



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PARNELL  
NEWSLETTER  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 7 MARCH 2021

**The Sanctuary of the Lord**

“When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.” Ezekiel 36: 23-26. This Sunday’s entrance antiphon gives us a good summary of the purpose of our six weeks Lenten journey.

A journey that ends at the Baptismal font for some, and a recommitment through a profession of Faith for the rest of us. And if the priest is generous with his holy water, you may even get a watery re-commitment blessing.

Remember recently the church has said we must say, “I believe” ... and not “we believe... when we make our profession of Faith. I also think this attitude is important for our Lenten works, some of our penance must be personal and private. Didn’t our Lord say, when you fast... when you give alms... and when you pray... do it privately. If you have had time to stop, look and listen...the whole time of Lent has really been about a personal purification of our baptismal commitment. A commitment;

\*to love the Lord your God with all your soul, mind, and hearts.

\*to love our neighbour (especially the “neighbour” living in your family).

\*to follow the Catholic moral code, which is built on the 10 Commandments, the new Law of Christ, and the Vicar (bridge) of Christ here on earth.

\*and we are asked to build up the body of Christ.

Jesus said, destroy this sanctuary and I will rebuild it in three days reminds us that the Church is not a whole lot of buildings... but a whole lot of people. A people built by God. In fact, through our baptism we are being continually built up by the Lord into the people of God, the new “Is-ra-el”, a people, “strong-in-God”. It is His great work until the end of the age.

Deep down all of our Lenten works are positive actions as they are making us more open to allowing God to share “everything of His, with everything of ours.” Isn’t that a great way of looking at our Catholic lives.

Also just a reminder...during this distracting time of lockdown remember we can always find Jesus in prayer, because through our baptism Jesus gave us an internal sanctuary of prayer. The Temple of the Lord is Holy, and you are that Temple!

Keep up the good work of Lent.

**God bless ~ Fr Andrew Matthew**

**St Benedict’s, Newton**

**Liturgy of the Word**

~ Exodus 20:1-17 The law was given through Moses.

~ Psalm 19 Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

~ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, a stumbling block to some, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

~ Gospel John 2:13-25 Destroy this temple and in Three Days I will raise it up.

**Next Week’s readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a,19-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10;**

**Gospel John 3:14-21**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

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

Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Helena Hamlin, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe’ao, Teresa Gudex, Ana Laura Robles, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, AS, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Sue Bedford, Joe Raymond, Ben Hunt, Ambi Joseph, Ivy Hi, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Fr Andrei Centeno, Mary Bratton, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Chris Dwyer, Maurice Robinson, Michael Wong, Maree C, Kanawat Cheevachit, Alice Swann, Dolly P, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, BC, Emy Calma, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Patricia Wright, Kirei Tua, Thilsi Vern, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Bonifacio Sanches, Joy Agon, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Eric & Rachel Smith, Maria Martho, Rosa Santos, Jon Manson, Francisco Billinilanz, Benny Clynes, Judy Hanna, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Neira, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Nicholas James, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, Rosita Galarg, Teana Jones, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Frank Van Nieuwerk, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Jin Shu Qin, Adelaida Sison, Jill Hopgood-Luyfers, Virgilia Velasquez, Wilfred Mansoor, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

*We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .*

Francisco Enerio, Gertrudes Ignalan, Msgr Michael Browne, Maria Gheorghie, Neville Kerridge, Peggy Humby, Gabriella Marsh, Jessica Licayan, Margaret Davies, Samson, Patrick Buckley, Maria Choi, Sr Loreto Lennon rsm, Eddie Byrne, Halina Mercep, Kath Urlich, Clare Anthony, Barbara Wright, Philomena Moses, Mario Antonio, Joan Robinson, Teresa Wong, John Price, Hector Enriquez, Hilda Canova, Thelma Evans, Brendan Murphy, Sr Imelda Lyons rsm, Kim Jung Ha, Janet Dyer, Catalino Cruz Jr, Albino Achas, George Foss, Josephine Gregan, Joseph Thomsen, Zelda Moloney, Lomano Halayahu, Tien Pik Ing, Lawson La Brooy, Thomas Setyo, Antonio Musgni, Judy Dacre, Maureen Davey, Graham Hyndman, Beatriz Ruiz, Flavia Dias, Salvador & Ana Maria Robles, Joseph Park, Anna Teong, Anacleto Seares, Alfred Pereira, Michael O’Flaherty, Brian Clooney, Linda Doran, Thelma Evans

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*

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St John the Baptist Parish

244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland



## **ALERT LEVEL 2 AT ST JOHN**

Under Alert Level 2, both weekday and weekend

Masses resume here in Parnell.

Reminders to those visiting the church or coming to

Mass:

- Scan and check-in when you arrive or alternatively, write down your details on the Visitor's logbook provided in the church foyer.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in ONE kind (not from the chalice) only in the hand.
- Wearing of face mask is strongly encouraged.
- If you are sick or unwell, please stay home.

Visit our website [www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz) or

connect with us on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistParnell>

for the latest updates.

### **Sunday Mass on Shine TV**

Sunday Mass is back this weekend and will be broadcast at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201.

This Sunday, Monsignor David Tonks will lead us in prayer from St Joseph Church, Takapuna.

### **Weekday Mass**

Monday to Friday: 12.10pm

Saturday & Public Holidays: 9am

### **Priests Presiding this Weekend**

Saturday Vigil, 5pm—Fr Francis Poon

Sunday 7am—Fr Francis Poon

Sunday 9.30am—Fr Francis Poon

**Stations of the Cross**—Join us as we reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross. Starts this Friday 12 March at 6pm here in Church led by Fr Francis Poon.

Everyone welcome.

### **St John the Baptist Church Organ Fund**

The Parish Finance Committee has given the approval for our parish to purchase a new Church Organ. This will replace the old one (that's been used for 30 years) that broke down several weeks ago. At the moment, the parish is renting an organ for our Musicians to use during our weekend Masses. The estimated cost to get the new organ would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. We have set up a Church Organ Fund to help our parish achieve this. For your donations, please send them to:

BNZ Parnell Parish 02-0100-0120982-014.

Indicate your "Initials & surname" (for example: PBrowne) in the Particulars and "OrganFund" on the Reference. To get a tax receipt, email your details to [office@parnellcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz).

We thank you for your generosity.

**Caritas Lenten Appeal**—Caritas is making available online their Lent Reflection booklets which include the Gospel readings for each week of Lent. [https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English\\_web.pdf](https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English_web.pdf)

Please support their work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand to donate online visit [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online).

## **The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care**

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to investigate what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care.

We pray for survivors for continued courage throughout their involvement in this process.

### **Catholic Caring Foundation Accepting Grant**

**Applications, 2021**—Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need. They are accepting grant applications until April 9th, 2021. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz).

## **CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY UPDATES**

**Sacred Heart College**—now Tuesday 16th March at 11.45 am & 1.30 pm. Enrolments close 1 April 2021.

For details of enrolments for 2022 and scholarships visit [www.sacredheart.school.nz](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz).

**Marcellin College** - open event has been rescheduled to Thursday 18th March from 4-7pm. To enrol online visit <https://www.marcellin.school.nz/online-enrolment/>

**St Dominic's College**—school for girls in West Auckland. Tuesday 23rd March 6.30pm. Enrolments close Friday 2nd July 2021. Visit <https://www.stdoms.ac.nz/Enrolment.html> for enrolment packs.

**St Paul's College**— is now Wednesday 24th March at 9.30am or 1.45pm. Parking will be available on-site. Assembly in the College Chapel followed by a tour of the College by senior students. Enrolment Packs will be available on the day or may be downloaded from [www.stpaulscollege.co.nz/enrolment/open-day-2021](http://www.stpaulscollege.co.nz/enrolment/open-day-2021).

**St Peter's College**— is now Tuesday 30th March at 9.30 am & 1 pm in the College Hall by the Mountain Road entrance. Applications close Friday, 6 April. Visit [www.st-peters.school.nz/enrolment/](http://www.st-peters.school.nz/enrolment/) for further information.

**Baradene College**—open evening has been cancelled. Scan enrolment applications and email to Mrs Felicity Lister [flister@baradene.school.nz](mailto:flister@baradene.school.nz) Applications close Friday, 19 March.

**St Mary's College**— open evening is postponed. You can email and scan requested documents to, [enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz) or post, courier or wait until the lock down is lifted. Enrolments close Thursday 18 March.

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students**—If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2021, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz).  
**NZ Catholic** - is available in the church for \$4.