

# 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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[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

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 Sunday 31 July 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

office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

Tel 09 3790624

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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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## PENTECOST ~ 5 JUNE 2022

Why did the Holy Spirit need to come down on the disciples? Why did Jesus make such a point of saying He would send the Holy Spirit to them? Why do WE need the Holy Spirit?

When things start to go wrong in our modern societies it is tempting to think that instead of examining our values we should simply have fewer of them. And so we hear it said that the solution for a fragmented society is to encourage people to be less religious and less assertive of their beliefs – which is described as necessary for tolerance. Secular society seems to be very unsure about its own values and even religious people are affected by this public confusion. Even some Christians express the quaint view that there is no such thing as objective truth.

Jesus however provides us with the model of a true human community. There was certainly much confusion in his own society in which Jewish values had to compete with Greek, Roman and other values. His response to this turbulent and often violent world was to bring to light the essential character of the God who had never forsaken his chosen people. He could only do this with conviction because he is the Son of that same God, literally One with the Father and the Spirit.

The Father expressed his love for us by sending his Son into our world as a man so that it would be possible for us to participate in the very life of the Holy Trinity. In his life on earth there was only so much that the Son of God could do. But the Ascension of Jesus to heaven was the prelude to the coming of the Holy Spirit so that we might experience the full presence of the third person of the Trinity too. The advent of the Spirit meant

that God would not only dwell with us but even *within* us, enabling us perfectly to follow the Son in all that he taught.

That is why Pentecost was necessary and that is why the Church, at its best at least, *is* that perfect community for which all human beings long. Communities are united by their common values, but a perfect community requires the presence of the Holy Spirit in each one of us, binding us together in perfect love. That perfect community is certainly to be found in heaven but even here on earth we can help to build it by communicating the merciful love of God to our own society and to the whole world. No culture is perfect. Every culture needs to be held up to the light of the Gospel and purified by it. But, because the Holy Spirit has come upon us, every culture when transformed is called to play a part in forming that shining city of hope.

**Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham**  
**Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**

### Synod Update

We are in the final stages of the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. Saturday 14 May was the pre-synod meeting where people from across the diocese gathered to listen to what has been heard so far and continue to feedback to the synthesis process. To learn more and find updates regarding where we are at visit

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>



2021 Synod 2023  
For a synodal Church

If you love me you will  
keep my commandments.

LUKE 24: 46-53

How are we using the gifts of the  
Holy Spirit to do good and serve  
the people of God?

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THE NZ COVID TRACER APP



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

## Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 2:1-11 Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the effect it had on them.

~ Psalm 103 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

~ John 20:19-23 The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.

**Next Week's readings: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; Gospel: John 16:12-15**

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

## COVID19 UPDATE

We have moved to Orange in the Covid Traffic Light Framework. This means we can welcome you all to our services unrestricted.

If you are attending any of our services:

- We ask everyone to continue wearing a mask in the Church.
- All those who serve and minister in the Church must still wear a mask.
- Please stay home if you are unwell.

## 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

Monday 6th June (Public Holiday) – 9am

Tuesday to Friday – no Mass until Further notice

**Reconciliation** – Saturdays 9.30am.

## New Batch of Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still some envelopes left for collection in the parish office. .

**Sunday Mass on TV** - the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. On the Diocesan 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.

**NZ Catholic** - the latest NZ Catholic is for sale in church foyer. Price \$4. Please give your payment to the parish office.

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

This year's Ecumenical Prayer Service hosted by St Peter's Syrian Orthodox Church 6.30 pm Sunday 12th June at 15 Culperry Road, Glendene.

**Pray the Rosary with us** - The Flame of Love rosary is prayed every night at 8pm on Zoom. Duration approx. 40 mins. Please text Vivienne 0211064722 for the link.

## World Environment Day - Today Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### "Prayer for the Earth"

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. (Pope Francis)

**Check out JPC 23 green tips at:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/23-Green-tips-Small-Steps-Towards-a-Sustainable-Life.pdf>

**Pyjama Drive**—To help with the Sacred Heart College St Vincent de Paul annual Pyjama Drive, parishioners are asked to donate warm, brand new children's pyjamas. These can be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours.

These pyjamas are distributed from Starship Hospital's Ronald McDonald House. The drive ends on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## Volunteers needed in our Parish

We are still needing more volunteers to help with the various ministries here in our Parish. For more details, please get in touch with Felina at the parish office [office@parnellcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz).

## Volunteers Catechists Children's Sacramental Programs

—As you know we have had a couple of very hard years with Covid and many of our sacramental programs in some way may have suffered. Our children are still very much in need for all you do for them in preparing them for their first sacraments. You are invited to a **½ day retreat on Saturday 9th of July from 9am to 12:30pm**. Here we will look at resources, share some morning tea together, have a small talk and you will have the opportunity to be prayed with for a refresh of the Holy Spirit. Please register with Deacon Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or call on 021439407

## G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass CANCELLED

-due to covid issues. We are very sorry and hope to see you all in person soon.

## Bishop's Jubilee Bursary - Semester 2 2022

Jubilee Bursary Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level. Applications close Thursday, 9 June. Email [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

**Social Justice Retreat** – 9am- 4pm Saturday, 18 June with Fr Merv Duffy on the Gospel of Luke. St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough Rd. \$20 (including lunch). Please contact: Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

## An invitation to pray for the vulnerable children in NZ from the Human Promotion Team

Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm

The Rosary will be the main prayer for this event. Use the link below or go to the CHARIS Facebook Page and click on link. If you cannot join online, please pray for this intention at home or in your prayer groups. Contact: Josephine 0273674453 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210259901?pwd=OFd4UlpDbGNlUFlhVWVREmp6NXE1dz09> Meeting ID: 892 1025 9901 Passcode:15June2022 or <https://www.facebook.com/charis.nz>

**CDA CONNECT**- for the month of May is now out!

Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

## VACANCIES

**Chief Executive**—The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (IHC). IHC is committed to governing, managing and providing Christian ecumenical hospital chaplaincy services throughout Aotearoa. The Chief Executive will provide strategic leadership and oversight of the organisation's operational activities in order to ensure that effective, efficient and compliant chaplaincy services are provided throughout the hospital network. For further information <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=3913396>

**Harbour Hospice**— North Shore is seeking a **SPIRITUAL CARER**. Walk alongside patients, family and whanau, supporting them with their spiritual needs to provide quality end of life care.

For further information visit <https://tt.harbourhospice.org.nz/jobs/1786765-spiritual-carer>

## Parish Secretary Vacancy - Glen Eden Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is looking for a new parish secretary. The role involves general administrative tasks, managing invoices and reporting processes. Applicants must be able to handle updating and maintenance of our website and be proficient in MYOB. This is a part-time role between 25-30 hours per week. Please submit your CV and covering letter outlining your interest in this role to [Darinjohnston710@gmail.com](mailto:Darinjohnston710@gmail.com)

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

Ofelia Nino Franco, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, Maurice Robinson, Maura Just, Alissa Neal, Ivy Hi, Avelino Tibudan, Natalie Keane, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, 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, Alana North, Christopher Hughes, Alberto Olarte, Joy Agon, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Roynston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alice Swann, Fr Andrei Centeno, John & Rosa Williams, Ann Sayegh, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Mary Bratton, Elizabeth Beckham, AS, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Maree C, Anne Telles, Christopher Browne, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Neira, Judy Hanna, Ann Gordon, Bonifacio Sanches, Benny Clynes, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Jin Shu Qin, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Baden McPherson, Rosa Santos, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, 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 Coughney, Martin Harriman, Adelaida Sison, John Kainuku, Noeline Levick, Wilfred Mansoor, Jill Hopgood-Luypers, Virgilia Velasquez, Rosita Galarg, Shannon Kavanagh.

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

Mary De Beer, Sol Jimenea, Gloria Gillespie, Ida Siposs, Murray Morgan, Jack de Goldi, Chris Salesa, Anthony Baker, Theresa Winiata, Bishop Len Boyle, Richard Turnbull, Peter Harriman, Sam Small, Joanna Radich, Teresa Mullin, Hillary Stewart-Keenan, Gail Benseman, Leopoldo Sobermisana, Traian Tilca, Pia Giacon, Bryan (Mako) Stone, Michael Preston, Ofa Santos, Caoimhe Galvin, Marina Cunanan, Sheila O'Brien, Garth Whittacker, John Watts, Mary Fitzwilliam, Br Miles fms, John McCabe, George Gianotti, Laurent Monnier, Joan Wilde, Christine Remont, Michael O'Donoghue, Wiki Karena, Michael Henderson, Winsome Cody, Vasile Cosma, Josie O'Neill, Joe Purvan, Frances Kinney, Jenny Harrison, Fr V Courtney, Milagros Abera-Parato, Abelardo Comileng, John Plunket, Dominador Licayan, Mariano Lim, Ed Peterson, Jose Baldia, Lucila Martinez

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*