

## 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 11.15am—12.10pm

(except Public Holidays)

#### Cathedral Parish Secretary

Rebecca Knibb

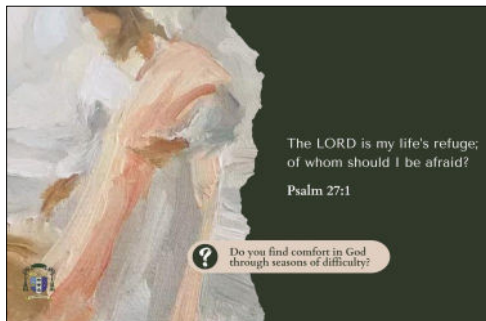
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### SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

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.



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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ 21 MAY 2023



I still remember the first time I travelled overseas to pursue my vocation. My heart was heavy and yet excited for what I knew was ahead of me. I asked my sister to look after our parents and to make sure they don't feel lonely and neglected. I told mom and dad that I love them so much and that I would regularly check on them. I reminded them to be disciplined in taking their medication. I assured my family that I would be okay and though far away, I would exert more effort to still be present to them. I told them I would be just a phone call away.

The readings for this Sunday point to the bodily Ascension of Jesus. The time came for Jesus to leave His earthly family and friends. I imagine how heavy His heart was leaving them. He must have felt their fears, anxieties and even doubts. But He must be excited, too, to go back to His Father. His mission is accomplished but theirs had just started. He inspired them. He commissioned and empowered them to evangelize. He assured them of His abiding love and presence. The Ascension of Jesus should awaken our

zeal for the mission. We are Jesus' hands and feet reaching out, touching and feeding those who are hungry and thirsty for faith, hope and love. There is an enormous task to realize. The needs just keep on growing. But we have Jesus. He promised to be with us. He is just a prayer away.

This Sunday is also World Communications Day. Pope Francis encourages us "to go and see" and "to listen" as we "speak with the heart." There is so much chaos and misunderstanding in our families and in our world today due to lack of good communication. We have to communicate more clearly the Word of God, His truth and love so that peace and harmony can prosper. Prayer is our greatest tool. A heart that truly prays understands better. In prayer, we train our hearts to listen more to God. In doing so, we see more clearly God's plan for us. This gives us the confidence to go and do what Jesus commands us to do, love.

**Blessings ~ Fr Gilbert Ramos  
St Benedict's, Newton**



### Mass of the Neophytes at the Cathedral

Join Bishop Steve at the Mass of the Neophytes, a celebration and welcome to those newly received into the Church at Easter. 4.30 pm, Sunday 28th May at St Patrick's Cathedral.

All are welcome.



## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Acts 1:1-11** This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit his disciples.

~ **Psalms 47** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

~ **Ephesians 1:17-23** Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

~ **Gospel Matthew 28:16-20** Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations, and promises to remain with them always.

**Next Week's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13; Gospel John 20:10-23**  
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 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 & 12pm

#### 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 new edition is available in the church foyer. Price \$4. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or through the Parish Account.

**New CDA Connect** - Find out what has been happening around the diocese and details about what is coming in the latest edition of the CDA Connect at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

### Open Day St Leo's Catholic Primary School in Devonport

—St Leo's has an open day **Friday, 26 May**. Situated a short ferry ride from the city across to Devonport, this is a lovely small family oriented Catholic school. For enquiries phone 09 445 9339 or visit their website [www.stleos.school.nz](http://www.stleos.school.nz)

### 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)

### Liturgy for a New Church: the Challenge of Real

**Participation** - Seminar at Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel, Mission Bay. Facilitators: Jo Ayers and Fr Neil Darragh. Saturday 17 June; 10am – 2pm, \$30 waged/ \$20 unwaged. Registrations to Sr Julian by phoning 09 528 1801.

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 2nd June 7 pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

### 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/>

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

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 21—28 May

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

**G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass**—7 pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Intellectually disabled people, families, and support workers welcome. Supper afterwards

### 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](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May.

### The NZ Catholic Medical Association

NZCMA provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. An invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

Register for this event at

[www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz)

For general inquiries and updates for future events, email NZCMA formation committee: [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

### 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://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

### Logos Quiz Night - One Night in Europe

June 3, 5:30-9:30pm at Christ the King Parish Hall. A fun night of entertainment, fine food and wine, and of course a fantastic quiz. Bring your friends and family to make up a team of seven.

Tickets can be purchased individually or as a table of seven. For tickets visit The Logos Project facebook page, see our noticeboard, or email Danielle Webb: [daniellewebb02@gmail.com](mailto:daniellewebb02@gmail.com)

### 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)



### Vacancy 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/>

*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, 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, 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, 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 . . .*

Marie Mole, Brian Gaynor, Bridie Mortimer, Joan Ward, Anna Thorpe, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Paul Reynolds, George Holmes-Kinsella, Bruce Birnie, Lorna Wright, Lionel Ribero, Maia Nguyen Thi Phuong, Rex McGovern, Angela O'Brien, Fr Frank Shannahan, Jacqueline McVey, Nancy Henderson, Sr Mary Gaines . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*