

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

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

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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.



Prince of Peace, prepare the way for yourself in our lives and our world. Help us to see paths that you have prepared for us, and awaken in us a desire to create new paths to you, straight through the most challenging places. Amen.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 4 DECEMBER 2022

LISTEN = SILENT

Greetings of peace, joy and love!

A story is told about a priest who was greeting the people at the church entrance after the mass when suddenly a child grabbed his hand and handed him money. Surprised, the priest asked the child, "What is this for my child?" The child said, "I thought you could use the money. After your homily, my mother whispered to me that you are the poorest preacher this parish has ever had." I once attended a national conference for priests about the "Joy of Preaching."

Several speakers, both priests and lay people were invited to help us priests rediscover the joy in preaching. One lay speaker spoke of the need for priests to better our homilies to offset what he termed a "crisis in preaching." I can only nod in agreement.

But if we can speak of a crisis in preaching, I believe we can also speak of a crisis in listening. I do not speak here of a collective hearing disability. I am not talking about an aural listening, i.e. to listen with one ear. Rather, I am speaking of a cardiac listening, i.e. to listen with one's heart. Notice here, therefore, that in the middle of the word "heart", there is an "ear". Listening is, in essence, the proper function of the heart.

This is why the Gospel of today remind us of a "voice crying out in the desert," calling us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The desert is a place of silence. In fact, it is so silent, that you can literally hear the beating of your heart.

What do you hear as Christmas approaches? The sound of carols, new gadgets, get-together, parties? What makes you excited in the heart? Christmas beckons.

And as that day approaches, I think of that familiar carol, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

What is that song inciting us to hear? It beckons us to listen with our heart to "the child, the child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light!"

This Christmas, let us remember to leave space in our hearts for the Child who will bring us goodness and light!

Quote: If you re-arrange the word "SILENT" you will also form the word "LISTEN" It is when our hearts are silent that we can truly listen to God speaking to us.

**Blessings ~ Fr Mario Dorado Fm Cap
St Benedict's, Newton**



Recording of the Shine Christmas Mass

Come sing with us our Christmas prayers, Thursday 8 December at 2pm at St Benedict's. Bishop Steve will pray the Mass of Christmas day which will be filmed for broadcast on Shine TV. A good congregation is needed so... please consider joining us and adding your prayers and voices.



PRAY CHRISTMAS
MASS

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 11:1-10** We hear about the coming of the Messiah, and the kind of justice and peace he would bring.

~ **Psalms 71** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

~ **Romans 15:4-9** This talks about the importance of hope and how we should treat others in the same friendly way Christ treated us.

~ **Matthew 3:1-12** We hear once again the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6.10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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

COVID19 UPDATE

We welcome everyone to our services without any restrictions in place. Face masks are no longer mandatory however you can still choose to wear them when coming to church.

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

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 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.

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>

DONATION POINT TAP

No cash but keen to donate? You can now use the Tap & Go device located in the church foyer to give a one off donation. This is a secure contactless donation using your eftpos/credit cards with PayWave or mobile devices with Apple Pay or Google Pay. It is \$5 for every tap (no receipt will be issued).

Congratulations to Fr Stephen

During the week, Fr Stephen celebrated 31 years since his ordination to the Priesthood. The whole Parish Community of Parnell warmly congratulates Fr Stephen on this very special occasion.

Columban Calendars— The 2023 Columban Calendars are 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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees. With Beate Matthies.

Monday, 5 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation.
ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father

With Fr Kevin Waldie SM. Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

For more information visit

www.studyjoy.nz

Rite II Reconciliation for Advent

In preparation for Christmas we encourage you to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
Tuesday 13 December 7 pm - at the Cathedral.
Wednesday 21 December 7.30 pm
at Sacred Heart, Ponsonby.

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

Diocesan Pastoral Council Newsletter—the DPC met on Saturday 26 November. Their newsletter is available for everyone to read visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

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

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop

Retreat Centre Mission Bay

Saturday 10 December 10am – 3pm. \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged. Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by December 9th. Phone [09 528 1801](tel:095281801) or email marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au.

Taize Prayer For Advent—Friday December 9th at 7pm at the Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay.

Pray the Flame of Love Rosary nightly online

Come and join us praying the Flame of Love Rosary online every night at 8pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=Qjlkd0VweTNTMjlkxVzNhQUJVSXlXOTQ09)

[pwd=Qjlkd0VweTNTMjlkxVzNhQUJVSXlXOTQ09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=Qjlkd0VweTNTMjlkxVzNhQUJVSXlXOTQ09)

Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

Scholarship for Study at Te Kupenga

Catholic Theological College

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship*. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2023. For more info and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, catheriner@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is Monday 12 December.**

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.

WYD23 Fundraiser-Private Screening of Avatar 2

(Rated M), 2 pm, 18th December at Midcity Hoyts Cinemas. \$20 per ticket includes entry, ice-cream, popcorn, drink and sweets.

Email mdmwydmovie@gmail.com or phone Paula 021 827225.

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

Fr Joseph Parkinson, 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, Emy Calma, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, 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, 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, Thilisi 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 . . .

Desmond Clarke, Patrick Mullin, Pio Jacobs, Eileen Porteous, Clive Brock, Abbey Russel, Yasmin Ryan, T.F.P. Hanrahan, Peter Jay Seto Ma, Jude Fenandes, Rose Nebrao, Catherine Clarke, Irene Roca, Ong Hua, Geoffrey Phillips, Isaura Sodder, James Ropata, BJ, Elizabeth Daly, Geb Aranas, Joachim Kim, Rachel Fox, Rebecca Castro, Maria Baek, Patricia Perkins, Barry O'Meagher, Grant Dunn, Jimmy Maninang, Bonnie Malpas, Lou McElwee, Mollie Coleman, Irene Pereira, Stoyanka Genora, Kieran Hegarty, Doris Myers, Francie O'Sullivan, Alicia Artunduaga, Melwy Castelino, Joan Gravatt, Karen Ward, Andrew Carucan, Joan Coleman, Case Bakker, Rodrigo Fernando, Mary Mullally, Domingos Jose, Betty White, Joan Joseph, Catherine Petry, Don Thompson, Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier, Jean Epalle SM, John Harriman, Francis Terry, Delphine Victor Moreau SM, Ronald Terry, Margaret Cheyne, Sin Lin Dale Chong, Marie Thomson . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*