

# 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

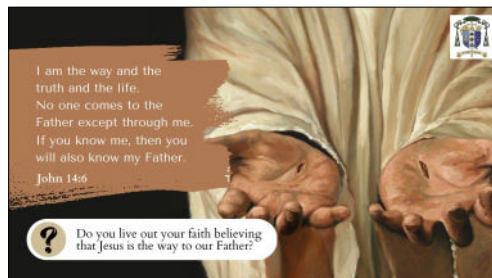
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## SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

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

[office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

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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244 PARNELL ROAD  
AUCKLAND 1052



ST PETER'S  
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 7 MAY 2023

Today's Gospel contains powerful teachings that reveal the intimate relationship between God and humanity. These verses are part of a discourse where Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure, and he assures them that they will have a place in the Father's house.

The passage begins with Jesus telling his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled and to believe in God and him. This statement is significant because it shows the inseparable relationship between God and Jesus. Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one can come to the Father except through him. This statement underscores the centrality of Jesus in our relationship with God. It also highlights the fact that salvation and eternal life are only possible through faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus goes on to say that he and the Father are one and that whoever has seen him has seen the Father. This statement affirms Jesus' divinity and his oneness with God. It also emphasizes the importance of knowing Jesus as a means of knowing God. Jesus then promises that those who believe in him will do the same works that he does and even greater works. This statement may seem paradoxical, but it suggests that believers will have access to the power of God through the Holy Spirit and will be able to accomplish great things in his name.

The passage concludes with Jesus telling his disciples that he will do whatever they ask in his name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

This statement underscores the importance of prayer and the intimate relationship between believers and God. It suggests that our requests to God are not merely petitions but are an expression of our intimacy with him.

In conclusion, John reveals the intimate relationship between God and humanity.

They show that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that we can only come to the Father through him.

They also underscore the importance of knowing Jesus as a means of knowing God and the power of the Holy Spirit in accomplishing great things in his name. Finally, they highlight the importance of prayer and the intimate relationship between believers and God. As we reflect on these verses, let us remember that we are intimately involved in the life of God, and that our faith in Jesus Christ gives us access to his power and grace.

*Easter Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz*



## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 6:1-7** We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

~ **Psalm 33** Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

~ **1 Peter 2:4-9** This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

~ **Gospel John 14:1-12** Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

**Next Week's readings: Acts 8:5-8.14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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

Saturday 5pm Vigil Fr Stephen Berezcz

Sunday 7am Fr Stephen Berezcz

Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berezcz

#### 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).

**Tax Receipts** - will be sent out from next week onwards. We thank you for your continued support and generosity to our Parish.

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

#### Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

- is hosting an atheist roleplay workshop on Tuesday night 9 May. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at: [tinyurl.com/atheistroleplay](http://tinyurl.com/atheistroleplay)

**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](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

#### 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](http://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](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### Bishop Steve's Cyclone and Flood

#### Appeals raise \$621,000

A huge thank you from Bishop Steve for the generous support for the two emergency appeals to support our brothers and sisters impacted by the floods and cyclones in Auckland, Northland, the Coromandel, Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti. Both campaigns have now closed. To find out more, visit the Caring Foundation's website <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/news/> or pick up Bishop Steve's letter and update by the notice board.

#### Catholic Musicians Gig, Thursday 11 May

Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry, in partnership with Enemy Love Records, is excited to bring you this event with three talented Catholic musicians: Emma Fradd, David Kruse and Valere. Join them for an evening of fantastic music at Good George Mission Bay on Thursday 11 May from 7pm. Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

#### Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Enrolments are open for Second Semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology until May 19.

Email [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz), call (09)3611053 or check the website [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) for more information.

### Vacancies

#### University Ministry Coordinator

A full time position where you'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in Auckland Diocese.

**Executive Secretary of the Justice & Peace Commission**— A full time position, to promote, encourage and support justice and peace initiatives in the Diocese.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 24 May.

**For full details and requirements of both positions please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>**

**Join the Caritas Team!** - An opportunity to work within a Catholic organization. These roles will see you support Caritas' work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way. You can email [Caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:Caritas@caritas.org.nz) or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for more information.

**Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023**— For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 8th June 2023. Please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

*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, Thilisi 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 . . .*

William Yiin, Henry Martin Mascringhas, Mary Culas, Dolores Santillan, Domingo Benitez Snr, Ellie Blackwell, Hyeran Baek, Peter van der Fluit, Peter Lau, Alf Just, Fengxin Wang, Ciaran Doherty, Tom Brown, Michael Byrne, Jean Meo, Mary Shirlcliffe, Darin McKay, Lynette Beare, Anastacia Estrada Sison, George Fraser, Jane Schollum, Jeff Kam, Lalia Osunsade, Sr Alice Tachen rsj, Graeme Marshall, Wan Hyong Choi, Brendan O'Malley, Sugaritha Joseph, Koan Antony, Angela O'Brien, Rex Mc Govern, Henry Shaw, Mavis Jager-Smith, Iris Day, Mercedes Manikan, Sharon Lim, Vivienne White, Sandra Sequeira, Dorothy Mulvey, Joseph Rajan, Lily Hoy, Philomena Wade, Douglas Mortimer, William Tapper, Beunarentura Galang, Kay Naidoo, Baptist D'Souza, Vern Anamallay, Jimmy Ong, Carlos Garcia, Jean Evans, Dudley Jenke, Roy Barden, Iris Macedo, Hope Buckton, Abelardo Comilang, Peter Ryan, Mary Angell, Edmund Fitzpatrick, Sarah Concison, Guy Chambers, Fr Peter Durning OP, Aileen Belcher, Hip Yan Foon Kam, Edward de Silva, Fr George McHardy sm, Niko Bartulovich . . . Eternal rest grant to them.