

# 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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[www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://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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## 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

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad*

PSALM 117

We meet the risen Christ in unexpected moments. Do we recognize Christ in our brothers and sisters, stranger and familiar and rejoice in the encounter?



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ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH  
43 WYNDHAM ST, AUCKLAND 1010



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



ST PETER'S  
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## EASTER SUNDAY ~ 9 APRIL 2023

A former British Prime Minister, in an Easter message some years ago said "Easter is all about remembering the importance of change, responsibility, and doing the right thing for the good of our children." This was a surprise to many Christians, who thought that Easter was all about Jesus Christ rising from the dead, having taken away our sins by his saving death on the cross.

But it is always a temptation to focus on ourselves and our actions. And it is certainly right that we should, as we began our journey to Easter by hearing, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel." But the heart of this, our greatest feast is recognising that the work has been done for us.

At the heart of sin is seeing human beings as things which can be used or made to fit our desires. And the natural expression of the culture of sin in which we live is the reality of death. In death the person you love is there one moment, and gone the next. Death removes the person and leaves only a body.

All of us live with this as our ultimate horizon; in the end death will reduce us to things, objects in a world of objects. It is something I have faced this myself, experiencing the death of those whom I've loved very much. What are we left with when our loved ones die? Graves, pictures, and memories. Our only connection to the persons we have loved are things, places, thoughts, bits of paper. We all know, it isn't enough.

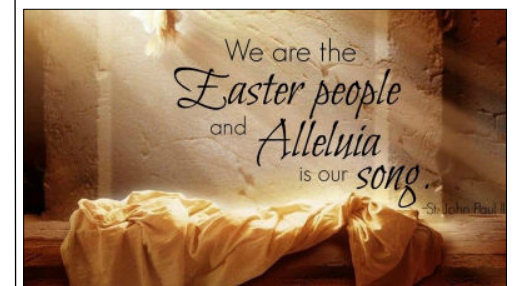
The Resurrection of Jesus is God's final word spoken in the face of death and sin. The women go to the tomb early in the morning to anoint the remains of the Jesus they have loved. And they find the tomb

empty, with an angel seated where the body of Jesus had been: You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised. He is not here.

Jesus has gone before them and will see them in Galilee. The old culture of sin has been ripped apart, from top to bottom. There are no remains of Jesus on which to focus; there are no things at all. Only the person, whom they will meet and worship and whose new life will be theirs.

The Resurrection is the resounding declaration by God that we are someone and never just something. From now on, to be a disciple of Jesus is to know that remains and memories are not all there is; to know in fact that those we love and, in the end, we ourselves are called to follow Christ where he has gone – to death and then through death to the fulfilment of who we are. Then we will have no need of things to remind us, because our tombs too will be empty.

**Happy Easter**  
**Fr Chris Denham**  
**Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**



## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 10:34-37-43** This part of an early sermon preached by St Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and Judge of the living and the dead.

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

~ **Colossians 3:1-4** Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

~ **Gospel John 20:1-9** On their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of his resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples.

**Next Week's readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel: John 20:19-31**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

## This Week at St John the Baptist

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm Fr Stephen Berecz  
Easter Sunday 7am & 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass times this week in Parnell

NO Mass on Easter Monday 10 April  
Tuesday 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

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)

### 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).

## Thank You

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our Easter Liturgies happen. This is a big job every year, for some more so than for others, but every year it comes together beautifully and prayerfully. Happy Easter to you all.

### 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

### 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/>

#### YouTube Recording

Kieran Fenn fms reflects on Passion Sunday and Good Friday in the liturgical year of Matthew:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/02/passion-sunday-good-friday/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### Join us praying the Flame of Love Rosary nightly

**online**—Jesus promised Elizabeth Kindelmann "Through the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin, faith will take root in souls, and the face of the earth will be renewed.... Through this prayer, Satan will be blind and souls will not be led into sin." Join us praying the Flame of Love Rosary online every night at 8pm. Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85781386360?pwd=QjJkd0VweTNTMjkxVzNhQUJlVzVSWlXQT09)  
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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](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) or 0210360781

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## Catholic Woman's League

You are invited to the Catholic Women's League Orakei – Eastern Suburbs April event to be held on Wednesdays, 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, which encourages Brain fit and then a lovely lunch with sweet treats.

Ring Tina Raines 021 940 950/09-5212499 or email [tinaraines@orcon.net.nz](mailto: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).

## 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 Sunday

5.30 pm, 16th April, at Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Mass & Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images and artefacts to be blessed.

*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, Fr Stephen Berecz, 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 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 . . .*

Liz McKinney, Bernard Glover, Angelica Licayan, Francesca Goodwin, Eva Goodwin, Pat Sizemore, Anita Malcon, Áine McInery, Susana Sconcy, Patrick Regan, Harry Nash, Sr Margaret Fahey OP, Peter Ryan, Kathleen Morris, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uyttingco, Fr Brendan Sherry, Tom Hall, Ricardo Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Katherine Toland, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Larry Ross, Henry D'Souza, Tito Guleng, Brian Cronin, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Br Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glen Rigg, Caroline Mitchell, Sr Elizabeth Findlay, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Paul Duncan, Ans Vogels, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Dominic Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, John Fernandes, Philippa Geaney, Lester Ramos, Robert Beveridge, Clare Bennett, Frank Douglas, Cecilia Navarro, Ma. Lourdes Figueroa. . . .

*. . . . Eternal rest grant to them.*