

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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Parish Secretary ~ Felina Soldevilla: phone (09) 373 3132

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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

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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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Tel 09 3790624

www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

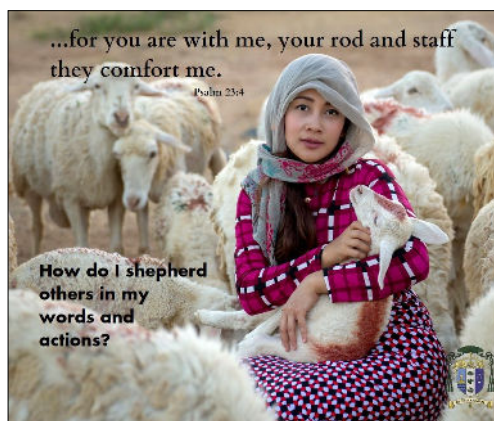
SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

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.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 30 APRIL 2023

Jesus calls Himself "The Good Shepherd" and says that those who are His sheep listen to His voice. Hopefully we all want to be included among that flock, which means we need to consider how we should listen to His voice. The reality is, in the modern world, that that involves learning what not to listen to just as much as learning what we should, to block out the noise.

We all have many influences in our lives and in our thinking. Some of those will be good and holy influences and some of those will be dangerous and ultimately destructive influences. Some of them are fairly obviously damaging, others are more subtle. Some of the most insidious are those that tempt us to short cuts. We see that in the secular world – the short cut to wealth (by ignoring the law or our obligations to others) or the short cut to supposed happiness (through an obsessive seeking for pleasure.)

There are lots of short cuts in all aspects of our lives, lots of ways over the fence, but they all amount to the same thing. They are all, in the end, a mistake. They don't provide the safety of the fold, and they don't lead to the rich pastures outside the gate to which the shepherd leads.

Another by which we're all tempted is some kind of following of fashion. There are fashions in clothing, in music, in art and in architecture, but there are also fashions in the way people think and act. We can take a short cut in our striving to live the good life and in seeking the truth by following what is current, by being thoroughly modern, or post-modern or whatever it is we're supposed to be nowadays. What is new seems exciting, daring, adventurous.

But we all know how ultimately unsatisfactory that is. Just as last season's highly-fashionable clothes just look silly this season, so fashions in lifestyles change and things that our parents' generation thought were absolutely de rigueur look quaint and silly to us. We forget, often, that those fashionable things which we allow to influence us will presumably look just as silly to the next generation. And if we're honest, we can see that some of the influences in our lives are shallow and modish, that they couldn't really make us happy.

Neither short cuts nor fashions are going to provide true happiness. So we need an equivalent to noise-cancelling headphones, that will block out those distractions and allow us to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. Does such a product exist? Yes, and it even has the advantage of being free! It is prayer. It may sound obvious and mundane, but any sound financial adviser will point out that the best roads to financial security are often the boring ones. So the way to secure our happiness is to find the time to pray. Because prayer won't offer any short cuts, and it certainly won't be fashionable. But it will help us to hear the voice of the Shepherd.

**Easter Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 2:14.36-41** The prophet holds out hope of salvation for those who seek God, and who practise integrity and humility.

~ **Psalm 23** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

~ **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.

~ **Gospel 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 33; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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

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).

NZ Catholic - The latest edition is available in the church foyer. Price \$4. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or through the Parish Account.

The Diocesan Newsletter

CDA connect is available online:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect>.

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/>

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Mary in the Scriptures—with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

YouTube Recordings—Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information visit www.studyjoy.nz

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust - sends its heartfelt thanks to all the generous supporters who sent in gifts of Easter eggs and financial support. Thanks to their generosity we were able to supply Easter eggs to over 150 families, ensuring that this Easter was full of smiles and joy despite the difficult circumstances their families are facing. Thank you and Blessings

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/>

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 clarewade@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=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJVSUJXQT09> Meeting ID: 857 8138 6360 Passcode: udkhj0

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 5th May 7 pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. 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, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran, Msgr Paul Farmer, Vivien Emery, Thiisi 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 . . .

Thomas Mulligan, Sr Kathleen Franich sm, Sr Rosemarie Lawson rsj, Anna Scoullar Jones, Rody Balones, Hannibal & Gloria Adique, Josefina Abecede, Alexander Martinez, Fr Bruce Munday, Teh Kah Chin, Virginia Boak, Antonia Fepuleai, Tom Brown, Liam Cogan, Ray Potbury, Marie Anthony, Darin McKay, Lotte Jensen, Stephen Roberts, Maria Hunt, Josefina Abacede, Janet Coutinho, Nestor Sadiarin, Evangeline Escobillo, David Smyth, Carlos Yudi, Eileen Ham, Laila Osunsade, Dino Cornelio, Elizabeth Bond, Joan Davenport, Francisco Pardillo, Sr Mary Gaines RSJ, Sr Imelda Windle OP, Mike Bakker, Sr M Vianney rsm, Br Paul Scott FMS, John Newman-Watt, John Eman, Lawrence McNamara, Frank Fahy, Pauline Saltman, Jacinto Macarubbo, Rodrigo de los Santos, Clive Cooper, Fr Pat Logue MHM, Fr Tony Ives, Br Thomas Lynch FMS, Fr Denis O'Sullivan, Damiana Abalos, Dudley Jenke . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*