

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Winter Sunday Mass Times~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 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.

### 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.

### The Square Gift Store

(Catholic Shop)

Liston House, St Patrick's Square  
43 Wyndham Street, Auckland CBD 1010

Tel: (09) 365 1693

Email: [info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz](mailto:info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz)

### 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).

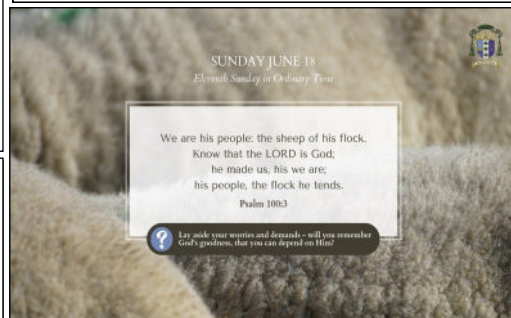
### St Vincent de Paul Society Foodbank Donations

Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the right side of the main entrance as you go inside the church. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Contact the SVDP Food Support team at:

0800 680 090 or 815 6122

Email: [foodbank@svdpak.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@svdpak.org.nz)



## PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

*"Prepare a way for the Lord."*

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 JUNE 2023

Do you sometimes feel you are not being valued? That people do not know your real worth? As a result, you don't feel inspired to work or do something productive. Demotivated. Then, you must listen to God's message for us today.

In the first reading, God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites how He saved them from their enemies and bore them up on eagle wings and brought them to Himself. If they will listen to Him and keep His covenant, they will be His special possession, dearer to Him than all other people. Dear and special, this is how God treats His people.

And yet, they decided to do otherwise. Their lack of faith led them astray. They became unfaithful and ungrateful. But God put up with them. Not the usual way we would deal with unfaithful and ungrateful people we encounter. God chose to love them still. And He sent His Son for them.

St. Paul's letter to the Romans tells us that while we were still helpless, sinners and enemies of God, at the appointed time, Jesus came and died for us. He did this, so that we could be reconciled with God. Not out of necessity but by sheer love. We are very fortunate that in spite of our weaknesses and even unworthiness, we have a Lover, Who never gives up on us. He is willing to love us beyond reason.

The gospel highlights more God's love in Jesus. Seeing the people troubled and abandoned, Jesus' heart was moved with compassion. He summoned the twelve so that they could share in His mission. He called each of them by name. The same way we are all called to Himself through Baptism. God chose us. We are dear and special to Him.

Yes, some people may not see our true value and we should not let them discourage us. Our being dear and special to God shouldn't likewise lead us to feeling entitled. We must respond to God's love with humility and gratitude. Let us inspire and encourage one another. With enthusiasm, let us work with and for Jesus.

Every time we feel down, let us remember, we have God who always tells us, we are worth loving, sacrificing and dying for. That is how special we all are.

*Blessings ~*

*Fr Gilbert Ramos, St Benedict's Parish Newton*



## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Exodus 19:2-6** The substance of the reading consists in what God tells Moses to the people.  
It is a message of memory and hope.

~ **Psalm 99** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

~ **Romans 5:6-11** Today's passage from Paul's letter to the Romans has a clear message at it's heart:  
"Christ died for us while we were still sinners."

~ **Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8** This Sunday's reading focuses on mission: Jesus' own call to mission,  
choosing and naming the twelve apostles and mandating the twelve to proclaim the good news.

**Next Week's readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Gospel Matthew 10:26-33**  
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 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  
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## Upcoming changes to the Parish Bank Account

We wish to inform everyone that we are currently in the process of getting a new Bank Account number for our Parish. These changes are set to take effect sometime towards the end of June and the first week of July. We will send another update once we have confirmed the new Parish Bank Account.

## Pyjama Drive

To help with the Sacred Heart College/St Vincent de Paul annual Pyjama Drive, we are once again asking parishioners to donate warm, brand new children's pyjamas. These can be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours.

These pyjamas are distributed through Starship Hospital's Ronald McDonald House.

## Church Life Survey 2023

Next weekend our Parish will participate together in the 2023 Church Life Survey. It's a nationwide survey for church goers aged 15 yrs and above and a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church. QR codes and a link will be provided to download the questionnaire online.

## Shine TV Mass

weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm  
Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201

## 175 Campaign – reflecting on our past by supporting those in need!

As we reflect on the diocese's 175th Anniversary, please join Bishop Steve's 175 campaign through the Caring Foundation. By donating \$175 as a parish, a family, a group of friends, or individually, you will support families and people in need throughout our diocese. To donate, please pick up a donation card from your parish foyer or visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.

## 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)

## At the St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough

**Contemplative Retreat** - An introduction to Christian meditation, 10am-4pm Saturday 12 August. Book before 31 July, the cost is \$65 and after 31 July, \$85.

**Book of Ruth Retreat** - Study and reflection on the Book of Ruth by Dr Alice Sinnott RSM.  
Friday 21 July 7pm to Saturday 22 July 7pm.  
Overnight \$150pp or Saturday only \$95 pp.  
For more information, dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

## NZ Catholic

Latest edition is available in the church foyer.  
Price at \$4 per copy. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or through the Parish Account.

## Fundraising for the Greek Melkite Catholic School in Shefa Amr (Israel)

The members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) NZ are helping fund the installation of a fire sprinkler system for this Greek Elementary Catholic School. You can help the Order by donating funds to their Bank Account: Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem **02 0108 0620770 000**. Please put your name and "GM" in the reference section. Please email [jimp.gribble@gmail.com](mailto:jimp.gribble@gmail.com) your details once donation has been made. For more information, see posters and flyers in the church notice board. Thank you for your generosity.

## Wings, Ngā Parirau Faith Formation Programme

For the Auckland Diocese from July to October. For all who want to grow in their faith and in particular, 'Wings' for those involved with RCIA, Baptism and other Sacramental programmes, Children's Liturgy, Whanau. At the Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby, for three sessions: Saturdays -15th July, 5th August, 7th October from 10-3pm. To register please contact Dianna Fouhy on [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz), 0212612189. Light lunch will be provided.

## Theology of the Body for Teens

Weekend Course. Saturday 22 July 2-6pm and Sunday 23 July 12-6pm For 13-19 year olds. At Hillsborough. To register or for more information visit [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz) or email [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com) or call 09 625 6651

## 90th Jubilee Celebrations St Mary's School, Northcote 1st September 2023

an invitation to all past and present students, staff, families, and supporters to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Register your interest by emailing [jubilee@sms.school.nz](mailto:jubilee@sms.school.nz) with your details or phone the school office on (09) 4184333 for more information.

## Faith Formation

This week's Kid's Korner and Parent Ponderings for the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Eleventh-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/A-Shoe-Seller-Walks-in-the-Shoes-of-Kindness.pdf>

## Baradene Alumnae AGM

The Baradene Alumnae Committee invites alumnae to attend the Baradene College Alumnae Association's Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 11 July at 6.30pm** in the Parlour. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by **Tuesday 4 July 2023** to [alumnae@baradene.school.nz](mailto:alumnae@baradene.school.nz)

## World Youth Day Auckland

WYD Auckland is happening Sunday 6 August, 2pm – 8.30pm. Let's come together as diocesan young people to celebrate WYD with inspiring speakers, powerful worship, Mass, Dinner (Bishop Steve is paying), reconciliation and adoration. Save the date and watch out for further details.

*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 Clynnes, 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, 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 . . .*

Tony Dinnan, Manuka Widdowson, Warlie Zuniga, Peter Watt, Br Bill Lawson, Patricia Loughlin, Jim Dowd, Tom Sellmeyer, Francisco T Lopez, Sophie Tipene, Ross Lipscombe, Primo Pascual, Tony McGlennon, Patricia Nola, Chona Brilantes-Bartolome, Pauline Lanigan, Nola Wolfram, Leslie Fester, Russell Gardiner, P Sylvester, Alexander Lee, Domy Sevillano, Maurice Pohlen, Karst Slykerman, Fr Jack Ward, Cecilia Mojica, Sr Grace Thompson RSCJ, William Charles, Rose Mortimer, Cathy Jaegar, Henry Amble, Patricia Tapp, Michael Soter, Vern Anamallay, Madurama Perumal, Zorka Boric, Ian Cowley, Owen Franklin, Jack Whooley, M Lobo, Esma Sissons, Theresa Smith, Mrs Joseph Lourdmay, Rita Carroll, Murray Gibson, Gary Leong, Thomas Vakkal, Ignacio Diparine, John Arahill, Mary Joan Pratt, Maria Gifford, Fr Barney Bourke sm, Eileen Smith . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*