

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Masses ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7 am & 9.30 am

No Weekday Midday Masses until further notice

Masses Saturdays & Public Holidays 9 am

Reconciliation ~ under "RED" by appointment only.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz ~ Email: sberecz@gmail.com

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[www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz)

## Parking in St John's Car Park

Those attending Sunday or weekday Masses do not need to pay if using the St John's car park. On a Sunday, you may leave your car in the car park for one hour after Mass (that is, till 11.30am) without payment. Cars left beyond that time could be towed away.

On weekdays, you have fifteen minutes after Mass only.

## CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH

43 Wyndham St, Auckland CBD

### Sunday Mass

8am, 11am, 4.30pm, 7pm

Children's Liturgy at 8.00 am, 11.00 am & 4.30 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass last Sunday of month 7 pm

### Weekdays

Mass Monday-Friday: 7.00 am & 12.15 pm

Saturdays & public holidays: 8.30 am

Exposition Holy Hour - Working weekdays 11 am

### Reconciliation

Mondays to Fridays 11.30—12.10pm  
(except Public Holidays)

### Cathedral Parish Secretary

Rebecca Knibb

info@stpatricks.org.nz

Tel 09 3034509

[www.stpatricks.org.nz](http://www.stpatricks.org.nz)

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: Tel 815 6122

## ST BENEDICT'S NEWTON

1 St Benedict's Street (off Upper Queen St)

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6 pm & Sunday 9.30 am,  
5.30 pm in the crypt

Mass in Spanish: 12.00 pm the second & fourth  
Sundays of the month.

### Weekdays

NO weekday Masses until further notice

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm— 5.45pm by appointment only

### St Benedict's Parish Secretary

Catherine van Veen

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Tel 09 3790624

[www.newtoncatholic.org.nz](http://www.newtoncatholic.org.nz)



The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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NEWTON



CATHEDRAL OF  
ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



ST PETER'S  
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WAIHEKE ISLAND

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 13 FEBRUARY 2022

### Pastor's Note

Checklists are great, they keep us honest. Well, most of the time!

When visiting my mother, we came to an agreement that she would write down any little jobs she needed doing around the home and I'd complete them for her. It meant that I could manage the work required and have a break at the same time. Of course, it did not stop her adding to the list from time to time.

In the Gospel for this Sunday Luke sets out the check list for the good disciple and he shapes the material content of the Beatitudes to address the needs of his community. The individual encounter with Jesus becomes the foundation of the community. The focus is on the poor, the hungry, those who weep and those who are hated. From the present position there is always hope for the future. For the poor the Kingdom of God is theirs; the hungry are satisfied; those that wept, laugh and the hated are rewarded in heaven.

The good disciple in Luke's Gospel is not only happy, but, more so,  
to be blessed in God's sight.

The challenge for us is to realise that '*Things are not always what they seem*' that some of the actions admired in the world may not be in God's sight.

Hence the woes for the rich etc...

The checklist becomes a re-evaluation not in human terms, but in God's. As St Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians 1: 25 "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

I would hope that either today or sometime during the week, we can make the time to accept that we are blessed in God's sight. Recognised and graced. Perhaps even called back to where we need to go. For the good disciple, the call is to eternal life.

Woe to any who go in the opposite direction!

*Fr Stephen Berecz*

*St John the Baptist, Parnell Parish Priest*

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### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 17:5-8** The prophet contrasts the life of the wicked with the life of the righteous.

~ **Psalm 1:1-4, 6** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

~ **1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20** St Paul stresses the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection for Christians.

~ **Luke 6:17.20-26** We hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes.

**Next Week's readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23; Psalm 102 ; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49;**

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

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

How happy are you who are poor,  
yours is the kingdom of God.

LUKE 6: 17, 20-26

How can we be happy if we are poor,  
hungry, weeping, if people hate us, drive us out,  
abuse us, denounce our name as criminal on  
account of the Son of Man?



SCAN HERE TO SIGN-IN WITH  
THE NZ COVID TRACER APP



St John the Baptist Parish

244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

## COVID19 UPDATE

We are currently operating under the "Red" traffic light.

We ask everyone visiting or attending Mass to follow these guidelines:

- Keep a record of your visit. Scan the QR codes on display at the church entrance or write your details legibly on the visitor's logbook.
- Face masks must be worn for the entire time while inside the church. Ensure this covers your mouth and nose.
- Keep to your bubble(s) and observe the minimum 1-metre social distancing whenever possible.
- Bookings required for weekend Masses. Book through our website [www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://www.parnellcatholic.org.nz) click on **MASS REGISTRATION**. Bookings should be made before 3pm of the weekend Mass you wish to attend.
- Entry for weekend Masses will be from the main entrance at the back. Exit on the church side door next to the carpark.
- If you are sick or unwell, please stay home.
- **a Valid My Vaccine Pass is required to attend ALL Masses.**

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 5pm Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sunday 7am Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass times this week at Parnell

#### NO weekday Masses until further notice

Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

**Reconciliation**—under RED will be by appointment only. Please email the parish office.

### Columban Calendars 2022

Are still available at the Parish Office. \$12 each.



### SYNOD For a Synodal Church

Are you interested in the Synod?

Wanting to know what is happening?

You can download the Synod snapshot a fortnight information and formation newsletter that gives important dates, practical ideas for involving people in the Synod and formation concerning the Synod and the Synodal process.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Synod6.pdf>



**Sunday Mass on TV**- the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mjSzfow>. It is also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

### Appeal for convent in Nazareth

Local members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are raising funds to renovate a convent in Nazareth. Flyers with details of how to donate are in the Church. The Order was established in Auckland in 2011, with Bishop Pat Dunn as Prior. Bishop Steve Lowe is the current Prior. The Order's main function is to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

**Online lecture:** Thursday, 24 February at 6:30pm, Fr Bernard Teo, lecturer in Moral Theology, talks about mercy as one key to Pope Francis' papacy.

For advanced registration please visit

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdeCtgTwtGNeYwHxMyGnf91RPD98uR773>

### Cathedral Spotify Page

a Spotify Music list for each of the Sunday Masses continues to be created each week. Listen for free at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4P24CYjn05VaGxACjNKXr1?si=c38db8f7ab2f4d02>

### Fathers' Prayer Group at the Cathedral

5.30-6.30pm every second and fourth of the month in the St Peter Chanel Chapel in the Cathedral. For more information contact Michael Hart [michaelh@nzchl.com](mailto:michaelh@nzchl.com) phone 021-965-483, or Anita phone 027-381-4400 or [anita@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz)

### Resources in times of COVID-19

#### Protection Framework (traffic lights)

The diocese has a page dedicated to the key information for places of worship at this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/>

### Tokoni Ma'a Tonga – T.M.T Catholics 4 Tonga

All of our hearts are broken with the news from Tonga. Join us in supporting our Tongan whānau at this time. We will be livestreaming on Saturday 7PM 12 February 2022, and you can access it here or on Bishop Michael Gielen & Bishop Patrick Dunn's Facebook pages.

Donate at

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/catholics4tonga>.

More information on [tongarelie@cda.org.nz](mailto:tongarelie@cda.org.nz)

**Vacancy Cook** – St John Vianney House are looking for a home cook, who enjoys preparing simple, tasty and nutritious meals, including some home baking. The position is to act as a relief cook, to cover absences and holidays, but could include a regular 5-7.30 pm shift. Applications close 20th February.

To apply visit Diocesan Services – staff vacancies at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

**NZ Catholic Newspaper**—The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 and digitally online at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/91a009bd-7a0c-4a13-ab64-7297600e2e3c>

**St Mary MacKillop**— If anyone wishes to join the Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre database please contact Sr Jill McLoughlin [MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au). This will ensure you will receive information throughout the year about our retreats and reflections days.

### St Vincent de Paul Needs Help

Our friends at St Vincent de Paul need donations to continue their work in the wider Auckland You can donate by visiting their Give A Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinniesauckland>

Or with online banking—Bank Account Details Name: Soc of St Vincent De Paul Ak Account Number: 12-3017-0500224-00; Reference: Covid-19

For a tax receipt & enquiries email [auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvinnies.co.nz).

If you require assistance with a food parcel Phone 0800 680 090.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES

#### COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/catholic-schools-in-auckland/fees-and-contribution/>

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

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

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

Ben Montinola, Pa Mikare Ryan MHM, Rodney Denham, Margaret Schipper, Roberto Jongco, Anna Foss, Fr Graeme Alexander, Mary Dunn, Maureen Channon, John Mahoney, Corazon Carido, Nimia Suero, Kathleen Hughes, Maggy Collinge, Regina Orr, Collin & Keri Coutts, Bishop Barry Jones, Kim Jung Ha, Margaret Magness, Russell McDowall, Victims of the Christchurch Earthquake, Odilia Amos, Alzira Fernandes, Vida Delegat, Natividad Manalo-Abcede, Thomas Setyo, Romeo Abcede, Hannah de Beer, Claire Howley, Philip Leishman, Patrick O'Byrne, Kath Urlich, Cathy Campbell, Sr M Joan Hopkinson rsm, Kathleen Grey, Alois Ayan, Sr Aileen Martin rsm, John O'Connor, Fr Ray Garchow OH, Monika Menartowicz, Justiniano Senior, Michael O'Flaherty, Klara & Miha Pintaric

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*