

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

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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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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

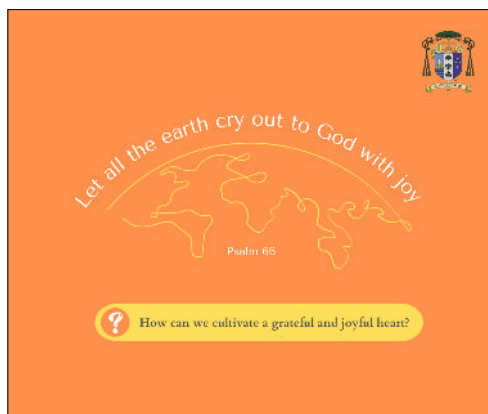
Reconciliation

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

St Benedict's Parish Secretary
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The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 14 MAY 2023

A REASON FOR HOPE - MOTHER'S DAY

"Gimme Hope Jo'anna" was an optimistic song that turned the tide for freedom and hope in South Africa. With 'HOPE' for a better tomorrow, pain and persecution were borne with inner strength. HOPE gave birth to freedom. Apartheid was finally uprooted.

The readings of today are on 'Christian Hope'. Amid persecution and prolonged agony, HOPE is often the first casualty! The early Christian community was rocked by brutal persecution. They were prime candidates for martyrdom. The second reading from 1 Peter 3:15-18 invited the Christians to shame the persecutors by giving them the 'reason for their hope'.

HOPE is one the theological virtues together with Faith and Charity. HOPE is often symbolized by an 'anchor'. HOPE places our trust in Christ's promises rather than on our own strengths. HOPE cannot be equated to mere 'wishful thinking'. While 'wishful thinking' is limitless desire and abstract, HOPE is grounded in reality and life. But HOPE needs help! Without help, HOPE remains an orphan - abandoned in the nursery of a wishful mind.

The imminent departure of Jesus was a cause of concern. Jesus did not want to leave his disciples behind in a situation of HOPELESSNESS. Jesus promised them help. He promised them the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who would be with them forever. Without the help of the Holy Spirit the disciples would be lost and fragile amid persecution. Empowered with the Holy Spirit and rooted in HOPE, the disciples faced the future with a power that was bigger than themselves.

Jesus thought of you and me too.

He promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to fund your HOPE so that, in times of trouble and challenges, you would be grounded rather in reality than in mere wishful thinking. Relying on your own strengths and resources, you will soon fall into the crisis of hopelessness. We think we know it all and can do it all. But in fact, if we are truly honest with ourselves, we realise that we are only riding on a roller-coaster that leads to a place called 'self-destruction'. And then, sadly, we blame God.

Today as Christians, you too are caught up in a world that does not know Christ nor the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are Christ's disciple today. You too have been empowered with the Holy Spirit. You are Spirit-filled and Spirit-led into a helpless world that does not know Christ. The only way that persecutors and onlookers will get a glimpse of Christ, His Gospel and the Holy Spirit is through your courage and HOPE in remaining steadfast in witness.

Today is Mother's Day. All mothers are HOPE-filled and SPIRIT-filled too. Like Mary, the mother of Jesus, all mothers share in the sacred ministry of nurturing their children and families in Christian faith, hope and love. "But those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31). With Christ, all mothers too are a 'reason for hope'! Hopelessness will be uprooted.

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



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 8:5-8.14-17** We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

~ **Psalm 66** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

~ **1 Peter 3:15-18** Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

~ **Gospel John 14:15-21** To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

Next Week's readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

Tax Receipts – are being sent out this week onwards. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Parish.

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).



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 26 May, 7pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

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/>

Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum

- with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

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

Reflecting on St Luke's Gospel—

A Retreat focussing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke. 9.30 am-4pm, Saturday 10 June at St Francis Retreat Centre, 20 Hillsborough Road. Led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn FMS, a teacher of the Scriptures in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years.

Cost: \$30 including lunch. Applications to Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May.

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.

North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women

- will meet 7.30 pm Wednesday, 17th May at St Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. A reflection on the Encounter with Jesus of the Samaritan woman at the well.

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, call (09)3611053 or check the website www.ctc.ac.nz 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

SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend

Friday 26 May – Sunday 28 May

Youth ministry leaders and young adult ministry leaders, are invited to an incredible weekend of formation, fellowship and being spiritually filled! From Friday 26 May, 6pm – Sunday 28 May, 2pm at Sunshine Ranch, Clevedon. **Registrations close 21 May.** Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM)

Vacancies

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 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 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for more information.

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 Coughay, 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 . . .

Judith Parkinson, Kay Vlcek, Bonnie Shanahan, John Galumalemana, John Ikitongia, Patricia Yurack, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Tuhi Aspell, John Faire, Blessie Gotingco, Bridget McCullough, Lorna Wright, Anthony Lovrich, Joan Burcellman, Francisco Lucero, Robyn Sewter, Allison Waldron-Daly, Ong Liang Kee, Veronica Handojo, Joan Armstrong, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Br Reginald Burgess, Cathy Eman, Bruce Birnie, George Holmes-Kinsella, Frank O'Gorman, Iowana Konarkowska, Brian Hamlin, Gijbertus van Dam, Rex McGovern, Robert & Eleanor Drazsdak, Syd Tonks, Lionel Ribero, Maia Nguyen Thi Phoung, Angela O'Brien, Basiran Khan, Fr Frank Shannahan, Jaoquim Menezes, Frank Sylvester, Jacqueline McVey, Paul Reynolds, Rowena Capundag, Dr James Cameron Bowie, Patricia Tunison Preston, Nancy Henderson, Mavis Jager-Smith, Philomena Wade, Bishop Phillipe Viard SM, Filipina Orpania, Perlito Capundag

. . . Eternal rest grant to them.