

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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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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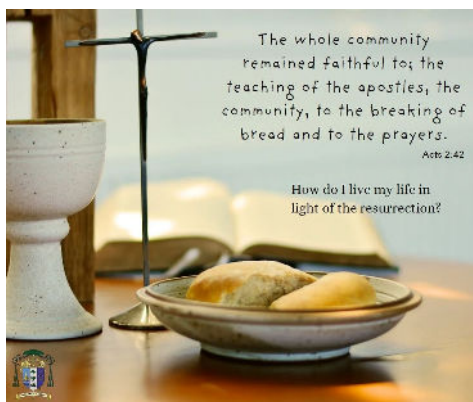
www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 16 APRIL 2023

John's Gospel recounts the story of the resurrected Christ appearing to his disciples in a locked room, and then appearing again to Thomas, who had doubted the reports of the resurrection. This passage is particularly relevant to Divine Mercy Sunday, which is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter and emphasizes the boundless mercy of God. The passage begins with the disciples hiding in fear behind locked doors. This fear is understandable, as they had just witnessed the brutal execution of their leader, and they likely feared that they too would be targeted for their association with him. But Jesus appears to them and says, "Peace be with you," reassuring them that they need not be afraid. He then shows them his wounds, proving that he has indeed risen from the dead.

This encounter between the disciples and the resurrected Christ is a powerful example of the mercy of God. Despite the fact that the disciples had abandoned Jesus during his trial and crucifixion, he does not hold their weakness against them. Instead, he offers them peace and reassurance, and even goes so far as to show them physical proof of his resurrection. This act of mercy is a reminder that no matter how far we may stray from God or how unworthy we may feel, his love and forgiveness are always available to us.

The passage then goes on to recount the story of Thomas, who was not present for the first appearance of Jesus to the disciples. When he hears that Jesus has appeared to them, he refuses to believe it, stating that he will not believe until he has seen the wounds for himself. A week later, Jesus appears to Thomas and invites him to touch his wounds,

saying, "Do not doubt but believe." Moved by this experience, Thomas responds with the famous declaration, "My Lord and my God!"

Thomas' story is often cited as an example of the importance of faith, but it is also a powerful example of the mercy of God. Despite Thomas' initial doubt and scepticism, Jesus does not turn him away. Instead, he offers him the same peace and reassurance that he had offered to the other disciples, and provides him with the proof he needs to believe in the resurrection. This act of mercy is a reminder that even when we falter in our faith, God is always there to guide us back onto the right path.

In conclusion, John's Gospel is a powerful reminder of the boundless mercy of God. Through the story of the disciples and Thomas, we see that no matter how weak or doubting we may be, God is always ready and willing to forgive us and guide us back onto the right path. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to reflect on this message of love and forgiveness, and to strive to emulate it in our own lives.

Easter Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 2:42-47** The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.

~ **Psalm 118** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

~ **1 Peter 1:3-9** Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.

~ **Gospel John 20:19-31** When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.

Next Week's readings: Acts 2:14.22-28; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

This Week at St John the Baptist

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5pm Vigil Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7am Fr Tony Dunn
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week in Parnell

Monday to Friday – No Mass until further Notice
Saturday 9am

Reconciliation – Saturday 9.30am

St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday to Friday 7am & 12 pm

Office Hours this April

The Parish office is closed until 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

Winter Timetable for Sunday Masses

Having observed the Mass numbers at the 7 am Mass during the months of June, July and August in 2022, I have decided to trial a "Winter Timetable".

From the First Sunday of June to the Last Sunday of August there will be NO 7am masses.

The 5pm Saturday and 9.30 am Sunday Masses are as usual.

St Michael's 8 am mass will be the closest available for an early morning Mass.

Fr Stephen

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).

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. For further information, visit www.sacredheart.school.nz; or contact on enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz or phone 09 529 3660 ext 714

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

A beautiful series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Starting with a deeper look at the 'ache' of human longing and finishing by delving into the Apostles Creed. Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May, 8am-6pm, Mission Bay. To register visit: www.theologyofthebody.nz

Catholic Woman's League Event

An invitation to Catholic Women's League Orakei – Eastern Suburbs event 26th April at St Joseph's Church and Hall, 16 Brenton Place, Orakei. Mass is at 10.30 am followed by morning tea & BINGO in the hall, and then a lovely lunch with sweet treats. Ring Tina Raines 021 940 950/09-5212499 or email tinaraines@orcon.net.nz to confirm your booking. Cost is \$15, for morning tea, lunch and charity. There is a 50 cents charge for a bingo card, pay on the day. Payment for the event is \$15. pay online banking to Catholic Women's League – ASB BANK ACCOUNT No. 12-3073-00792278-00, using your surname as a reference or pay by cash on the day.(24 Hours' notice is required for a cancellation).

Join us praying the Flame of Love Rosary nightly

online—every night at 8pm on Zoom at [https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09)
[pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJVSXQ0T09)
Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

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 or 0210360781

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/>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?

With Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material) <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

Diocesan Vacancies

University Ministry Coordinator & Local Youth Ministry & Administration Support

2 Full time positions available - where you'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, on either position please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Earth Day 2023 - Saturday 22nd April

"Invest in our Planet". Ideas as to how we may do this: learn more about sustainability, pray for Our Common Home, donate money, practice sustainable habits in even more areas. The Justice and Peace Environment and Sustainability "23 green tips" pamphlet is available here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/23-Green-tips-Small-Steps-Towards-a-Sustainable-Life.pdf> Earth Day's "Canopy Project" plants trees in vulnerable areas around the globe. You can donate as little as \$1 US: <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/the-canopy-project/>

International Jazz Day Concert

with Fr Chris Skinner sm-Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay 30 April 2pm. Suggested Koha \$10.

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, Thomas Mulligan, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran, Msgr Paul Farmer, Vivien Emery, Thils 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 Billinilanz, 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 . . .

Colin Beguely, Florentino "Tony" Lazaro, Framina Davis, Coralie Eagle, Porfiria Caro, Gloria Mitchell, Len Fahey, Elma Penney, Anita Malcon, Harry Nash, Susana Soncuya, Marciana Bautista Abrogena, Queenie Taito Tusa, Patrick Regan, Angelina Licayan, Kay Black, Alan Edwards, Sr Margaret Fahey OP, Kathleen Morris, Peter Hynes, Patsy Dwyer, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Teodora Uyttingco, Tom Hall, Ricardo 'Jim' Castro, Ans Vogels, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Glen Rigg, Katherine Toland, Miguelito Son, Peter Ryan, Barbara McKinney, Henry D'Souza, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Br Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Lester Ramos, Apolonia Jumamoy, Carolina Mitchell, Marie Stanton, Sr Elizabeth (Margaret) Findlay, Larry Ross, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Bonnie McCafferty, Bruce Christmas, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Brendan Sherry, Fr Paul Duncan, Brian Cronin, Fr Tony Davies IC, Eileen O'Connor, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Tito Guleng, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Frank Douglas, Clare Bennett, Dominic (Felix) Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, John Fernandes, Philippa Geaney, Robert Beveridge, Junjun Taladua . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*