

## 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

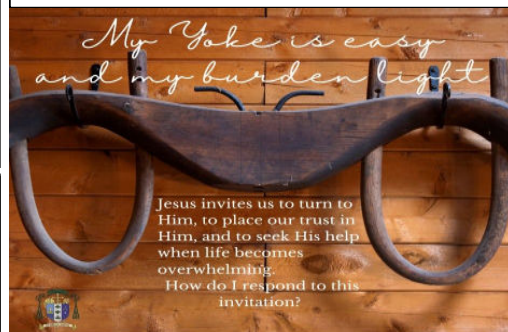
Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the right side of the main entrance as you go inside the church.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Contact the SVPD 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."*

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 9 JULY 2023

Education is always a matter of the heart. When the heart is educated, the mind evolves. Without doubt, human qualities will blossom and the best in students overflow radiantly. Artificial Intelligence can never replace one's heart-space. The 'heart-space' has always been associated as the 'hub' of perception, consciousness wisdom, love and sacred awareness. It is more spiritual than physical.

Jesus, in the gospel of today, is the educator par excellence! Jesus confronts the scribes and Pharisees who criticise him and his disciples for openly flouting the law. The 613 commandments of the Law were burdensome for many. They were considered religious outcasts because they were unable to bear the full yoke of the religious laws imposed on them. Jesus shifts the focus from the Law to Himself. His invitation was, "Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart." In the school of Jesus, we will be student-disciples forever. We will always be 'spiritual beings-in-process'. We will constantly need to expand our 'heart space' so that we can be reinvigorated with love, gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, meekness, and humility. To be absent from the school of Jesus is to neglect our spiritual well-being. We will suffer from the 'broken heart' syndrome. Once the heart atrophies, we become inhumane, cold, and indifferent. Unforgiveness, hatred, jealousy, pride, and revenge will sadly flow. The only way to reverse this reality is to follow and return to the Heart of Jesus. Jesus exhorts us, "Remain in my love and you will bear much fruit, fruit that will last." To follow the heart of Jesus is the ultimate act of love. We become lasting fruit bearers!

Humility and Meekness (H&M) are never signs of weakness for a Christian. One's spiritual well-being is fortified in humility and meekness. Without it, our yoke becomes burdensome. Jesus invites us to be 'yoked with Him', so that, as in Micah 6:8, we can 'act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly.' Humility and Meekness are personified in Jesus. Jesus humbled Himself when he said, "I have come not to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). His greatest act of humility came as He hung upon the cross. St Paul writes, "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). When it came to meekness, on the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!"

Our homes need to become 'H&M' extensions of the school of Jesus. Jesus' divine reversal comes into play again. For Jesus, 'humility' becomes a pedestal for being exalted, and 'meekness' makes one inheritors of the earth. Here we become 'yoke-free' and joyful fellow travellers with Jesus!

*Blessings ~*

*Fr Glenford Lowe, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph*

## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Zechariah 9:9-10** The reading immediately brings to mind the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as recorded in the four gospels.

~ **Psalm 144** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

~ **Romans 8:9,11-13** Paul reflects at length on sin, death, the Law and the struggle to be free.

~ **Gospel Matthew 11:-25-30** The whole reading is consonant with Matthew's desire to present Jesus as the authentic interpreter of the Law.

**Next Week's readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Gospel Matthew 13:-1-23**

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

Weekdays – No Mass until further notice

\*There will also be NO MASS on these days:

Matariki Friday 14 July 2023

Saturday 9am 15 July 2023

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### 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.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/June2023-6.pdf)

### 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>

### Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. Mass this weekend comes to us from our very own Parnell Parish.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)  
For more info.

## 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](http://theologyofthebody.nz) or email [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com) or call 09 625 6651



## New CDA Connect

The latest edition is available at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

## VACANCIES

### Administrator & Communications Officer

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a highly efficient person for this full-time role. Applications close on 12 July 2023.

### IT Systems Administrator/Technician

The position is full time, with some flexibility around this. Applications close 21 July 2023. The role is responsible for first and second level support of the Diocese's IT systems. For more info and full description on the roles, visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

### Sacred Heart Hostel Tours

On Sunday 23 July, from 2pm in the Hostel Dining Room. The best way to access the Hostel is via Gate 3, off West Tamaki Road. Register here: [SHC Hostel Tours \(sacredheart.school.nz\)](http://SHC_Hostel_Tours_(sacredheart.school.nz))  
Applications for enrolment to Sacred Heart College as a boarder close on Thurs 31 August.



### 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.

## 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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 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 . . .*

Angelita Bauda, Leola Ellen Kirk, Fernanda Burns, Marie Allan, Felicisimo Baldo, Phillip Daniels, Elaine McGrath, Dawn Davis, Giandomenico Ghella, William Waby, Cathy Miika, Henry Abecede, Teofilo Damasco, Mary Rajan, Marie Stevens, Karen Smith, Tilly White, Mary Ryan, Peter Cheyne, Fr Ivan Lunjevich, Msgr Lui Tevaga, Zachary Abesia, Teodoro Abesia Jr, Agnes Pile, Muriel Fisher, Erin McCrea-Bartrum, James Young, Vivienne Lyons, Alfonso Mary Joseph, Tito Sinining, Mary Emmett, Keith Hamlin, Desmond O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Evelyn Price, Ann Johnson, Sr Joan Timpany, Mary (Molly) Neal, Doreen Cox, Sharon Lim, Edwin Escandor, Frank Antonucci, James Smyth, Don Cederwall, Margaret Scanlan, Peter Collins, Fr Eugene O'Sullivan OP, Rosa Almeida, Joseph Flanagan, Hoani Hotene, Mary Ferrario, Jack Toland, Norman Cameron, Tony Barbavich, Steve Fleming, Ignacio Deiparine, Eilenne Cleal, Ryn Hym Lee, Jeong Wall Seong, Bock Lyim Kang, Fr Paddy Murray, Fr Patrick McCrory MHM

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*