

## 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).

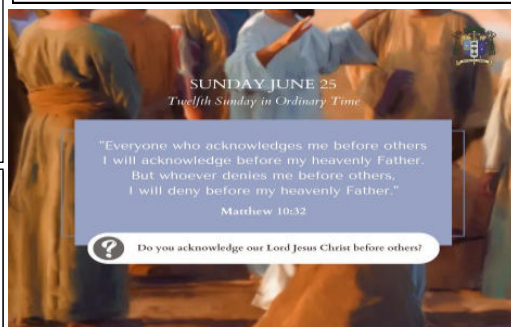
### St Vincent de Paul Society Foodbank Donations

Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the ride 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."*

### TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 JUNE 2023

In Matthew's Gospel this week, Jesus instructs his disciples as they prepare to go out into the world to spread the message of the Gospel. At its core, the focus of this passage is to highlight the difference between a fear of ordinary human consequences and the ultimate fear of God's justice and punishment. Jesus teaches his disciples not to fear those who can harm them in this life, but rather to fear the one who has the power to destroy both body and soul in hell.

The message of this passage is as relevant today as it was in Jesus' time. We all have fears in life, whether it is the fear of failure, the fear of rejection, or the fear of physical harm. But as Jesus reminds us, these fears are ultimately temporary and cannot compare to the fear of God's judgment. This is a difficult concept to grasp, but it is essential to our spiritual growth and development.

The task of the community, according to Jesus, is to act together to bear witness to the love and care of God before our fellow human beings. This means that we must be willing to put aside our own fears and concerns and work together to spread the message of the Gospel. We must be willing to reach out to those who are lost and hurting, to show them the love and compassion of Christ, and to help them find their way back to God.

This is a challenging task, but it is also a rewarding one. When we work together as a community to bear witness to the love of God, we can have a powerful impact on the world around us. We can help to bring hope and healing to those who are hurting, and we can inspire others to follow in our footsteps and join us in our mission.

In conclusion, the Gospel teaches us that our ultimate fear should be of God's judgment, not of the temporary fears and concerns of this life. It reminds us that we must work together as a community to spread the message of the Gospel and to bear witness to the love and care of God before our fellow human beings. As we go out into the world, let us remember these words of Jesus and strive to live lives that reflect the love and compassion of Christ.

*Blessings ~*

*Fr Stephen Berecz, St John the Baptist Parnell*



### Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 20:10-13** The Lord has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

~ **Psalm 69** Lord in your great love, answer me.

~ **Romans 5:12-15** Today's reading flows on immediately from last week's one. That ended on a joyful note by affirming the reconciliation with God that the faithful already enjoy through Christ.

~ **Gospel Matthew 10:26-33** Today's reading is the second of three excerpts from Jesus' missionary instructions to the apostles that we hear on succeeding Sundays. In summary, this collection of sayings is as bracing as it is comforting.

**Next Week's readings: Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Gospel Matthew 10:37-42**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND/OR [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

#### 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

Thank you to all those who have donated to the annual Pyjama Drive. We are still accepting donations and they can either be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours.

#### Church Life Survey 2023

This weekend, our Parish will take part in the Church Life Survey. It is a nationwide survey for churchgoers aged 15 yrs and above. Scan the QR codes on display at the entrances or click on the link below to download the questionnaire online.

The survey takes approximately 10-15mins to finish.

[CLNSNZ](https://www.clnsnz.org/)

#### CDA Connect

The June edition is out now <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

### 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, 26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

#### 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.

#### Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction at St Michael's Remuera

Can you spend 1 hour with Jesus?

St Michael's Church in Remuera is hosting a Holy Hour on the 4th Friday of every month. The Holy Hour includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and communal prayer.

The first Holy hour is on Friday 30 June at 7:00pm.

### Wings, Ngā Parirau Faith Formation Programme

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.

#### VACANCIES

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a highly efficient person for the role of **PSG Administrator & Communications Officer** to provide administration and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and providing communications support for the Diocese. This is a full-time role. Visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> for more info. Applications close on 12 July 2023.

#### St Michael's Parish : Part Time Co-Ordinator

St Michael's Parish Remuera is looking for a part-time Parish Co-ordinator to work with our Office Manager in the running of the parish office. For more info email [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz) with "Part-Time Parish Coordinator" in the subject line. Applications close on Friday 30 June 2023.



### 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)

#### Maeve & Friends ~ A Farewell Concert

St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 29 July at 7 pm. A concert for Maeve Herd, our Cathedral Choir Director and Cantor. Entry is free with a retiring cash collection and digital donation options available to support Maeve's further study at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

#### New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Next event is a Mass.

Celebrated by NZCMA Chaplain, Fr Chris Denham for health professionals and allied health workers in Auckland, followed by a Meal and fellowship. Saturday, 5.15pm – 8.30pm, **8 July 2023**. Mass at 5.30pm, then a catered meal at 6.15pm for \$35 per head at the Friary. Bookings are essential. St Francis Friary and Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, Auckland. Register your meal and dietary requirements to [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com) by **26 June 2023**.

*Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:*

**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, Br 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 Coughney, 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 . . .*

**John Novak, Avelino Tubadan, Beth Brewster, Michael Soter, Elizabeth Kote, Slawomir Wujkowski, Steven Daniels, Brian Dunphy, Jim Lewis, Greg Marnoch, Br Ray Kelleher, Greg M, David Anderson, Moira Doogan, Bridie Doogan, Patricia Gianotti, Peter Hook, Pauline Slater, Pamela Jenke, Margaret Duggan, Eileen Walker, Susan Walker, Augusto Pamintuan, Frank Smith, Maureen Teggart, Michael Foley, Pedro De Silva, Lucita De Silva, Teadolfo Fetalino, Cora Kamp, Gary Leong, Sr Rosalie Flannery SJ, Luz Morales, Russell Guy, Cheryl Holloway, Most Rev James Liston, Trish McCarthey, Nell O'Shaughnessy, Sr Teresa Brophy RSCJ, John Bolland, Audrey Page, Peter McKay, Rita Carroll, Ray Murray, Corinne Bieshaar, Oommen Kuriakose, Fr Jan Nielan, Joseph Pinto, David Cheyne, Mary Lynch, Marin Farac, Rosario Migalbin, Theresa Smith, Marie Wilson, Thomas Aldridge, John McNicholl, Frank Sylvester, Ian Cowley, Rudy de Asis, Terrence L'Estrange, Emma Coleman-Donald, Paula Erazo, Kim Bangigur, Lee Bedro Illa, Alan Murray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Barry King, Henry Ambler, Nancy Wright, Brian Dutton, Esma Sissons, Ned Matijasevich, Owen Franklin, Jack Whooley, Mrs J Lourdmay, Neville Judson, Murray Gibson, Thomas Vakkel, Ignacio Deiparine, Eileen Walker, Msgr Matthew Curran VG . . . Eternal rest grant to them.**