

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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Parish Secretary ~ Felina Soldevilla: phone (09) 373 3132

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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.

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. 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

Catherine van Veen

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Tel 09 3790624

www.newtoncatholic.org.nz

The Square Gift Shop: Tel 365 1693

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank: 0800 680 090

SUNDAY JUNE 11

*The Solemnity of the
Body & Blood of Christ*

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood remains in me and I in him.

John 6:55-56



Will you accept Jesus' invitation
to receive him, today?



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MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ 11 JUNE 2023

A certain bishop of my acquaintance, before he became a bishop, preached a homily in my hearing on the “real absence” in the Eucharist. Before you get too horrified by the depths to which the Church has sunk I should stress that it was a very sound and orthodox homily. He was making a point which we need to remember in the midst of this great feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, really and truly present in the Eucharist: It is not enough. We should want more.

The Eucharist is a most marvellous gift which the Lord has left us; a gift to strengthen us, to provide real and effective spiritual help in our daily lives, and to continually remind us of his continuing love and care for us. But it is above all to be, as St Thomas Aquinas put it, a pledge of future glory.

Wonderful as the Eucharist is, it is at heart a keepsake, a token to make our hearts grow fonder and to desire to be reunited with the one whom we love.

Because it is a gift from the Lord himself it far transcends any human token. It is not merely a reminder, like a photograph or even a relic. By it, the Lord is really and truly present with us, body, blood, soul, and divinity. But it is a presence which can be discerned by our faith and our intellect, but not by our physical senses. To them what was once bread and wine seems to look, feel, taste the same.

That is the point about the “real absence.” While we should be always grateful for this amazing gift, we should not pretend that it is enough. While through our faith we can know that the Lord is really there with us, yet our physical senses do not respond. And that does not mean those physical senses are unimportant, don't reveal reality to us. We do not believe that only the spiritual is important that our bodily senses are not an essential part of us, enabling us to encounter the Lord.

Our faith teaches us to look forward to a resurrection of the body, to a time when those senses will indeed encounter the Lord face to face. It is why hymns can sing of that time when sacraments shall cease. The Blessed Eucharist, amazing as it is, is not forever. There will be a time when it will no longer be necessary, and its greatest purpose is to help us to come to that time.

So when we adore the Lord in the Eucharist, whether it be in a monstrance at Adoration, or when the Host is lifted up in the mass we should not be ashamed, indeed we should be encouraged, to pray, like a congregation of Oliver Twists, “please Sir, I want some more!”

*Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph*



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16** The author exhorts the people to remember that they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his word.

~ **Psalm 147** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

~ **2 Corinthians 10:16-17** In the Eucharist we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one Body in Christ.

~ **John 6:51-58** As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ nourishes us for this life and eternal life.

Next Week's readings: Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-11; Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

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 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.

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).

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.

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NZ Catholic - The latest edition is available in the church foyer. Price \$4. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or through the Parish Account.

Climate Action webinars - in the spirit of Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and 'Letter: A Message for our Earth' are to be held from 14 June to 5 July. Organised by the Religious Diversity Centre (RDC) Climate Action Group with the theme, 'E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope' especially from a view of the Pacific region to mitigate the challenges of climate change and to adapt against future disasters.

For further information & registration details visit: <https://rdc.org.nz/rdc-webinar-series-2023/>

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.

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

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

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, 0212612189. Light lunch will be provided.

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 your details once donation has been made. For more information, see posters and flyers in the church notice board. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 or email tobaukland@gmail.com or call 09 625 6651

Marist College, Mt Albert, 95th Jubilee High Tea Saturday 17 June, 1.30-4pm College Gymnasium. Come along and have a look around the college, listen to some inspiring Ex Students and share your ideas for the 100th Jubilee in 2028.

More information please either contact them on the Marist Facebook page or via email maristexstudents@gmail.com.

Tickets \$45 each includes bubbles and non-alcoholic beverages. Book online through this link <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/marist-college-95th-jubilee>

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 with your details or phone the school office on (09) 4184333 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, Fr Stephen Berecz, 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, 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 . . .

Ma. Sol Jimenea, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Denis Ryan, Jane Mary Menzies, Bishop Basil Meeking, John Smith, Bob Bovelaander, Paulie Lundon, Mary Pye, Margaret Fischman, Palma Doyle, Tom Gregory, Dorice Curtis, Hernando R. Zornosa, Paul Ah Van, Joe Dargaville, Fr Craig Larkin SM, Adji Dojohartoono, Rogelio Electona, Nelia Sangaro, Mate Selak, Richard Turnbull, Pilar Asuar Puiggros, Pat Gillen, Jose Baetiong, Milagros Santillan, Domy Sevillono, John Daley, David Nobbs, Ted Doolin, Nancy Grey, Mariano Lim, Hoani Hotene, Fr Brian O'Neill, Ronie Villegas Marinog, June Gaines, David Buist, Joshua Feehan, Fr Alex Taylor, Abelardo Comileng, Antonio Caro, Frances Kinney, Archbishop Thomas William Croke DD, Joan Wilde, Jenny Harrison, John Cleary, Allwyn Fernandes, Eileen Smith, Bernadette Prenty, Jim Laersonson, Simon Heer, Erlinda Alcantara, Sean Cautwell, Peter Cheyne, Br Edmund Kyne fms, Br Gregory Ryan fms, Fr Jose Gosano, Sr Mary Ignatius sm, Ambrose Loughnan OP, Eileen Belcher, Patrick Maguire, Marie Gifford . . . Eternal rest grant to them.