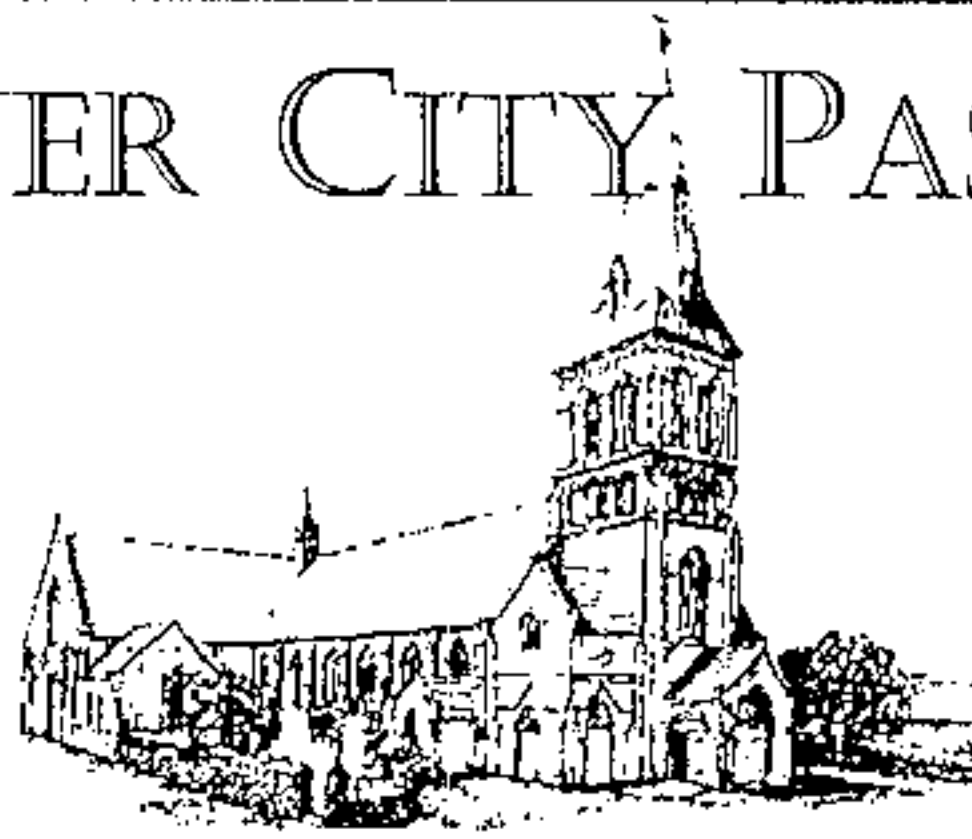


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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 JULY 2010

Prayer and praying emerge as obvious themes in today's Gospel. We hear the disciples ask "Lord teach us to pray". In response Jesus gives us a prayer that is the oldest and most cherished in our church tradition, the Lord's Prayer. Perhaps today we are invited by the liturgy to revisit the prayer of Jesus with new eyes, reflecting on the words, acknowledging who we are praising, "hallowed be your name", and what we are actually asking for..... "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"....

A courageous request by any standards! When we pray we are often challenged to put the words we use, into action. The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi is especially beautiful and much loved. If only we were able to put it into practice right now.....

*Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine master grant that I
may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.*
Recently I was talking to a woman who had



just returned from a very memorable pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She recalled her visit to the **Pater Noster** Church just outside Jerusalem. Around the walls of the enclosure the Lord's Prayer is written in mosaic in many languages of the world. It was with joy and excitement that she discovered the version in Maori - something so very unique to Aotearoa New Zealand. She felt connected in a very special way to home, 'God's furthest outpost'. This week our nation celebrates Maori Language Week. We too celebrate how the life and mission of Jesus has taken root in *this land* in ways unique to its people and culture. From Aramaic to Latin to French and English to Maori, the church is united in the prayer of Jesus:

*E to matou Matua i te rangi,
kia whakatapua tou ingoa,
kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga,
kia whakaritea tou hiahia
i te whenu kia pera ano i to te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei
he taro ma matou mo tenei ra
Whakakahoretia o matou hara,
me matou hoki e whakakore nei
i nga hara o te hunga
e hara ana ki a matou.*

*Kaua matou e tukua kia whakawaia,
engari whakaorangia matou i te kino.*

~~~~~  
Let us continue to pray for each other's wellbeing, perhaps claiming the prayer of St Francis as a prayer of our own.

**PAX, Bernard**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Liturgy of the Word**

~ **Genesis 18:20-32** Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil

~ **Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me

~ **Colossians 2:12-14** Through Baptism a Christian dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to live a new life.

~ **Luke 11:1-13** Jesus urges the apostles to pray to God with childlike trust for all their spiritual and temporal needs.

**Next Week's readings:** First reading: **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**, Psalm: **89:3-6, 12-14, 17**

Second reading: **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**, Gospel: **Luke 12:13-21**

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

Every Wednesday...Novena and Mass to our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7.00pm.

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.

**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. If you wish to raise any issues at the forum please do so in writing and signed at least a day before the forum Send to [patl@cda.org.nz](mailto:patl@cda.org.nz), or fax 376.2829

**A visit to Auckland of the relics of Padre Pio**

25 August, 6.45 pm. Mass celebrated by Bishop Pat Dunn and Fr Ermelindo Di Capua, the Confreere of St Pio, at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. At the end of Mass there will be an opportunity for all devotees to be blessed with the relics of Pardre Pio.

**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.

**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.

*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, John Walker, Mary Bhalla, Teresa van Dam, Rohan Goonetilleke.

***We remember those who have died recently ....Margaret Scanlan***

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Percy Williams, Amy Williams, Patrick Monaghan, Ussher Keating, Aileen Lynch, Ricardo Cruz, Joanna Coleman, Jessie Shanaghan, Harlam Patchett, Patrick Leamy, Molly Griffiths

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

### 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)

### Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, Auckland West

Meets on Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm at St Anne's, 3 Cole Pl, Te Atatu South "Love" / John 4:7 - 21 with Bill and Anke Aalbers. Followed by refreshments and fellowship. Reconciliation and prayer ministry are available. All women are warmly welcomed. For more information, please contact Anne Marie: 832 1155 Dove website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

### Dove Catholic Fellowship North Shore

All women are most welcome to join us at our next meeting. Ruth Cark will speak on "The prayer of Jabez" Wednesday 18 August 7.30—9.30 pm, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna. Contact Jo 4244122

### Married Couples needed

Do you value Marriage as the Cornerstone of our Society? We are looking for couples who are interested in joining an enthusiastic team that provides courses for engaged couples. Full training will be given and a workshop be held Thursday 29 July, 7pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre. Further details contact Tonny Flapper 3603025 or [tonnyf@cda.org.nz](mailto:tonnyf@cda.org.nz)

### Beginning Experience

It is a programme designed to help widowed, divorced and separated people move towards a gentle closure of the past. The next weekend is 6-8 August 2010. To register or for further enquiries phone 3603054

### 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....

**Diocesan Youth Mass, 7pm 25th July** at St Patrick's Cathedral.

**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

### Youth Tunes Collective

Whether you Sing, Play or just Love Music and would like to connect with other young people with the same Musical Passion, then **Youth Tunes Collective** is for you!! **Youth Tunes Collective** happens every **Second Thursday (starting the 24th June 2010)**. YTC will be on this Thursday!! Spread the word to people that you think may be interested! **Logos Centre, 2 St Benedicts, Newton, Auckland**

### Heart 4 Youth

5 August, 7-9pm **Helping skills and safe practice**  
Facilitators: Sr Cabrini Makasiale and Sr Ruth Mather. Logos centre, 2 St Benedicts St Newton.  
Food and drinks provided. This workshop explores positive ways in which we can communicate and best support our young people. This workshop will also explore boundaries and safe practice tools. This workshop will be very helpful for all leaders.

### Canvas Youth: July Meeting

If you're aged 13-18 join us for our 'Feed the World' event. 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

### Faith in Art Competition.

Winning prize is \$1000. closes 7 October 2010. visit [www.faithinart.org.nz](http://www.faithinart.org.nz) for details Entries

