



**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER
AUCKLAND LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY**

St Anne's Chapel | 3 Cole Place, Te Atatu South

**RESUMED 6TH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

14TH NOVEMBER, 2021

Pax Christi,

We have reached the mid point of November and at this juncture I ask your prayers for those who are being fired for not being vaccinated. Obviously having one's employment terminated is a stressful time and these people need our prayers. However, let me also ask for your prayers for those who find themselves (as employers) as the ones who (seemingly) have to terminate workers. The employers are told by the government that they cannot have employees who are unvaccinated due to a public health risk, so they must comply by a deadline. There are many employers who have workers for long periods of time, who know the value of these workers, respect them as professionals, friends even, and now must (in effect) fire them. There are no winners in these situations. It is true that some employers have offered some other options to their employees, such as unpaid leave until the situation changes or other vaccines become available, but there are others who have not only terminated employment, but they have closed the door to any possibility of the person returning to that field to work. There is also the deceptive tactic of having the worker 'quit' the job - ostensibly of their own free will, so that if, some time in the future, one is to find out that the termination of the job broke rules of fair employment, then there would be no chance of legal action. This is where the government hand seems to be most prevalent. This is the situation whereby language matters.

As I said, this situation seems to be a lose/lose one. Both employer and employee lose. Governments have played political games since, well, forever. They know the twisted thorns of legal problems, and have thrown employers under the bus by getting them to do their dirty work of bullying, threatening and firing non-compliant employees. Much of this has been rolled out under the thunder clouds of a heavy handed PR campaign of expert advice and if need be, shaming individuals. All this inevitably results in pain, conflict and discord, and yes, these are the fruits of the enemy of mankind, just as peace and accord are the fruits of the spirit of Christ.

What I would love to see be our mindset as we enter Advent (soon) is one of reparation and charity. Make reparation for the multitude of sins against our Blessed Lord and His Church, and also charity to all, in the form of joy to our neighbours, especially those who stand against us (wherever we stand). Anger begets anger, charity begets love. Let not your heart be troubled, but accept the difficulties of this life with a joyful countenance, loving your neighbour. This situation cannot go on like this, there is too much hatred. Let those who are truly 'of Christ' stand up, and turn the tide by living the life of true charity. As St Paul says in today's Epistle, "*you became followers of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that you were made a pattern to all*" Let us not be part of the problem, but willing workers in the solution.



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St Anne's Chapel

Monday – Wednesday 7am

Thursday & Friday 7pm

Saturday & Sunday 8am

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ST. MARTIN'S LENT & ADVENT

The oldest document in which we find the length and exercises of Advent mentioned with anything like clearness, is a passage in the second book of the History of the Franks by St. Gregory of Tours, where he says that St. Perpetuus, one of his predecessors, who held that see about the year 480, had decreed a fast three times a week, from the feast of St. Martin until Christmas. It would be impossible to decide whether St. Perpetuus, by his regulations, established a new custom, or merely enforced an already existing law. Let us, however, note this interval of forty, or rather of forty-three days, so expressly mentioned, and consecrated to penance, as though it were a second Lent, though less strict and severe than that which precedes Easter.

Later on, we find the ninth canon of the first Council of Mâcon, held in 582, ordaining that during the same interval between St. Martin's day and Christmas, the Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, should be fasting days, and that the Sacrifice should be celebrated according to the lenten rite. Not many years before that, namely in 567, the second Council of Tours had enjoined the monks to fast from the beginning of December till Christmas. This practice of penance soon extended to the whole forty days, even for the laity: and it was commonly called St. Martin's Lent. The capitularia of Charlemagne, in the sixth book, leave us no doubt on the matter; and Rabanus Maurus, in the second book of his Institution of clerics, bears testimony to this observance. There were even special rejoicings made on St. Martin's feast, just as we see them practised now at the approach of Lent and Easter.

The obligation of observing this Lent, which, though introduced so imperceptibly, had by degrees acquired the force of a sacred law, began to be relaxed, and the forty days from St. Martin's day to Christmas were reduced to four weeks. We have seen that this fast began to be observed first in France; but thence it spread into England. as

we find from Venerable Bede's history; into Italy, as appears from a diploma of Astolphus, king of the Lombards, dated 753; into Germany, Spain, &c., of which the proofs may be seen in the learned work of Dom Martène, On the ancient rites of the Church. The first allusion to Advent's being reduced to four weeks is to be found in the ninth century, in a letter of Pope St. Nicholas I to the Bulgarians. The testimony of Ratherius of Verona, and of Abbo of Fleury, both writers of the tenth century, goes also to prove that, even then, the question of reducing the duration of the Advent fast by one-third was seriously entertained. It is true that St. Peter Damian, in the eleventh century, speaks of the Advent fast as still being for forty days; and that St. Louis, two centuries later, kept it for that length of time; but as far as this holy king is concerned, it is probable that it was only his own devotion which prompted him to this practice.

The discipline of the Churches of the west, after having reduced the time of the Advent fast, so far relented, in a few years, as to change the fast into a simple abstinence; and we even find Councils of the twelfth century, for instance Selingstadt in 1122, and Avranches in 1172, which seem to require only the clergy to observe this abstinence. The Council of Salisbury, held in 1281, would seem to expect none but monks to keep it. On the other hand (for the whole subject is very confused, owing, no doubt, to there never having been any uniformity of discipline regarding it in the western Church), we find Pope Innocent III, in his letter to the bishop of Braga, mentioning the custom of fasting during the whole of Advent, as being at that time observed in Rome; and Durandus, in the same thirteenth century, in his Rational on the Divine Offices, tells us that, in France, fasting was uninterruptedly observed during the whole of that holy time.

Dom Prosper Gueranger

15th November	Monday	St Albert the Great, <i>Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, 3rd Class</i>
16th November	Tuesday	St Gertrude the Great, <i>Virgin, 3rd Class</i>
17th November	Wednesday	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, <i>Bishop & Confessor, 3rd Class</i>
18th November	Thursday	The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, <i>3rd Class</i>
19th November	Friday	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, <i>Widow, 3rd Class</i>
20th November	Saturday	St. Felix of Valois, <i>Confessor, 3rd Class</i>
21st November	Sunday	24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 2ND CLASS

RESUMED 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**INTROIT***Jn 29:11,12,14, Psalm 84:2*

The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: you shall call upon Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. *Ps.* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that thinking everything over in our minds, we may accomplish, both in words and works, that which is pleasing in Thy sight. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE*1 Thess. 1, 2-10*

Brethren: We give thanks to God always for you all, making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing, being mindful of the work of your faith and labour and charity, and of the enduring of the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father: knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election: for our Gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much fullness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. And you became followers of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that you were made a pattern to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you was spread abroad the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but also in every place your faith, which is towards God, is gone forth, so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves relate of us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven (whom He raised up from the dead), Jesus, who hath delivered us from the wrath to come.

GRADUAL*Psalm 43. 8-9*

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA*Psalm 129:1-2*

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL*Matthew 13. 31-35*

At that time Jesus spoke to the multitudes this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain

of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which is the least indeed of all seeds: but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable He spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes: and without parables He did not speak to them: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

OFFERTORY*Psalm 129:1-2*

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

May this offering, O God, we beseech Thee, cleanse and renew us, guide and protect us. Through our Lord.

PREFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: Who, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, are one God, one Lord: not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe by Thy revelation of Thy glory, the same do we believe of Thy Son, the same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation. So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, distinction in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty may be adored. Which the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim do praise: who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice saying:

COMMUNION*Mark 11:24*

Amen I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you.

POSTCOMMUNION

We have been fed, O Lord, with heavenly delights, and beseech Thee, that we may ever hunger after those things by which we truly live. Through our Lord.



CATHOLIC OPINION

with Fr. Sumich

Planet FM 104.6 FM

Friday 2:10pm or online at

www.planetaudio.org.nz/catholic-opinion

THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

During the Month of All Souls, Fr Sumich will be praying especially for the souls whose names have been submitted to him.

The list will be updated daily and kept at the altar during Holy Mass. If you have any deceased friends or family who you wish to be included in this month, please write their names on this list.

www.fssp.nz/november-month-of-all-souls/

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THE ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH COMPETITION

Send us a photo of your handmade Advent Wreath and be in to win some great prizes.

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- Use cardboard
- Use fabric
- Use buttons
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- Glue on an image
- Write a slogan

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