

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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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ GAUDETE SUNDAY- 11 DECEMBER 2022

This Gaudete Sunday we are called to rejoice, to remind ourselves of the joy that Jesus brings into the world. The name Gaudete translates from the Latin as rejoice, we also shift gears and adopt the joyful liturgical colour of rose for this Sunday. It is the Sunday where we light the rose-coloured candle on our advent wreaths. We are called to truly rejoice in the coming of our saviour as a child. It reminds me of that contemporary Christmas song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" written in 1963 by Edward Pola and George Wyle. Sometimes we can get too caught up in the necessary chores of life and forget to take a moment to just contemplate the joy associated with the coming of Christ as a child.

This Sunday we are called to rejoice and joyfully reflect on the great celebration that is ahead of us. It is enjoyable to reflect on great occasions in the past occasions with family or friends or great holiday moments, occasions where we have experienced great joy. The birth of the incarnate Son of God is one of these occasions for us as Christians. We as Christians are part of a great family and this celebration of Christmas is something that truly unites us in joy.

In the hustle and bustle of life moments of prayer can often be given a lower priority than we might give it in our regular routine. This Sunday is a moment to stop reflect and rejoice. Reflecting and meditating on the birth of Jesus doesn't have to be a complicated activity. We could place ourselves before a manger scene and reflect on the birth of Jesus, or we could use and image of the Christmas nativity to assist our reflection. When we reflect on Jesus it is a

form of prayer, we are uniting our hearts with his and consciously giving him our time. This doesn't have to be a grand or exhaustive exercise; it can start with 5-10 minutes quietly thinking about the scene of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Things that can be included in the reflection are, who was there? What were they doing? What was the environment like? and where are you in this scene? Always remembering the key spiritual anchor for this time of meditation is the gift of joyful rejoicing that Jesus wants to place in our heart. Truly rejoice this Gaudete Sunday for "it is the most wonderful time of the year."

Blessings ~ Fr Tony King-Archer

Christmas Timetable at St John's

Saturday 24 December ~ Christmas Eve

No 9am Mass

Christmas Vigil Mass at 8pm

(Carols start at 7.30pm)

Sunday 25 December ~ Christmas Day

Masses at 7am & 9.30am

NO MASS on Monday 26 December

Tuesday 27 December ~ Mass at 9am

Saturday 31 December

No 9am Mass

Vigil Mass at 5pm

**Sunday 1 January ~ Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Masses at 7am & 9.30am

Monday 2 January & Tuesday 3 January
Mass at 9am

No weekday Masses except on the dates indicated. The Saturday 9am Mass will resume on 7 January. Reconciliation also resumes on the same day and follows afterwards at 9.30am.



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 35:1-6.10** God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.

~ **Psalm 145** Lord, come and save us.

~ **James 5:7-10** St James urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

~ **Matthew 11:2-11** We see Jesus at work, & hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

COVID19 UPDATE

We welcome everyone to our services with no restrictions in place. Face masks are no longer mandatory but 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 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 Christmas timetable:

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve
8am

*Christmas Family Mass at 5pm

*(Led by Fr Stephen Berecz)

Carols 11pm followed by Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

Masses at 8am, 10am and 5pm

Sunday 1 January - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Masses at 8am, 10am and 5pm

JANUARY - Weekday Masses

Mon 26 December 2022 – Sun 29 January 2023

Monday to Friday – 7am

No Anointing of the Sick on 1st Friday

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 \$10 for every tap (no receipt will be issued).

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.

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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

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/>

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew

— with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>

For more information visit www.studyjoy.nz

Marriage & Family Life - invites 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.

Vacancy—Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland—for a part-time chef for 25-hrs/week over 5-days (including Sundays). Duties include:

weekly grocery shop, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. The successful applicant will be required term time only (x32 weeks per year). If you are interested, send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 1 January 2023

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

Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Catholic Caring Foundation. They provide funding for care & support of families/whanau & communities affected by poverty & hardship.

Visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz

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

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.

Christmas Novena Dawn Mass (Simbang Gabi)

Join us for 9 days of Novena Masses at dawn as we prepare for Christmas.

St Benedict's Parish Newton, Auckland.

Mass starts at 5am daily from

16 December to 24 December. All welcome.

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Columban Calendars

Are available at the Parish Office, \$15 each. Bring cash or email the parish office for details if you'd like to pay online.

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 further information about this scholarship 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.

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

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, 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, Thilsy 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-Luyppers, 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 . . .

Antoinette Mascarenhas, Mary Ardley, Mary Jury, Peter Schoeman, Yasmin Ryan, Catriona Jackson, Ivan Selak, Wim Van Het Bolscher, Maria Baek, Kasanita Peauafi Bell-Booth, Betty Walsh, Doug Brebner, Rolando Lagman, Barry Young, Nancy Wackrow, Dorothy Chatterley, Jim McKay, Msgr Pat O'Corr, Henning Petersen, Fr George Duggan SM, Betty White, Vincent Buonanno, Joachim Kim, Alexander Lee, Lance Christian, Mary Kearns, Chris Hughes, John Fabling, Rosemary Weatherstone, Br Sean Hanaray FMS, Msgr Paul Cronin, Mary Henley, Janine Haywood, Peggy Griffiths, Cornelius Bakker, Don Thompson, Frederick (Buster) Bell-Booth, Julita Binuya, John Shea, Milagros Logarta, Ella Swanson . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*