

# 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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## 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

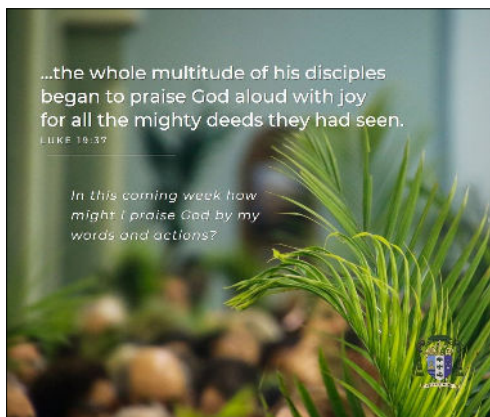
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## SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

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.



## 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

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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

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WAIHEKE ISLAND

## PALM SUNDAY ~ 2 APRIL 2023

### HOSANNA to the King Vs CRUCIFY HIM

Everyone loves a parade! Costumes, slogans, banners and music all compete to draw your attention. The onlooker joins in.

Passive nervous spectators have no place.

Triumphal entries of victorious Roman

Military officials were a common sight.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was of a different kind. Jesus seems to organize his own parade that will finally kill him! Jesus embraces his own execution amid song and acclamation.

Hosannas and evergreen Palms are soon replaced with cries for crucifixion and a crown of dry thorns.

### TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Vs RIDING ON A COLT:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)

Processions that follow triumphant Messiahs are glamorous. The triumphant one rides on a white horse, a symbol of Roman military might. Jesus chose a donkey, a symbol of a poor man's beast of burden! It was a symbolic entry. There was no stopping Jesus now. His Kingdom had to be ushered in peacefully.

### LOYAL FOLLOWERS Vs FALSE ACCUSERS

Jesus always gave a flip-side conclusion in all his teachings and parables. His listeners had to make a 'new choice' that was different from the status quo. Not all were ready to accept his KOG teachings and values. Many walked away. The scribes

and Pharisees tried to trap him. They sought to kill him. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was the right moment to get the bystanders to change their loyalties. Shouts of Hosanna soon changed into

"Crucify him, crucify him!"

### PASSION AND ULTIMATE TRIUMPH:

Triumphant Roman soldiers marched along the Via Appia, middle of the Roman forum

and up the hill to *Piazza del Campidoglio*

(the seat of the Senate, government base of ancient Rome, and site of numerous religious

shrines and for the administration of justice). Jesus chose a different route, one that would

lead to Calvary—a different hill of shame and scorn. Jesus could have made a detour to

avoid Calvary. The question is, "Did his forgiving love require the cross?" Yes, it did!

His forgiving love made him vulnerable to suffering and shame and he embraced it

wholeheartedly as the 'Will of his Father'. You now enter this Holy Week to reflect on

Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

The great Paschal Mystery is yours to embrace, to hold holy the love that opposed

violence and the love that endured violence, the love that made it way up to Calvary with

a cross on his back. There is no forgiving love without the cross.

*Blessings ~ Fr Glenford Lowe  
Assistant Priest  
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph*



### Liturgy of the Word

**Gospel for before Mass Matthew 21:1-11** Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News.

~ **Isaiah 50:4-7** The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

~ **Psalm 22** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

~ **Philippians 2:6-11** Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

~ **Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66** St Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture, and portrays Jesus, because of his foreknowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation.

**Next Week's readings: Acts 10:34.37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1-9**

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 5 pm Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 7am Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

### Holy Week at St John the Baptist

#### **Holy Thursday – 6 April**

Mass with Washing of the Feet at **7pm**

*Adoration follows after Mass  
with Night Prayer at 9pm*

#### **Good Friday – 7 April**

Memorial of the Lord's Passion at **3pm**

#### **Holy Saturday – 8 April**

Easter Vigil Mass at **7.30pm**

#### **Easter Sunday – 9 April**

**7am & 9.30am**

\* **No Mass on 10 April** Easter Monday.

### Mass times this week at St Michael's Remuera:

Monday to Wednesday 7am & 12 pm

For their Holy Week timetable please visit:

<https://www.remuercatholic.org.nz/mass>

### Office Hours this April

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from

**Good Friday 7 April to Thursday 27 April.**

Emails will continue to be monitored remotely.

For any urgent assistance or queries during this time, please contact Fr Stephen directly

[sberecz@gmail.com](mailto:sberecz@gmail.com)

### 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).

### Fr John Tollan

Fr John Tollan passed away in the early hours of the morning last Monday 27 March at Beach Haven Care Home. He was a highly regarded and respected priest among his peers and among seminarians whom he taught in the Seminary at Mosgiel. Back in February 2021, he became our Parish Priest here in Parnell but had to leave shortly after his appointment for health reasons. A funeral Mass was held at St Joseph's Takapuna followed by burial at Panmure last Friday. Please remember to include him in your prayers.

### Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal

Bishop Steve's emergency cyclone relief appeal for communities so badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Gisborne/Tairāwheti and the Hawkes Bay region. The Caring Foundation will be accepting donations for this appeal.

Visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) to make a donation OR online to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 (Particulars: your surname and initials, reference CYCLONE.) Please email [info@caringfoundation.org.nz](mailto:info@caringfoundation.org.nz) for a tax receipt. Or phone: (09) 360 3045

### Open Day at Sacred Heart College Hostel

Friday 12 May, starting at 11.30am.

Sacred Heart College provides a foundation of faith and aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life. Places are available for boarding in 2024. Please register your attendance: [www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenday](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenday). For further information, visit [www.sacredheart.school.nz](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz); or contact on [enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz) or phone

09 529 3660 ext 714

### Shine TV Mass

Weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm  
Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201.

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.

### Wake and Pray this Holy Week—on Zoom

Be present with Jesus in early morning Silent Meditation, 6.15 – 6.45 am, each day of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. Meditation is simply taking time in prayer with a desire to be fully present with Jesus. Hear Him asking his Disciples to 'stay awake' with Him – keeping loving watch. Please contact Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) for Zoom link details

### Nga Whaea Atawhai O Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy

—invite young women aged between 18 and 40 to a "Come and See Day" to discover more about their mercy life! Saturday 22nd April from 9.30am to 1pm. At Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings, 104 The Drive, Epsom. RSVP Monday 17th April for catering and for more information. [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) or 0210360781

### New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

The Catholic Enquiry Centre has a new website. Visit it to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

**Update: Cardinal John Dew**—As he let us know earlier, Cardinal John had surgery on 21 March. He is doing well in his recovery. He is still in a little pain, but this was expected. He continues to take things slowly and will do for some time yet. He has been very touched by the messages of support he has received and thanks everybody for their continued prayers for him.

### School Attendance Dues, Financial Assistance

- is available for families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for students attending primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the ACFL Operations Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from : <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

### Executive Director NZ Catholic Bishops

**Conference— Wellington-based job opportunity**  
A Wellington-based Executive Director is sought, who will be responsible for working with NZCBC agencies in implementing the decisions of the bishops. The closing date for applications is 17 April. Full details of the position and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/exec-director/>

**Divine Mercy Feast**—Sunday 16th April 5:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. All Welcome.

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

David Shennan, Kerwin Arnejo, Francis Morais, Sallyshni Devi, Paul Mulderry, Louise Collins, Rodelyn Pillois, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran, Msgr Paul Farmer, Vivien Emery, Thilsi Vern, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Neira, Ivy Hi, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Ben Hunt, Angela Robinson, AS, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Kirei Tua, Emy Calma, BC, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Sepi Fe'ao, Joy Agon, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Ambi Joseph, Christopher Hughes, Brian Murphy, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, Alice Swann, Sue Bedford, Joe Raymond, Royston Beckham, Alana North, Margaret Everett, Mary Bratton, Fr Andrei Centeno, John & Rosa Williams, Marie Mole, Linda Mole, Jin Shu Qin, Judy Hanna, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Anne Telles, Linus Broughton, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Rosily Chacko, Dawn Rocca, Nicholas James, Rosa Santos, Bonifacio Sanches, Rosita Galarg, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, Benny Clynes, Jon Manson, Eric & Rachel Smith, Francisco Billinlanz, Lynn Welsh, John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Barry Spooner, Pamela Vincent, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Serena Coughy, 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 . . .*

Fr John Tollan, Eileen Finlay, Rosemary Christy, Shawn Ireland, Ellie Blackwell, Sheila Leishman, Kathleen Vickers, Tom O'Sullivan, Francesca Goodwin, Anne Cortesi, Claire Brown, Alan Edwards, Mary Beatie, Jill Martin, Nena Alegre-Valenzuela, Patrick Bolton, Rachael Farrow, Mary Watson, Marie Wong, Wayne Browne, John Gillespie, Rosaura Rustia, Teresa Rocha, Iana Van der Fluitt, Mary Davidson, Pamela Woodlock, Hannie Leahy, Robert Vasquez, Rom Pereira, Helen d'Souza, Walter & Lucy Pinto, Uti Gandy, Louise Gomes, Benjamin Martinez . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*