

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 a weekday Mass 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 or Saturday Morning, 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

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



ST BENEDICT'S NEWTON

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

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6 pm & Sunday 9.30 am
Mass Filipino ACFC (Every Sunday) 11:30 am

Weekdays

Wednesday-Friday: Mass 12.10pm
Wednesday (Filipino Community) 7.30pm
First & Third Friday (Filipino Community) 7.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

St Benedict's Parish Secretary

Catherine van Veen

office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

Tel 09 3790624

www.newtoncatholic.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.



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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING ~ 20 NOVEMBER 2022

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

It is the words that mock Jesus in the Gospel for today that presents for us the true nature of Jesus' kingship. The passage tells of the threefold mocking of Jesus, by the religious leaders of society; by the soldiers and by a criminal who in this case represents the lowest of society. Each of the mockers applies a title to Jesus 'the Messiah of God, his chosen one'; 'the King of the Jews'; 'the Messiah'.

Each taunt challenges Jesus to save himself if he is really the one, he claims to be. They tempt him to choose another vocation, to be different sort of King from his distinctive calling.

By his lack of response to those who mock him Jesus clearly remains steadfast in fulfilling the divine will through completing the mission he has from God by giving his life for the salvation of all humankind. The paradox of Jesus' kingly mission is that he is a Messiah who saves others only by not saving himself.

Jesus is resolutely committed to God's plan – which includes betrayal and death.

Only in the powerlessness of the cross can Jesus demonstrate the authority that will rescue the religious leaders, those who mock him, criminals and us.

Refusing the voices of temptation, Jesus defines for us what King he really is. His kingship is not defined by the power of this world that relies on retaliation, competition, self-protectiveness and the like, but rather trust and obedience to the divine will that takes Jesus to the cross – and beyond.

The story of the Good Thief is found only in Luke's Gospel. The irony is that the religious authorities lead the cries for Jesus' death, where as the one person in the text that who perceives

the truth and dares to speak it is the second criminal being crucified alongside Jesus.

The thief acknowledges he deserves punishment, in contrast to Jesus who is innocent. He sees that Jesus will enter his kingly realm not by coming down from the cross, but by dying. The good thief sees that God will vindicate the King and bring him into his proper rule. The good thief represents those who seek a place for themselves in a realm where the keynote is pardon and not recompense, where the condemned can be fully restored.

Jesus assures the repentant thief that he will give him a share in his own destiny in Paradise. Our dying Saviour reveals once again that he extends his mercy even to those who can make no claim to merits of their own, and that the repentant sinner will never be excluded from his kingdom.

Rev Fr Stephen Berecz

Continental phase of the Synod of Synodality - has now begun. Read all about it, how NZCBC are implementing it and how you might be involved

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>
Let's walk together in this additional stage.

Online Event for Oceania—The Preparatory Event *Our Ocean Home* has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5pm to 7pm NZ Time. Please note that the sessions are not repeated but rather explore a different theme each session on *Our Ocean Home*.

In the spirit of the synodal process, this event is open to all. Registration is now open.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/annual-lectures-talks-and-conferences/our-ocean-home#register>

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Malachi 4:1-2** For evildoers, the Day of The Lord will be a day of judgement, but for the upright it will be a day of salvation.

~ **Psalm 97** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

~ **2 Thessalonians 3:7-12** As far as possible all should try to earn the food they eat.

~ **Luke 21:5-19** We hear a prediction of the destruction of the temple, and are told of the situation of Christians in a time of trial.

Next Week's Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

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

COVID19 UPDATE

The Traffic light system has now been officially retired by the government. This means we can welcome everyone to our services without any restrictions in place. Face masks are no longer mandatory however you can still wear them when coming to church.

If you are sick or unwell, please stay home.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 5pm Fr Chris Skinner SM
Sunday 7am Fr Pat Breeze SM
Sunday 9.30am Fr Pat Breeze SM

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

A few people have come forward but we still need more. We are looking to have a few more Communion Ministers and are urgently looking for Sacristans to assist the Parish Priest during our weekend Masses. Training will be provided. For more info, contact Felina at the parish office :

office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

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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.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

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

Remembering our Dead— This November, we remember in prayer our deceased friends and family members. Please write their names on the cards provided and place them in the wooden box designated for this purpose. The box will be placed before the altar during Mass.

November Mass Count— We still require a few more volunteers to help with the Mass count towards the last two weekends of November. If you think you can help, please get in touch with Felina at office@parnellcatholic.org.nz. Thank you.

Columban Calendars— The 2023 Columban Calendars are now available and can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$15 each. Please bring cash or email the parish office for details if you'd like to pay online. Thank you.

Organists Needed - St John the Baptist Parish in Parnell are seeking talented organists to be part of our Music Ministry. You will be playing either on the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm or the Sunday 9.30am Mass alongside our cantor from time to time. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please get in touch with the Parish Office, email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

28 OCTOBER 1835: HE WHAKAPUTANGA: Declaration of Independence of Nu Tireni
Would you like to know about this very significant event in the history of our country? A Zoom session being offered by the Diocese of Auckland Bicultural Committee and Pax Christi Aotearoa, 7pm to 8.30pm, Tuesday 15 November. Presented by Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori, and Dr Susan Healy. To enrol and receive the zoom link, email Manuel at ManuelB@cda.org.nz

CDA CONNECT: November Issue is out now: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023

Registrations are now open for the Northland pilgrimage from 6th January to 8th January 2023.

Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/>
Contact Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or email stephenf@cda.org.nz

Catholic Theological College Online Events
Æsthetic Soul: Pictorial Art as Source of Theology
Thursday, 24 November, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom
Speaker: Dr Christopher Longhurst. Register at: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/aesthetic-soul>

St Michael's Remuera Book - A book about St Michael's church is to be published in December at a cover price of \$20. See the poster and brochures in the foyer. For information contact office@remueracatholic.org.nz or visit www.remueracatholic.org.nz/guide-book
Print out will be limited so order early please.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass - Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden. After we will share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME.

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite you to consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

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

Craig B, Benjamin Salvador, Don Valerio Fontanilla, Malu Beltran, Jack Gibbs, Alison Foss, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Angela Robinson, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Neira, Ivy Hi, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Kirei Tua, Ben Hunt, Annabel Kalin, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Emy Calma, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Joy Agon, Ana Laura Robles, Anne Telles, Ana Denisse, Christopher Hughes, Manjarrez, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Alberto Olarte, AS, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Chris Dwyer, Royston Beckham, Margaret Everett, Alice Swann, Ann Sayegh, Fr Andrei Centeno, Alana North, John & Rosa Williams, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Mary Bratton, Maree C, Elizabeth Beckham, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi 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, 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 . . .

Sir Ian Barker, Linda Ward, Andrew Sheedy, Josephine Tipene, Peter Gheradi, Mary Anderson, Des Raffles, Molly Novak, Deacon John Kooge, Zena Edgar, Ancel Fernandes, Linda Ward, Matilda Hong, Albertus Lodewyck, Sr Mary Columba O.P, Robert Whiting, Gail Collins, Isabel Acuna, Francis Maunsell, John Kim, Mary Carr, Henry Abecedo, Evelyn McGiley, Jessamine Meneses, Damiana Agonoy-Adviento, Frank McGrath, Virgie Culliat, Finbarr Drohan, Charles Pederson, Catherine Brockley, Peter Wood, Msgr James Shannahan, Jim Fogarty, Dr Grattan O'Connell, Louise Perkins, Peter Marinovich, Walfrido Fantino, Fr Patrick Costello,
Bishop Henry Cleary . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Young Leaders Celebration Dinner - Youth and Young Adult ministry leaders, you're invited to join Bishop Steve Sunday 27 November for an evening of affirmation, celebration and some fantastic kai! To attend, email samb@cda.org.nz.

World Youth Day 2023—The Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. The pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal. Email samuelp@cda.org.nz if interested.

Jubilee Bursary - Semester 1, 2023. For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 24 Nov 2022. For further information & to apply contact Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz
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See the Holy Land Pilgrimage

There are still some places available for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023, led by Pat McCarthy, with Fr Chris Denham as chaplain. Details from Pat on patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or (09) 480-4463. Go to tinyurl.com/43atbdjr for a short YouTube video on the trip.

Pilgrimage to Italy & Spain

5 – 28 September 2023. Chaplain Msgr David Tonks. For information visit <https://bit.ly/Pilgrimage2023ItalySpain>. To book email Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz