

# 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 Berez ~ Email: sberez@gmail.com

Parish Secretary ~ Felina Soldevilla: phone (09) 373 3132 ~ Email: [office@parnellcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz)

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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 28 August 7 pm

Tertiary Chaplaincy Mass Sunday 18 Sept 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 BENEDICT'S NEWTON

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

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 6 pm & Sunday 9.30 am

Mass Filipino ACFC (Every Sunday) 11:30 am

### Weekdays

Wednesday-Friday: Mass 12.10pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm- 5.45pm

### St Benedict's Parish Secretary

Catherine van Veen

office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

Tel 09 3790624

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

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

## SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God.

Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Felina Soldevilla and you can contact her by phone (09) 373 3132 or email

[office@parnellcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz)

You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662. You may also contact the police 111.

Everyone who exalts  
themselves shall be humbled

LUKE 14: 11

What if I'm not next in line  
choose a place to sit at the  
social gathering of your friends?



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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

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 28 AUGUST 2022

### Who Invited Him?

Meals that you invite guests to take a lot of time and effort to prepare, so I would not have blamed the person who invited Jesus to a meal and put in a lot of work preparing that meal, if they had asked him to leave.

Jesus challenges the Lawyers and the Pharisees among the guests, he criticises those jockeying for positions at the table and then instructs the host about whom to invite to the next meal. By both ancient and modern standards Jesus might be called a rude guest.

The meal that Jesus attends is of social importance, to which people of one class are invited and where there is an implied sharing of values and ideas. The status and rank of individuals are legitimised by their inclusion in the guest list and their location on the seating chart. This is all neat and tidy in the sphere of human interaction; however, the Meal that Jesus invites them and us to is something greater, more radical, and disturbing.

The meal Jesus invites us to represents the inbreaking and anticipated rule of God where humanity's "neat and tidy" spheres of interaction i.e. circles of power, are shown up for what they are: self-perpetuating systems of bias and prejudice that exclude rather than include.

The hospitality Jesus offers takes on those self-serving interests by proposing invitations to different groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. These groups fall beyond (a) the usual categories of family, friends, and neighbour and (b) Jewish law – where they would have been treated as unclean.

As it was then, so it is today that Jesus

challenges us to show hospitality that cannot be repaid in this life. He urges a social system without reciprocity; where the marginalised become members of society again and are no longer outside the circle of power.

Christ's presence and his words open the way for the transformed structures of Te Rangatiratanga: the Kingdom of God.

*Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berez*



### Mission Map Momentum

The Diocesan Pastoral Services Group invites interested parishioners to a day of prayer, formation, information and collaboration.

Beginning at 10.30 am and concluding at 2.15pm. Lunch will be provided. During this time, they will explore what we consider the hallmarks are of a welcoming, vibrant faith community, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship, explore the different resources personnel and practical that are available, and give communities time to reflect on what they could do now.

These sessions limited so register at:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/>

### **The Auckland opportunities are:**

- Saturday 24 September Onehunga Church Hall. RSVP by 19 September
- Saturday 15 October Takapuna Church Hall. RSVP by 10 October.



## Liturgy of the Word

~ Sirach 3:17-20.28-29 There is praise for the person who is humble.

~ Psalm 67 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

~ Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24 This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.

~ Luke 14:7-14 Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

**Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

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 in 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 while inside 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 Anthony Trenwith  
Sunday 7am Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass times this week at Parnell

Monday to Friday— no Mass until Further notice  
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

### Reconciliation—Saturdays 9.30am.

### St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday to Friday 7am and 12pm  
Saturday 8am  
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

### 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).

### Sunday Mass on TV

The Sunday Mass this weekend comes to us from our very own Parish—St John the Baptist, presided by Fr Stephen Berecz. At 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

### Mass at the PEACE PLACE—Saturdays 8 am

22 Emily Pl, Auckland CBD



### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom – Parish and School Centennial—

The Centennial events have been delayed. The new dates are 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Registrations are open on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish website:

<https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

### Upcoming Retreats & Events

#### at St Francis Retreat Centre

**Time Out Days** – Day Retreats 9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) 20 September, 18 October, 22 November & 6 December.

**24Hr Quietude Retreats** – Friday 7pm to Saturday 7pm (\$120pp includes accommodation + food). 16-17 September & 18-19 November.

For information or to or to book phone 09 625 6651 or visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

### Titipounamu Study & Joy—Online Session

**Mary of Nazareth** - With Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 29 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome. For more information and registration visit: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### Beginning Experience—

A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood, 23-25 September. The Beginning Experience provides support for the grieving single again. Total cost is \$350.

For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or (09)4789742 or Kelly in the evenings on 027 6864416

### See the Holy Land Pilgrimage

Enquiries are invited for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023. Led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of NZ Catholic, with Fr Chris Denham, as chaplain. The itinerary includes all the sacred sites of interest to Christian pilgrims and 1 night by the Dead Sea. For details, email Pat on [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) or phone (09) 480-4463.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### The Upper Room – Young Adults Evening

Catholic young adults, join us for an evening of live music, nibbles, and a fantastic guest speaker, Efeso Collins! Wednesday 7 September, 7pm, at The Shakespeare Hotel, 61 Albert Street. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to find out more.

### Theology of the Body NZ

is running a symposium to celebrate Saint John Paul II's catechesis on human love and dignity. Saturday 8th October. Registration \$95.

Register at [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

### Registrations are Open for Auckland & Hamilton Dioceses LifeTeen 2023

18–22 January 2023, Cambridge

Registrations are OPEN for parish or groups to join 400 young people at Life Teen Summer Camp 2023. To find out more and to register your group, head to [www.lifeteen.nz](http://www.lifeteen.nz)

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### 1st September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the start of the Season of Creation, which is celebrated until 4th October.

Pope Francis has invited the faithful to participate in this annual "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home". Further information and resources for the Season of Creation can be found [here](http://here) at the tab for "Environment and Sustainability"

### NZ Catholic

The new edition of the NZ Catholic is for sale in church foyer. Price \$4.

## World Youth Day 2023

This Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Our pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal.

Email [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz).

### St Leo's Catholic Primary School in Devonport

Situated a short ferry ride from the city across to Devonport, this is a lovely small family oriented Catholic school. For enquiries phone 09 445 9339 or visit their website [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)

## VACANCIES

### Mercy Hospice - Palliative Medicine Employment

**Opportunity**—Mercy Hospice Auckland is recruiting for an experienced **Counsellor** and **Social worker** to join the psychosocial support team. The current openings are part-time positions, and submissions are open through SEEK. For more information contact Louise Rattray: [lratray@mh.org.nz](mailto:lratray@mh.org.nz), or a copy of the Position Description email Gwen Arago-Kemp: [garago-kemp@mh.org.nz](mailto:garago-kemp@mh.org.nz).

### Prison Chaplaincy: Tikanga Māori Enabler

Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa provides religious and spiritual support services to all New Zealand prisons under contract to the Department of Corrections. TTPCA has a fixed term Tikanga Māori Enabler—Arawhata Māori vacancy for 24 months in the Wellington National Office. Closing date 5 pm, 14 September. go to: <https://www.prisonchaplaincy.org.nz/job/tikanga-maori-enabler-arawhata-maori/>

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

Jack Gibbs, Alison Foss, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Neira, Alissa Neal, Ivy Hi, Natalie Keane, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Kirei Tua, Ben Hunt, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Emy Calma, Ana Laura Robles, Christopher Hughes, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Alberto Olarte, Joy Agon, AS, 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, Maree C, Elizabeth Beckham, Alana North, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsil Vern, Judy Hanna, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Nicholas James, Maria Martho, Bonifacio Sanches, Jin Shu Qin, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Rosa Santos, Teana Jones, Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, BC, Jon Manson, Rosita Galarg, Francisco Billinilanz, Lynn Barnett Welsh, Noeline Levick, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Pamela Vincent, Shane McGruddy, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Jill Hopgood-Luyers, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, John Kainuku, Wilfred Mansoor, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh.

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

Dominador Licayan, Fr Felix Donnelly, John Lane, Dan McCarthy, Maria Herzer, Heather Adlington, Joy Kane, Dominador Cebes, Zarko Millich, Fr Kevin McKone, Erlinda Gonzales, Ernesto Guin, Jenny O'Shea, Cyril Creado, Sr Bernadette McCarthy, Colleen Begueley, Bonifacia Jogejo Hermosilla, Michael Tipene, Kathleen Rowland, Ken McLean, Colleen Quinn, Michael Moodabe, Sr Cyprian SMSM, Ruth Dimatulac, Cipriano Santiago, Donald Crawford, Augustina Cabrera, Lesley Smith, Neville Pearson, Matthew Slykerman, Kevin McBreen, George Goodwin, Anecita Carrucan, Anneke Brandt-Bantzinger . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*