

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

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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. 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

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 23 APRIL 2023

JESUS: The Travelling Companion

The road to Emmaus was no ordinary road. Three categories of people often walked on it. Victorious Roman soldiers, new Roman soldier recruits, and finally potential traitors. These two disciples would have belonged to the latter category. They turned their backs on Jesus. Jesus was now a name relegated to the long list of criminals and failed messiahs. His death was the end of the road of promise.

They were mere ex-disciples of a dead prophet. Their story had no happy ending and flight was their best option. The 'Road to Emmaus' is a road we all walk sometimes.

Hope gives way to final defeat and disappointment. We walk away downcast! Amid this hopeless journey, 'the Stranger' walks besides us as a 'travelling companion'. Jesus wants to hear your story however helpless or hopeless it may seem. Jesus now opens His story in the light of Scriptures.

The apparent dead prophet suddenly comes alive. Jesus connects the dots starting with Moses and the Prophets and concludes that his death was the accomplishment of God's mission and not the collapse of it. All this while, every Jew knew the scriptures about God, but they never knew the God of their scriptures. Walking with Jesus, these two disciples are privileged to journey with the God of their scriptures. Jesus befriends them. "Stay with us, for it is evening," they request him.

Give Jesus an inch and he will take a yard! At table, Jesus breaks bread together. He celebrates the 'Eucharist'. Their seven-mile journey now has a happy ending. "Were not our hearts burning within us as he talked to us on the road," they exclaimed.

They recognise the 'stranger' to be the risen Lord.

There comes in everyone's life a defining moment when things are never the same again. These 'potential traitors' become instant 'courageous missionaries' and 'witnesses of the Lord's Resurrection'. The story of these two forlorn disciples is our story too. First, Jesus wants to hear your story of disappointment. "What things disturb you?", he asks you. He will listen patiently. This is prayer. Jesus wants to listen to your disappointments, your anxieties, your troubles. So much in life doesn't seem to make sense. But then, Jesus does not leave you alone on the road to hopelessness. He will journey with you as a 'travelling companion'. He will enlighten you with the 'Light of the Scriptures', nourish you at the 'Table of the Eucharist', and empower you to be a 'Courageous Missionary'.

The risen Lord was experienced differently at the tomb, the lakeside and on the road. For Mary Magdalene, he was a 'gardener'. For Peter, a 'wrapped up shroud'. For the disciples on the boat a 'ghost' and for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, a 'travelling companion'.

What is your experience of the Risen Lord? Emmaus happens every time you walk to the Cathedral, partake of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and return home as courageous missionaries! This is your story with a happy ending.

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



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 2:14.22-28** On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

~ **Psalm 16** Lord, you will show me the path of life.

~ **1 Peter 1:17-21** The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

~ **Gospel Luke 24:13-35** The risen Jesus joins two of his disciples on their journey, and shows them that it was by dying that he entered into glory.

Next Week's readings: Acts 2:14.36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20-25; Gospel: John 10:1-10

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 Stephen Berecz
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

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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).

Synod on Synodality—Friday, 31 March, the Continental Stage - the second stage of the synodal process, officially ended. The inclusion of a time to listen, dialogue and discern among the Churches of the same geographical area after the Local Stage (diocesan and national) represented a new feature. You can read the document

Expanding the Tent from the Oceania community at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

NZ Catholic - NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). In this issue: Three in national seminary first year. Oceania speaks on synod document. Abuse in Care Royal Commission report date extended by eight months. Challenges about Church property. Please pay Cash to the Parish Office or online through the Parish Account.

The Diocesan Newsletter

CDA connect is available online: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect>.

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

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/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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/

Nurse Manager for The Sisters of the

Sacred Heart—at Baradene Convent in Remuera are seeking a **Nurse Manager**. Hours are flexible & weekdays, supporting 8 retired women and leading a small team of 24/7 caring staff. Apply on Seek or email clare@clarewade.co.nz.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Howick Parish & School A celebration of 175 years of history

Friday 11th to Tuesday 15th August 2023. More details available at: www.howickcatholic.org.nz

Join us praying the Flame of Love Rosary nightly online

—every night at 8pm on Zoom at <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjIxVzNhQUJVSXQ0OT9>
Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

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, Joy Agon, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Ambi Joseph, Alice Swann, Christopher Hughes, Brian Murphy, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, 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 . . .

Patrick Bogan, Alan McLeod, Mario Lugtu, Wayne Lynch, Ron Mather, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uyttingco, Theresa Udoye, Tom Hall, Ricardo 'Jim' Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Henry D'Souza, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Brother Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glenn Rigg, Sr Elizabeth (Margaret) Findlay, Larry Ross, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Brendan Sherry, Fr Paul Duncan, Brian Cronin, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Ans Vogels, Clare Bennett, John Fernandes, Peter Ryan, Dominic (Felix) Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, Lester Ramos, Tito Guleng, Robert Beveridge, Frank Douglas, Caroline Mitchell . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*