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
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

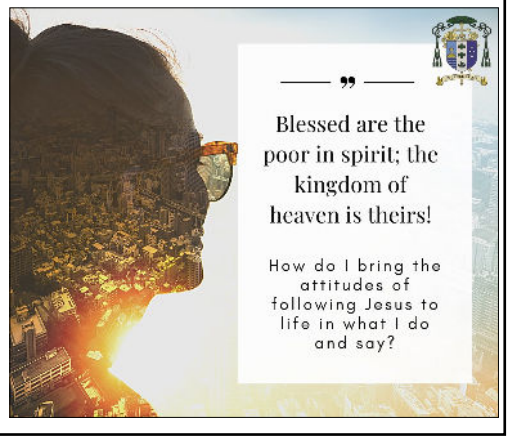
St Benedict's Parish Secretary
Catherine van Veen
office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz
Tel 09 3790624
www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

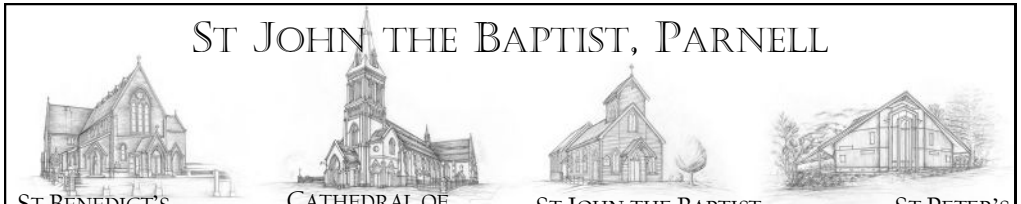
St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

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.



St John the Baptist, Parnell



St Benedict's
1 St Benedict's St
Newton

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 29 January 2023

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' use of the Beatitudes calls the individual to acknowledge a law and attitude written on their heart. This is a law written by the hand of God that calls the believer forth into right relationship and right action.

This indwelling of God's grace sets the bar not just for the individual, but for the community of believers; if the ideal is in some sense achieved, the reward is granted. God's people should be meek; if they are meek, they will be blessed by inheriting the earth. If God's people show mercy towards others, they will be blessed by receiving mercy from God.

Jesus, guided by the tradition of Wisdom literature, uses the Beatitude statements as a force of exhortation to express a set of moral ideals to be pursued.

As the summer holidays come to an end, it is a good opportunity to set our own "wise" goals for the year ahead; achievable goals that have attainable rewards. They don't have to be extreme, but incremental – where one is gently guided by God's grace.

After addressing the various groups of designated people with a concrete word of Good News the Beatitudes then serve an additional function where they describe the direction of God's blessing. God's concern then carries ethical implications for all who listen. Their attitudes and consciousness are shaped by the nature of the God in whom they believe. For the believer, imagination is enlivened, and sensitivities are reformed, providing vision and moral direction.

Again, as we start back into familiar routines, may we take the opportunity to remember the blessings God has bestowed on us. God has a genuine concern for us. Let that concern or those blessings shape us anew and guide us. May our hopes and ambitions be reinvigorated by the active presence of God in the people we share our lives with, in the sacramental life of the Church, and the communion of being part of the Body of Christ.

The Sermon on the Mount is, for us and for the Church, a future statement of the Good News!

Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz

Br Peter Bray in Auckland
NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference
Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa.
He will be in Auckland Wednesday, 8 February, 7pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby.
Br Peter has made three videos based on his daily work with Palestinians and Palestinian students at Bethlehem University available by visiting:
https://www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977

Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Liturgy of the Word

~ Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13 The prophet holds out hope of salvation for those who seek God, and who practise integrity and humility.

~ Psalm 146 Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

~ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 God chooses the poor, the weak, and the lowly, people who are conscious of their limitations, and who therefore rely on God rather than on themselves.

~ Matthew 5:1-12 We see the values Christ preached and lived-values he wishes to see in his followers.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday Vigil 8 pm	Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7am	Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30am	Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

Tuesday - Friday no mass until further notice
Saturday & Public Holidays - 9am

Auckland Anniversary & Waitangi Weekends

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.

Reconciliation - Saturday 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

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 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.

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).

Important Notice regarding Mass times in February 2023

Please note that from Saturday 18 February 2023, there will be **NO 9am Mass and 9.30am Reconciliation until further notice**.
All other weekend Masses (Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday 7am & 9.30am Masses) will carry on as usual. As Fr Stephen recovers from his surgery, supply priests will come to celebrate all the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses during this period.

Inner-City Accommodation—Units for Rent at Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby:

Holy Cross Seminary have units available for rent next year, from 06 February 2023 for 1-year. The units are 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom units (1 ensuite). All have an internal access double garage, with dedicated space in the garage for indoor washing machine/dryer as well as internal storage. $730 per week. If interested, please send an email to office@holycross.org.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.

NZ Catholic—The first edition for 2023 is available in the church foyer for $4. Headlines include: Remembering Pope Benedict XVI and Polish links to Otago church.

Dominican /Peace Place MASS

8am on Saturdays at 22 Emily Place.

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/

Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath.
Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm.
Fee: $20/session or $70/4 sessions. ZOOM.
https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/
For more information visit 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

Flame of Love Rosary

Online every night at 8pm.Join Zoom Meeting
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJVSWlXQT09
Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

Auckland Diocesan Vacancies

The diocese currently has a number of staff vacancies:

- Chancellor for the Bishop's Office
- Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer.
- Project Manager – Property Maintenance Delivery, Education
- Social Workers – 2 Roles in Catholic Social Services Auckland – new graduates welcome.

For detailed information including closing dates and application procedures please access the website https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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/

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

Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran 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, BC, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Ben Hunt, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Christopher Hughes, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, 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 Clynes, 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-Luypers, Serena Coughey, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Noeline Levick, 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 . . .

Wanda Czarcinski, Graeme Owens, Manuka Henare, Val Bennett, Teresa Owens, James Lewis, Gregory Tan, Sr Veronica Keane rsj, Peter Gilmour, Malisa & Bernard Williams, Catherine Pinto, Maurice Williams, Mary Pratt, Neil Collins, Harold Serpes, Dorothy Serpes, Patrick Sigamoney, Ljubica Steinhauser, Basil Machado, Leo Divine, Irene Dermody, Br Tony Sisson cfc, Ian Johnson, John Lanun, John McHugh, Marjorie (Bobs) Gardner, Meliton Magbago Jr, Carol Franks, Fiona Gooder, Pat O'Connor, Peter Goddard, Carol Date Chong, Mary B Connaghan, Vicki Rommel, Marjory Hall, Catharina Kamp, Desmond O'Brien, Val Dawson, Pat Murphy, Edith O'Brien, Yasmine Baheshy, Helena Yiin, Valentina Angel, Desmond Graham, Thomas Scannell, Jean Spelman, Evelyn Considine, John Nienarber, Felipe Estrellanes . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*