

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

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

No Weekday Masses until further notice

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

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

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Tel 09 3034509

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

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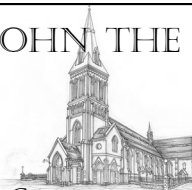


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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 13 MARCH 2022

The Religious Makeover

When Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James, and John, he didn't have a transforming event, like losing 10kgs, but a Transfiguration.

This Transfiguration takes place and is recognized by his disciples. They see Jesus' glory and this event leaves them utterly astonished, so much so that it awoke them from their sleepiness.

The glory Jesus experiences identifies Jesus in terms of Israel's past with the characters of Moses and Elijah, his death in terms of his "exodus" or "departure" through the cross and anticipates Jesus' resurrection. All to be accomplished in the completion of his journey to Jerusalem.

The transfiguration is for Luke the highlight of the subtle hints that underly the divine essence of Jesus through the account of the lived experience of the Apostles. Even with the event finished and the glory is once again hidden, Jesus is no less present to his disciples. Life continues on, but the event doesn't finish for the followers. In fact, for the follower, the new "exodus" or "departure" continues.

For those soon to be baptized, the waters of baptism will become their exodus from death to sin to rebirth into the resurrected life of Christ.

For those already along on the journey, where we perhaps have become half or completely asleep, there is a wakeup call from which we need a different outlook, a light that illuminates the mystery of life in depth and helps us to move beyond our paradigms and beyond the criteria of the world. It really is about our focus when we have lost focus.

The world easily distracts us to the point where we can be spiritually asleep. The choice for us is to first focus on Christ and then, in him, our real humanity is revealed. We are challenged to accept the makeover God's love can give.

Putting aside our old ways we may be amazed at the life God offers us and those around us. We need to share that life with others, being the bearers of the Good News. A makeover for the individual becomes a makeover for the Church.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete Et Exsultate"- On our call to Holiness, takes up that same call when he writes not just for us, but for the Church:

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises."

The transfiguration was a big surprise for Peter, James and John. May it be a big surprise for us!

Lenten Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz



Caritas Lent Appeal 2022

Lent appeal envelope packs for 2022 are available to take home in the Church. Or visit www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online Please support their work of charity and justice.

This is my Son, the Chosen One.
Listen to him

LUKE 9: 28-36

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. How can we be witnesses like Peter, James and John - and see this as a source of hope during this Lenten season?



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St John the Baptist Parish
244 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Genesis 15:5-12.17-18** We learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel.

Through Christ we are the heirs to this covenant.

~ **Psalm 26** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

~ **Philippians 3:17-4:1** Paul urges his converts to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

~ **Luke 9:28-36** We hear Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12;

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

COVID19 UPDATE

Under the "Red" traffic light, everyone visiting or attending Mass should 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 click on MASS REGISTRATION. Bookings should be made **before 3pm of the weekend Mass you wish to attend.**
- 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

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/>

Stations of the Cross

The church is open on Fridays for those who wish to pray the Stations of the Cross. Prayer leaflets are available beside the entrance. Please remember to scan in & wear a mask whilst inside the church.

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-mOW1mJSzfo>. It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201. The Mass for this weekend comes to us from our very own Parish of St John the Baptist presided by Fr Stephen Berecz.

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>

Daily Reflections during Lent—Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

NZ Catholic—the latest edition is now available to read online <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e7fba446-52c8-4585-aa31-2a70f63285eb>. Some headlines for this issue: Lent leads to foot of cross preaches Anglican bishop. Dunedin rural roadshow gathers feedback. Young adults speak on faith in workplace. Pope Lent message 2022.

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>

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 for more information.

St Mary's College—Virtual Welcome Event

Monday 14 March at 7pm.

Enrolments for St Mary's College are now open. Visit <https://www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments> for the link and information about the enrolment process. Enrolments close Thursday 24 March 2022.

Baradene College - Enrolments for Year 7, 2023 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close Friday 18 March. Visit www.baradene.school.nz/enrol

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
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Chief Executive wanted: Te Kupenga-Catholic Leadership Institute

The Institute combines academic, leadership, faith formation and bio-ethical research and advocacy responsibilities for the Catholic church in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Board is looking for a Chief Executive with relevant leadership experience, possibly gained in a faith-based, non-profit or secondary/tertiary education setting. The role will probably be based in Auckland. Visit <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/unategorized/seeking-for-tumuaki-chief-executive/> for further information. Applications close Monday 28 March.

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, Emily 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 Swann, 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, Roslvy Chacko, Thilsi 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, Noeline 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 . . .

Brendan Finlay, Yvonne Fernando, Sr Maureen Connelly OP, Nanay Nenita Peji, Lucila Cruz Angeles, Peter Tran, Nelly Dosado, Ron Leonard, Kataraina Kanara, Margaret Bamfield, Marie Lovrich, Gary Menzies, Thea Heyen, Clive Squire, Julia Barangan, Pamela Law, Vincent Marinovich, Nelida Cordeta Margaret Fontanilla, Akaka Leilua, Tomas Hector, Pacita Yap, Hector Enriquez, Graeme Blackburn, Antonio Lacio, Benjamin Hoo, Theresa Wong, Clare Howley, Pamela Farry, Annie Reyndahl, Phyllis Green, Clem Paterson, Geoff Bennett, Ron Boyd, Gregorio Serrano, Sinead Fox, Nick McNamara, Frank Cordtz, Ann Roper, Caroline Mitchell, Rev Joe Shepherd, Benjamin Martinez, Gordon Palairet, Nativitas Z Baylon, Otilie Adelinger, Noel Fernandes, Alice Marinovich, Zita D'Souza, Eulogio Avila, Mohi Hotene, Mary Whitener, Mary Rahman, Gary Viskovich, Edna Cororan, Marcia Macedo, John Sullivan, Irawan Kwik . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*