

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 ~ under RED, by appointment only.

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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

8 am, 11 am, 4.30 pm & 7 pm

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

Diocesan Youth Mass 8 May at 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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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 3 APRIL 2022

We are rapidly approaching the great feast of Easter, and the 5th Sunday of Lent is the last Sunday before Holy Week, which commences with Palm Sunday. We are almost at the end of our penitential journey with God, and this journey is meant to be taken up in a personal way. Our spiritual life in its first instance is deeply personal even though we live a lot of our spirituality as a community. We do many things together from prayer to celebrations, we could live our spiritual life solely at the corporate level but this would deny the true intimacy of the spiritual life. We need to continue to feed our relationship with God, the relationship which is essential to our faith. This core of our faith starts with the personal invitation we receive from God, and then we respond in a personal way to that invitation. Yes, we celebrate together, and we are made to celebrate together, but the initial stage of our faith is deeply intimate and personal to us.

This initial invitation from God comes to us, as a desire, or a longing to be united to God and his Church. This desire might be expressed by us or our parents on our behalf, letting us discover this desire for God as we mature. Then we are welcomed into God's family through baptism, while this is done in a communal setting, i.e., you can't baptise yourself, yet it is still part of that personal call from God. Each one of us are called by name and we are ushered into God's family by name at our baptism. This personal nature of our faith does not disappear it is a friendship that God wants to kindle in us over our lifetime. We have to choose each day to love and to serve, this is why our response to God's invitation has to be continuous. Each day we choose to follow

that call that God makes on our hearts. Lent is the time of year where we pay special attention to our relationship that we have with God, we examine our conscience, often with the aid of a good examination of conscience exercise, which are easy to find online. We strive to eliminate the things of this world that hold us back from our relationship with God, especially the things that dissipate the time that God has given us. We all remember the story of the woman caught in adultery and how the scribes and the Pharisees used this situation to test Jesus, this interaction is a prime example of how God interacts on a truly personal level. Jesus interacts with her and frees her from the social quagmire that she found herself in and Jesus also freed her from her sin in a personal way. It is also the same for Lazarus, Jesus wept for his friend, and called him by name to come forth out of the tomb. These accounts show us just how personal God is with his invitation to follow him. God has the same level of interest and concern for you, as anyone who you might come across, either in life or in the scriptures. God desires you to be part of the Church, the family of God and throughout your life God truly desires that you maintain that beautiful and intimate relationship that he has personally called you into.

Lenten Blessings ~ Fr Tony King-Archer

Open Synod Session

Come have your say. The Church really wants to hear your voice. Join a Synod listening group (online Tuesday 4 April 10 am & Thursday 5 April 7 pm Register at: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/open-synod-sessions/>)

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let them be the first to throw a stone at her.

JOHN 8:1-11

Can we allow God to look at us in the way he looked at the woman - to accept the mercy and compassion we are offered and to be rescued from the behaviours and judgements that may in the past have been harmful to others?



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

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 43:16-21** The prophet assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus.

This message of hope should also inspire us.

~ **Psalms 126** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

~ **Philippians 3:8-14** Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ.

He hasn't yet arrived but is still running the race of salvation.

~ **John 8:1-11** Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery.

Next Week's readings: Gospel before the Procession Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7;

Psalms 21; Philippians 2:6-10; Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

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

COVID19 UPDATE

In light of the recent changes to the RED settings this weekend, the following applies for everyone coming to church:

- Vaccine Passes will continue to be checked and verified.
- Face masks must be worn for the entire time whilst inside the church. Ensure this covers your mouth and nose.
- Bookings for our Masses are no longer required.
- If you are sick or unwell, please STAY home.

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.

Stations of the Cross this Lent

The church is open on Fridays and invites everyone to pray the Stations of the Cross. Prayer leaflets are available to use beside the church side entrance.



Pray the Rosary with us

Jesus and Mary initiated the Flame of Love Movement through Elizabeth Kindelmann, the Secular Carmelite and widowed mother of six. The Flame of Love rosary is prayed every night at 8pm on Zoom. Duration approx. 40 mins. Please text Vivienne 0211064722 for the link.

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/>

Holy Week Mass times in Parnell

We are in the process of finalising the times for the Holy Week celebrations that are coming up shortly. Please check our website and social media page on Facebook for the latest update.

www.parnellcatholic.org.nz <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistParnell>

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.

Prayer for Peace—The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join them in Taize prayer for peace in Ukraine in their Chapel 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay 7 pm Friday 8 April.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis

Retreat Centre Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tuesday 20 April, Tuesday 25 May and Monday 21 June at the St Francis Retreat Centre in Hillsborough. To book phone 09 625 6651 or visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz.

Notices from Tipitounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening)

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology Part 1: Women of the Old Testament

With Kieran Fenn fms. Wednesday, 20 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel

with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Friday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>. Visit www.studyjoy.nz

for information and to register.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Sacred Heart College—Applications are now open for Year 7 and Year 9 for 2023. Places available in Years 7 and 9 in 2023, with Boarding available from Year 9. Enrolments close Wednesday 13 April 2022. Visit www.sacredheart.school.nz for more information.

St Paul's College YEARS 7-13 - Enrolments are now open for 2023 for Years 7, 8 and 9 with limited slots available for other levels. Applications close 14 April. For more information visit www.stpaulscollege.co.nz.

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

Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis

Darby Trust Scholarship—If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2022, 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 Randall Ramos – randallr@cda.org.nz

NZ Catholic—The latest digital issue is now available for free online: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>

Mercy Parklands Chaplain Vacancy - for a suitably qualified lay person or ordained minister to join the chaplaincy team. The team is ecumenical in nature to ensure they meet the needs of all the residents and the range of ministry opportunities. Part-time and/or job-share options will be considered. For more details or to discuss the opportunity further, please contact Rev Andrew Bell on 0272712306 or email abell@mercyhealthcare.org.nz

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. Please support their work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, and in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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

Ofelia Ninofranco, Carrie Canapi, John Higgins, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, Maurice Robinson, Maura Just, Alissa Neal, Ivy Hi, Avelino Tibudan, Natalie Keane, Aaron Abla, 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, Chris Dwyer, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joy Agon, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, 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, Christopher Browne, Kanawat Cheevachit, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Neira, 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, Barry Spooner, Francisco Billinilanz, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Nicholas James, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Wilfred Mansoor, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Virgilia Velasquez, Baden McPherson, Rosita Galarg, Shannon Kavanagh, Gloria Gillespie.

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

Lyn Inley, Ellie Blackwell, Sheila Leishman, Kathleen Vickers, Tom O'Sullivan, Francesca Goodwin, Anne Cortesi, Claire Brown, Alan Edwards, Mary Beatie, Nena Alegre-Valenzuela, Patrick Bolton, Len James, Rachael Farrow, Mary Watson, Marie Wong, Wayne Browne, John Gillespie, Rosauro Rustia, Teresa Rocha, Iana Van der Fluit, Mary Davidson, Pamela Woodlock, Hannie Leahy, Robert Vasquez, Jill Martin, James Little, Lau Yuk Wan Fong, Denis Stitch, Tom Dennehy, John Rose, Jim Redmond, Rom Pereira, Ron Boyd, Peter Tran, Helen d'Souza, Walter & Lucy Pinto, Uti Gandy, Nick McNamara, Frank Cordtz, Caroline Mitchell, Pamela Law, Louise Gomes, Benjamin Martinez, Gordon Palaret, Nativitas Z Baylon, Otilie Adelinger, Noel Fernandes, Mary Whitener, Marcia Macedo, Sinead Fox . . . Eternal rest grant to them.