mary Ellis, Matthew Fowler, Dion Clements, Marlane Sherborne, Anne Courtney, Choy Ying Woo, John Walsh, Masina Folau Fusimalohi, Meaghan Craig, Doreen Milich, Andria Tolich, Joan-Mary Heffernan, Margaret Scanlan, John Walker, Mary Bhalla, Teresa van Dam, Rohan Goonetilleke.

***We remember those who have died recently ....Alan Murray***

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Matilda Wishart, John Dooley, Theresa Foy, Francis Nelson, Amy Rainsford, James Barker, Fr Carl von Rotter, Margaret Dowling, May Batucan, Mary Flynn

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, may they rest in peace.*

### St Vincent de Paul Society

**FOODBANK** in desperate need particularly for rice, breakfast cereals, porridge. Items can be left in the basket at back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Fidelity in Troubled Times

Fr Donald Cozzens, Professor of theology in Ohio, Rector of the Cleveland Seminary author of *Faith that Dares to Speak* (2004) and here to address a clergy symposium will give one public talk on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby at 7.30pm. Come and hear this wise and challenging speaker. \$10.00 waged, \$5.00 unwaged. Registrations close 18<sup>th</sup> July. Email [patl@cda.org.nz](mailto:patl@cda.org.nz)

### Divine Mercy Devotion

On **Friday 23rd July at 7 pm**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, followed by Mass. All Welcome at Good Shepherd Parish 27 Telford Avenue, Balmoral. Divine Mercy every fourth Friday of the month at 7pm

**A Brazilian student** in Auckland, with a degree in Industrial Engineering, is looking for work for a month, after 12.30pm each day. Contact Guilherme on 021 118 6588

### Monday Night Speaker at Discipleship College.

This Monday, 19 July, Brendan Malone, research officer with Family Life International, will be speaking on "How to talk about abortion without losing friends and making enemies" at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna, at 7.30 p. m. All welcome.

### Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

**Dove Fellowship North Shore** offers all women the very special privilege of listening to Fr. Neil Vaney speak on the topic "From Ashes to Harvest". Wed 21 July 7.30pm St Joseph's Centre 1 Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. Contact Jo 09 424 4122

### Financial Support of St Benedict's Parish

Thank you for your on-going and generous financial support of St Benedict's. For those who would like to contribute regularly through the envelope system or through automatic payment, **please fill in the coupon on the back page** of this newsletter and send to the parish office.

### Activities for Young Adults

**Soul** is a group for people in their 20s and 30s - new people very welcome - to register for our weekly emails send your email address to [SoulGroupAuckland@gmail.com](mailto:SoulGroupAuckland@gmail.com) For more information on Soul Group events contact Teresa on 021 649 012

### Activities coming up....

**Stationery and craft night:** Bring school stationery (pens, exercise books etc) to donate to the children at Monte Cecilia and come help us make educational resources. Join us from 6.30-8pm in the Crypt (below St Ben's) on Monday 19 July

**Diocesan Youth Mass, 7pm 25th July** at St Patrick's Cathedral. This month we will celebrate Mass as a Maori Miha to celebrate the gift of biculturalism through liturgy.

**Retreat Day:** 9-5pm on 1 August at St Francis retreat Centre. \$35 includes lunch.

**Theology on Tap:** Fr Neil Darragh speaks on the topic "Sin is Back" at 8.30pm on Sunday 1 August @ The Muddy Farmer

### Canvas Youth: July Meeting

If you're aged 13-18 join us for our 'Feed the World' event. We will be making soup for the homeless and then hearing from Caritas about how we can all help feed the world. All welcome, just turn up at Liston Hall on Sunday, July 25 from 4.30 - 6.30pm (approx 8pm - if you want to join us for the Diocesan Youth Mass). For more information call Rowena on 021 02724 192

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### Parking at St Benedict's Church

Free parking is available from Saturday midday to Sunday evening in **St Benedict's car park** on corner of St Benedict's & Alex Evans Street

**Please NOTE: a few parks in top park are marked reserved for tenant parking and are 24 hour tow away.**

These parks are allocated to nearby residents not the Church!

