

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

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz

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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.

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.

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

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 SVPD Food Support team at:

0800 680 090 or 815 6122

Email: foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

*Forever will I sing the
goodness of the Lord.*

Psalm 88

How do I show in words and
deeds that I believe
God is good?



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 2 JULY 2023

Amongst the many teachings of Jesus are some that have come to be called "hard sayings." This name is taken from the response of many of his hearers when he said "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." They said: "this is a hard saying, who can accept it?"

Most of us, I trust, don't find it so hard to accept that teaching, familiar with it as we are. But all of us, however familiar we are with Jesus's teaching will find parts of it much less easy. One of the most obvious examples will be when in our Gospel today Jesus says: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me." It can be fairly shocking to realise that Jesus really means it. Our relationship with him has to be more important to us than any human relationship.

And in fact, if we think about how we approach these hard sayings, there might be a connection with the casual familiarity with which we can treat the Gospels as a whole. If we think of the Gospels as something comfortable and comforting, nice and familiar, then the bits that don't fit in with that approach are really going to shock us, to challenge us. Talk about loving Jesus more than our mother and father, more than our children, can never be something which will sit comfortably with us; it speaks of hard choices and brings home to us in very concrete terms what the difficulties of following Jesus, the 'cross' we are to take up, might look like.

But as these hard sayings remind us of the cost of discipleship, they can also help us to discover – or rediscover – new depths in the texts and stories which we have, perhaps, allowed to become overly familiar. To put it bluntly, when we think more seriously about the cost of discipleship, we're more likely also to think more seriously about the benefits. We're challenged to be single-minded in following Christ, to place him above all else, because he shows to us the sheer immensity of the gift which he gives to those who follow him.

Jesus does not ask our total commitment, above every human good, out of spite or caprice. He asks it because the good that will come to us through that commitment is greater than any other relationship will give us. It does not mean we ignore those relationships; our hearts are big enough to love all in fact. But that is only true if we enable our relationship with God, who is Love, to be the centre, the most important part of our lives.

Blessings ~

Fr Chris Denham, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph

Liturgy of the Word

~ **2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16** The story of the prophet Elisha & the wealthy woman of Shunem is chosen in view of Jesus' words in the gospel.

~ **Psalm 88** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

~ **Romans 6:3-4,8-11** In his letter to the Romans, Paul offers a different perspective on baptism.

~ **Gospel Matthew 10:37-42** Jesus' missionary instructions to the Twelve takes up the whole chapter ten in Matthew's gospel and today we hear the final section of his discourse.

Next Week's readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9,11-13; Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND/OR 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

New Parish Bank Account

We have recently changed our bank account number to comply with the latest banking regulations. From 1 July 2023, new and one-off Donations to the Parish should be to this New Account:

BNZ 02 0108 0705969 000

For those with existing Automatic Payments already set up prior to 1 July 2023, these will be processed as usual with the payments automatically routed to the new bank account.

Church Life Survey 2023—Parishioners aged 15 yrs and above are encouraged to participate.

Please 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. [CLSNZ](https://www.clsnz.org.nz)

NZ Catholic - The new edition of the NZ Catholic is for sale in church foyer. Price unchanged at \$4 per copy. Please pay cash to the parish office.

New CDA Connect - the latest edition is available at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Bishop's Pastoral Council—A copy of the Bishop's Pastoral Council Newsletter is available at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/June2023-6.pdf>

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 to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.

Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction at St

Michael's Remuera

Can you spend 1 hour with Jesus?
St Michael's Church in Remuera invites everyone to join them for a Holy Hour every 4th Friday of each month. The Holy Hour includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and communal prayer.

Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

The Beginning Experience

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood, 25-27 August. Phone Lynda 0274898003 or (09)4789742 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz
For more info.

Beauty in Islam

with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst
Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

VACANCIES

Administrator & Communications Officer

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a highly efficient person for this full-time role.

Visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> for more info. Applications close on 12 July 2023.

Pastoral Coordinator

St Luke's Parish office in Flat Bush is currently looking for a Pastoral Coordinator. The role involves assisting the Parish Priest to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. Applications close 23rd July. For more information, contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

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, 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. For more information visit theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com or call 09 625 6651

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

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.

World Youth Day Auckland 2023

Is happening Sunday 6 August 2pm-8.30pm at Sancta Maria College. Let's come together 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.

Young Adults Ball 26th August 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham Standard tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17th August). This is an 18+ event. The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/young-adults-ball-tickets-632483524247?aff=oddtcreator>

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, Ediberto 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, 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, Sosefo Mataaele, Julius Andre Taroja, Gloria Sabio, Gertrude Ng, Fifta Ramanlal Vallabh, Thomas Vakkal, Kumari Limbu Christiansen, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Giacon, Josie Mclean, Benny Reheder, Alma Schiscka, Nancy Pye, Mary Instone, Eileen Healy, Rose Hunt, Raewyn Grevatt, Ken Clarke, Etuale Leilua, Keith Kahi, Bernie Summich, Hugh Green, Wendy Weir, Una Ryan, Mate Dean, Patrick Dowell, Bernie King, Kathleen Frelengou, Michael Turnbull, Michael Mullarkey, Molly Carty, Noel McGuire, Peceli Vocea, Norman Mole, Noel Anthony, Frank Fahy, Teofila V Aguirre, Pauline Blackett, Rona Lovell, Marie Spillane, Wally Yelavich, Nicholas Portegys, Ray Gould, Jesse De Castro, Flocerfina Lucas, Patricia McHugh, Pete Tiscornia, Qalo Bulatiko, Harnam Singh, Claude Hickey, Sr Anne Murray SJC, Frank Smith, Alexander Lee, Noel Maninang, Flavia Bautista, Sharon Wilson, Aubrey Johnstone, Manuel Ronquillo, Hilary Erwin-Silva, Evelyn Fonseca, Gilbert Purdom, Theresa Collins . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*