

# 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

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[www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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)

### 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](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

Tel 09 3790624

[www.newtoncatholic.org.nz](http://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](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.



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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  
ONEROA  
WAIHEKE ISLAND

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 22 JANUARY 2023

It is always good to be prepared and we all understand the concept of warming up for sport and exercise. As you progress through life it becomes more prudent to include a warm-up before any physical exertion. The same can also be said of our intellectual and spiritual faculties, we need to warm up in these areas as well. For those who are dependent on coffee know that any intellectual efforts prior to the first coffee of the day are difficult and are completed under a cognitive cloud. We need time for our mind to warm up in order to function at full capacity. It is the same with our spiritual life, we need to warm up to a state of prayerful contemplation, where our mind and heart are directed to God. This means that we need time for our mind to stop racing and to quieten, in order for us to be fully present to God.

Often we come to God on Sunday completely spent from the week and we desire to unburden ourselves before the one who created us. To lay all the burdens, sorrows, joys and achievements at the foot of the altar. In this way we can prepare ourselves for the many blessings that God wishes to give us. The different stages of the liturgy are there to help and prepare us for our reception of God into our heart. The entrance hymn at the beginning of Mass helps us to lift our heart and mind towards God. The beauty of the music helps us to depart from the functional world that we operate in and catch a glimpse of the things that are truly important, namely our relationship with God. The Gloria helps us to enter a thankful and awe-filled state of mind.

The opening prayer of this Sunday also highlights the importance of our relationship with God and how God desires to work in and through us, so that God's good works may "abound" in our life. We come to prepare our hearts to be used by God so that others might know the love that God has for them. Our cooperation with God, and with God's assistance, our small actions and offerings are multiplied according to God's perfect plan.

We all know how important it is to warm up prior to exercise and it is clear that we also need this for our intellectual and spiritual pursuits. As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist it is good practice to think about who or what we would like to pray for at Mass. By holding these people or situation in our heart at the beginning of Mass, we place them into the hands of God. We do this as an act of faith and trust, knowing that God will always direct us in our life, so that his grace might always abound.

**Blessings ~ Fr Tony King-Archer  
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 8:23-9:3** The prophet predicts future liberation for an oppressed people.

~ **Psalm 27** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

~ **1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17** Paul launches a passionate appeal for unity in the community of Corinth.

~ **Matthew 4:12-23** The wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus.

**Next Week's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 8 pm Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 7am Fr Tony Dunn

Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass Times this week in Parnell

Monday - Friday no mass until further notice

Saturday & Public Holidays - 9am

**Reconciliation** - Saturday 9.30am

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

Monday to Friday 7am (12nn resumes 30 Jan)

Saturday 8am

Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

### Volunteers needed in our Parish

Our Parish is in need of volunteers to help in the various Ministries. We are looking to have more Ministers of the Word, Communion Ministers, Ministers of the Sick, Mass Greeters/Ushers and are urgently looking for Sacristans to assist the Parish Priest during our weekend Masses.

Training will be provided. For more information, contact Felina at the parish office via [email.office@parnellcatholic.org.nz](mailto:email.office@parnellcatholic.org.nz).

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

### 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).

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### Auckland Anniversary & Waitangi Day

Monday the 30th January & 6th February are public holidays.

Mass times for both dates will be at **9am**.

The Parish Office will operate on the usual hours during these two weeks and is open from

**Tuesdays 31st January & 8th February.**

### Columban Calendars

There are still Calendars available in the office for those who would like to get them. \$15 each.

Please bring cash or contact the office on how to pay through the parish bank account.

### Statement of Catholic Church Leaders on looking forward from the work of the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand have issued a statement of commitments adopted in response to the continuing work of the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care.

The set of 10 commitments – along with others previously made – will become part of what the Church calls the “Tautoko Roadmap” for the path the Church is taking in response to the

Royal Commission and the wishes of abuse survivors. You can read the statement online at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/jan10-letter/> and The Tautoko Roadmap here <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/roadmap/>

**Marriage & Family Life** - would like to invite to you 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.

### Dominican /Peace Place MASS

Resumes 8am, January 28th at 22 Emily Place.

### 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=QjJkd0VveTNTMjkyVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09)

[pwd=QjJkd0VveTNTMjkyVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VveTNTMjkyVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09)

Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Online Sessions Genesis – In the Beginning...**

**Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

**Part 2: The Creation of Adam** (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

For more information visit

[www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.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)

### St Joseph's Grey Lynn

- is accepting all enrolments for 2023!

They are an authentic and traditional Catholic school serving central Auckland for 138 years.

For further information contact the

principal on [principal@st-joseph.school.nz](mailto:principal@st-joseph.school.nz)

### Fathers' Prayer Group at the Cathedral

Meets fortnightly 5.30pm to pray for our families together. All new members welcome. Contact Michael Hart 021-965-483 for further information [michaelh@nzchl.com](mailto:michaelh@nzchl.com).

### Greeting from Palestine—presented by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference

Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa NZ early this year and has made videos for the bishops on the subject for a Kiwi audience. You can watch them all now on YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S\\_A4kBfeU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S_A4kBfeU)

Read more about Br Peter and the video project:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/palestine-video1/>

### 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](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz).



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

Msgr Paul Farmer, Fr Mario Dorado, Vivien Emery, Craig B, Alison Foss, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Neira, Ivy Hi, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, AS, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Kirei Tua, Emy Calma, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Ben Hunt, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Christopher Hughes, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, BC, Alice Swann, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Joy Agon, Joe Raymond, Ambi Joseph, Royston Beckham, Alana North, Margaret Everett, Mary Bratton, Ann Sayegh, Fr Andrei Centeno, John & Rosa Williams, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Jin Shu Qin, Elizabeth Beckham, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Thilsi Vern, Judy Hanna, Luigi & Dawn Rocca, Nicholas James, Rosa Santos, Bonifacio Sanches, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, Benny Clynnes, Jon Manson, Eric & Rachel Smith, Rosita Galarg, Francisco Billinilanz, Lynn Barnett Welsh, John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Pamela Vincent, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Jill Hopgood-Luyfers, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Noeline Levick, Wilfred Mansoor, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Dina Miranda.

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

Rocco Dimasi, Graeme Owens, Manuka Henare, Segundia Valleno Ayao, Bishop John Edmund Luck, Fr Eddie Mullen, Merv Healy, Peggy Baker, Catherine Hamilton, Doreen Colquhoun, Sarah Gordon, Bill Tyree, Ernest O'Brian, Edna Crimmins, Fr John Moss IC, Connie Ryan, Veronica Ayers, Joseph O'Keefe, Fr George Gillan, Gary Nausbaum, Margaret Stevens, Lina Nacario, Jenny Wallace, Frank Mc Geever, Sr Pauline Gallagher rsm, Sr Mary d'Apice rscj, Br Joe McDermott FMS, Harold Serpis, Lucy Vittachi, Mary Ann McKinney, Neil Collins, Walter Tipene, Peter Lynch, Fr Iosefo Rauvere, Tui Va'aa, Gloria Petica, Edison Pinto, Msgr J Lyons, Sr Moyra Dunn rsm, Catherine Cooney, Sr Analulu Tanuvasa sm, Ian Sharkey, Patricia Shaw, John Swinkels, Albino Achas, Laura Richardson, Ron Moody, Joy Bannister, Mei Li Tham, Brian Cory, Siri Nanyambara, Patricia Wooton, Sr Mary Concannon OP, Tony Green, Michael Page, Georgie Palamattath, Allen Such, Raymond Staka, Cecilia Navera, Jennifer Conyers-McKenzie, Patrick O'Keefe, John Foley, Leo Creedin, Sr Patricia Hackett rsm, Eduard Ghilardi, John Laidler MHM, John Brennan, Carol Date Chong, Dennis Mallard, Eric Mallard, Michael Maher, Joseph O'Keefe, Fr Charlie Murray mhm, Michael Amos, Anita Geraghty, Rosa Zumaeta de Egusquiza, Fr John Flanagan, Fr Clement Evans . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*