

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

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

NO Midday Masses on weekdays

Masses Saturdays & Public Holidays 9 am

Reconciliation ~ Saturday 9.30am

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

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Parish Pastoral Council:

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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

9.30 am & 6 pm

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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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



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244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 6 MARCH 2022

Greetings of peace, joy and love!

"Synodality", a word you will always hear these days as the Catholic Church is preparing for the Synod in Rome. Synodality simply means "walking or journeying together" to fulfill the mission of Christ.

Catholic Christians as we are, I do invite you to walk together as we enter into the season of LENT!

As we had started the season of Lent last Wednesday, we are given 40 days to reflect, refresh and remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are being introduced to the beginning of the public life of Jesus. At the start, He was tempted by the devil - three times.

Journeying together - Jesus Himself has given us through the Church three ways to counteract temptations. I called "tripod - ways" = Prayer - Almsgiving - Fasting! Prayer is not so much of multiplying our devotions, rosaries or novenas. Prayer is building a beautiful and meaningful relationship with God.

Almsgiving is not just donating food or material things, but rather, building and fostering friendly relations with our neighbours.

Fasting is not just refraining from excessive foods. We could also fast from criticising, getting angry or jealous, fasting from blaming oneself and

fault-findings. In short, creating a beautiful relationship with oneself.

Let this season of LENT, remind us that our life is just lent to us by God.

So, make the most of it and choose to build a wonderful and meaningful relationship with God, others and oneself.

Look at the horizontal and vertical dimension of our relationship, with God and one another.... you formed a Cross +. You put yourself in the middle.

### ***Lenten blessings ~ Fr Mario Dorado***

*Quote: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that is why we called it present." (Kung Fu Panda 1)*

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### **Caritas Lent Appeal 2022**

Lent appeal envelope packs for 2022 are available to take home in the Church.

Alternatively visit [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online)

Please support their work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support

 **Caritas**  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.

LUKE 4: 1-13

How can we avoid falling into the devil's temptations?

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



St John the Baptist Parish

244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Deuteronomy 26:4-10** Through the offering of the first fruits, the Israelites recognised all that God had done for them in the past especially in the Exodus. Our worship of God is also a recognition of his favours to us.

~ **Psalm 91** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

~ **Romans 10:8-13** The core of the Christian credo is that Jesus is our risen Saviour.

Anyone who can say that and live by it, will be saved.

~ **Luke 4:1-13** Jesus was tempted like we are, but did not sin. Through his grace we too can resist temptation and overcome sin.

**Next Week's readings: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

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

### 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 Monday to Friday  
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

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

### 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/>

**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 broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.



### Volunteers to give Communion of the Sick

Please let the Parish Secretary know if you are able to help with distributing Communion to our sick parishioners. Ideally this would be someone who has undergone training with giving Communion however, we can arrange for training to be provided if needed. Please email the parish office for more details.

**Who is our New Bishop?** - Check out the diocesan YouTube channel for videos that will let us learn a little more about our new Bishop, Steve Lowe: <https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

**Cathedral Spotify Page**— Spotify Music list for each of our Sunday Masses continues to be created each week. Listen for free at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3aAEHZ5LZSAWvYjIAi5ssy?si=9b095612d6a84543>

**Daily Reflections during Lent**—Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Prayer Hour with Laetitia Puthenpadath.  
Friday, 25 March, 3-4pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation/>

### St Peter's College Mountain Road, Epsom Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13

Applications are now open for 2023 for Year 7 enrolments in 2023, limited enrolments at other levels. Application forms and the enrolment process can be downloaded from their website or a pack can be collected from the main office. Applications close on Friday 1st April at 4pm. No late applications will be accepted. Due to current restrictions they will be presenting an online presentation. Visit <https://www.st-peters.school.nz> for this date to be confirmed.

### St Paul's College YEARS 7-13

#### Catholic Champagnat Marist School for Boys

Enrolments are now open for 2023 for Years 7, 8 and 9 with limited slots available for other levels. Applications close 14 April. Visit [www.stpaulscollege.co.nz](http://www.stpaulscollege.co.nz) for more information.

#### Baradene College Open Day Thursday 3 March.

Tour times: 9 am, 10 am, 11 am and 12.30pm  
Bookings required by 3 pm 1 March. Book your time at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol)  
Enrolments for Year 7, 2023 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close on Friday 18 March, 2022.

### NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available to read digitally online at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

### What's happening with the Synod

The latest Synod newsletter which contains information about the process in the diocese and the general background to the Synod process is available at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/synod-newsletter/>

### Why is Lent 40 days long and does it start on a Wednesday?

Information in a nutshell from Prof Thomas O'Loughlin. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/02/12/prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

### 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 the Hardship Scheme are available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/> under the heading ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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

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

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

Msgr Michael Browne, Kovacs Arpadne Magdolna, Maria Gheorghe, 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, Zeldia 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.*