

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

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

Diane Howe ~ dianehow@gmail.com Olivia Gaston ~ oliviagaston@gmail.com

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

Tertiary Chaplaincy Mass Sunday 18 Sept 7 pm

Diocesan Youth Mass Sunday 25 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

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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

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

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

Anyone who does not
carry their cross and come
after me cannot be my disciple

— JKE — 25.33

We know that Jesus did carry a cross.
But were we really asked us to face that
painful walk and tormented death?



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

All along the way, on his long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus had arguments with the scribes and the pharisees. Again and again he pointed out that their learning and careful reasoning is worthless if they do not recognise the kingdom of God when it comes among them. The common people, the great crowds, are better at recognising this, unlearned though they be.

But now Jesus turns to warn them, and to give them a fairly brutal lesson in realism, in what the kingdom of God is going to require.

They are following Jesus to Jerusalem in the hope that he is going to win a war on behalf of their race, their laws, their nation, its structures of family, blood and clan. But Jesus tells them that if they follow him, they must hate their own family. This stark way of speaking, characteristic of Jesus's language and times, tells the crowds that, when the time comes to choose, we must put God and his Christ before everything we hold dear, even the very things we expect God and Jesus to preserve.

And so Jesus advises us all to think over the cost of discipleship. If the crowds were actually going to war, the only intelligent thing to do would be to assess the odds of winning before risking everything. Don't start building a tower until you know you can get it finished, or you'll only deserve mockery! So it is good to consider what the task really is, and what price we are prepared to pay.

Because Jesus isn't going to Jerusalem to fight the Romans. He is going there to defeat sin and death, evil itself. And he will not do this with a sword, but with the cross. He, who is the Lord of the universe, is going to empty himself, humble himself, even to death, death on a cross.

He will place nothing above the love of his Father, above his love for his Father's will.

And he calls each of us, his disciples, to follow him. That is what taking up our cross really

means. It means truly putting God first. There are many things we encounter in our lives that are good. They are to be valued, even treasured. But they can never stand in the place of God for us. Because we know the realities of this world first, it is easy for us sinners to put these created realities, including other people who are so precious, especially those nearest to us, first. But if we are to follow the road to God through Christ, we must put him before father, mother, and all else that is of value to us.

But this isn't harshness from God.

Because Jesus's journey doesn't end in Jerusalem. The other side of the cross lies the Resurrection. God only asks us to put him above these other things that he might give them back to us, made perfect and glorious – as we ourselves shall be if we only take up our cross and follow.

Blessings~Fr Chris Denham

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

~ **Wisdom 9:13-18** Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God.

~ **Psalm 89** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

~ **Philemon 9-10.12-17** Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother,

~ **Luke 14:25-33** Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation—we must be prepared to accept the cost

Next Week's Readings: Exodus 32:7-11.13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND 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 Stephen Berecz

Sunday 7am Fr Tony Dunn

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

Mass for The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Will be on **Wednesday, 14 September at 6pm** here in church. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Mass on this evening.

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.

Accommodation Needed

Ideally looking for a Bed/breakfast (room w/ own bathroom) in Parnell/Remuera area for a 26 y.o.

French visitor (speaks English) who will be arriving and staying here in Auckland from 28 September - 10 October 2022, payment in advance. Contact: Mary PH 379 9076 for more details. Thank you.

Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV 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.catholic.org.nz).

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

—The Centennial events have been delayed. **The new dates are 9th – 11th**

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

Beginning Experience

A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood, 23-25 September. 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. It will be 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 or phone (09) 480-4463

Men's One Day Retreat 01 October 22

Speaker Bishop Colin Campbell St Thomas More Church Glenfield. Contact Greg Sullivan 021 437 747 or Russell Sobotker 022 034 5678 for further information.

VACANCIES

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.

[Click here for further information](#)

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Chief Executive Monte Cecelia Housing Trust – the largest Apostolate of the Diocese of Auckland. For an information pack and Job Description etc. go to: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58036105>

Homestay Coordinator at St Mary's College Ponsonby

The role is 25 hours per week by mutual agreement and includes some after hours appointments. Role descriptions available, please email

Linda McKinney,

lmckinney@stmmarys.school.nz.

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St Patrick Cathedral RCIA

Catholic Enquiry Thursday evenings Back on 8th September. Pizza and juice 6.30-7pm and then opening prayer 7pm. All welcome. Contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz or 027-381-4400.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The Upper Room returns!

Wednesday 7 September. Live music, nibbles, and the opportunity to hear from guest speaker - front runner in the Auckland Mayoral race, Efeso Collins. Last time Upper Room SOLD OUT, so register asap! \$10 tickets available through

[Eventbrite](#)

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

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

Young Adults Ball

Get ready to dance the night away at McHugh's Of Cheltenham with our live band, The Velvet Tones. Cocktail style canapes will be served throughout the night and drinks are available at the bar (one free drink included in your ticket!). Earlybird tickets \$90 (until the 16th September). Standard tickets \$110. This is an 18+ event.



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, Thils 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, Don Valerio Fontanilla, Malu Beltran .

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

Frank Mufty, Peggy Bell-Booth, Julie Nicholls, Palaamo Kalati, Michelle Pereira, Basil Yap, Anne O'Sullivan, Diana Ross, Elizabeth Hales, James Gallagher, Sean O'Keefe, Kirk Badiola, Maurice Churton, Emile Kielar, John Lane, Bill Doyle, Francesca Goodwin, Miriam Adique, George Celedonio, Kath Allen, Mary Herbert, Patrick Smith, Terence Oliver, Soagia Faga, John La'Croix, Ryan Carduzo, Don Crawford, Aisla Duffy, John Jude, JoAnn Swartz, Luis Tura, Aisling Cooke, Juanita Banzon, Esther Gill, Jean Mullan, Teresita del Valle, Boris Srhoj, Michael del Valle, Moira Bryant, Janette Currie, Bryan Lynch, Theresa Carroll, Elizabeth Ihaka rsm, Jack Smith, Geoff Bruce, Toi Rapiara, John Chambers, Ongo Kaihea, Fr Joe Foley, Joe Paraiso, Br Francis Erni OFM, Barry Russell, Jovita Antao, Maria Madalena, Eric Werder, William Thode, James Marinovich, Douglas Paterson, Kevin McBride, Ric de la Cruz, Mark Gleeson, Michael John Frederickson, Louie Beltran, Marita Beltran . . .

....Eternal rest grant to them.