

## 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

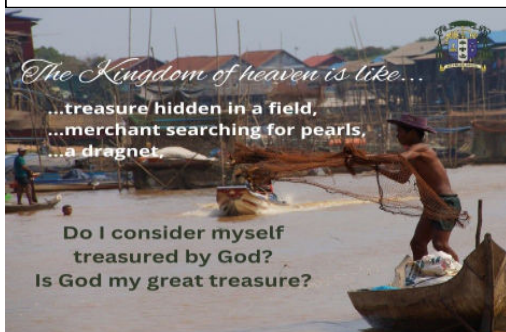
Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the right side of the main entrance as you go inside the church.

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."*

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 30 JULY 2023

It's time for a little daydream. Suppose you came upon a battered old lamp down on the beach and, upon picking it up and giving it a wipe to get the sand off, a genie were to appear. However inflation and financial stringency affect even genies, so this genie only offers you one wish. One, unlimited, wish; anything you choose is yours. What would you choose?

In effect, both our first reading and Gospel are asking that very question. Solomon explicitly asked it, and chooses wisely. Wisdom is a very good thing for a ruler to have, after all. But Jesus, in the first two of our parables today, refines the answer.

Both of the men in those parables are prepared to give up everything they own to acquire the treasure or the pearl. If those were literal things, the men's actions would be foolish, the antithesis of wisdom. We know of people who become obsessed with some material thing and waste all their resources trying to obtain it. We rightly see that as foolish.

But Jesus now invites us to turn that upside down. What if the folly is to cling to everything we have? Because that treasure, that pearl, are the kingdom of heaven. These parables of Jesus are, when you think about it, the basis for the words Jesus addressed to the rich young man who came to him. And that young man, sadly, couldn't see what was being offered to him. He could only see the value of the many things he already possessed. He couldn't see how wonderful what he was being offered was.

Hopefully we do see. We do recognise that the kingdom of heaven is the greatest possible good for us, the greatest possible joy. But if we see that, then there is an immediate challenge. We are all familiar with the statement that if you are prepared to take an action, you must be prepared to take the consequences of that action. But I have always been fond of a passage I read which said that we should be just as familiar with the corollary. If you desire a consequence, you had better be prepared to take the action that will bring it about.

But that will only happen if we truly want it. We don't commit our whole selves to something that is only a fleeting desire. We do it for things we are passionate about. So perhaps the question for us today is: do I actually passionately desire the joy of heaven? Is that desire the most important thing in my life?

*Blessings ~*

*Fr Chris Denham, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph*



### Liturgy of the Word

~ **1Kings 3:5,7-12** The unique dialogue between Solomon and God occurs in the course of a dream.

~ **Psalm 118** Lord I love your commands.

~ **Romans 8:28-30** God intended us to be true images of his Son.

~ **Gospel Matthew 13:-44-52** The readings today consists of three short parables and concludes with a summary statement about the role of the teacher in the community.

**Next Week's readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 96; 2Peter 1:16-19; Gospel Matthew 17:-1-9**

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 Philip Sullivan  
Sunday 9.30am Fr Philip Sullivan

#### Mass times this week in Parnell

Mon to Fri – No Mass until further notice  
Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

Reconciliation—Saturdays 9.30am  
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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](http://CLSNZ)

#### 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.



### 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.

#### 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.

#### Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

around Auckland to the places Mary trod during her visits to Aotearoa. Beginning Meeting Room 30 Holgate Road, Kohimarama  
Saturday 12 August 10.00am finishing at 3pm.  
\$30.00 waged, \$20.00 unwaged. Registrations by Wednesday 9 August to Sr Julian Langton Ph 09 528 1801  
[marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au](mailto:marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au)



#### NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 a copy. Some headlines for this issue: Update on precinct plan for Hato Petera College site. Akld Catholic tertiary chaplaincy leaves site. Matariki celebrated with Christian emphasis. Rethinking masculinity in terms of self-giving love. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or online through the Parish Account.

### **\* VACANCIES \***

#### Prison Chaplaincy Director

Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). This is a full-time national role, providing pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in New Zealand prisons. Visit [www.catholic.org.nz/news](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news) for more information. Role closes Monday 28 August.

#### Kaihāpai Māori New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

The role will support several of the bishops' national agencies in advancing a deeper understanding of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi and a Māori way of working across all ministries. Visit <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/kaihapai-maori/> for more information.

#### PSG Administrator & Communications Officer

This is a part-time role of 25 hours per week with flexibility of hours between 9.am and 3.pm. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>  
Applications close on 18 August 2023.

### World Youth Day Auckland 2023

Sunday 6 August 2pm at Sancta Maria College  
Join us for an incredible experience at World Youth Day Auckland 2023! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us at Sancta Maria College for this unforgettable celebration of our Catholic Faith. Go to [facebook.com/ACCYM](https://facebook.com/ACCYM) to register

#### Young Adults Ball 26th August 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham

Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2023! The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'. Remember this magical evening by stopping by the photo wall where we will have a photographer ready to take some amazing shots of you and your group! Tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17th August).

\*This is an 18+ event. Go to [facebook.com/ACCYM](https://facebook.com/ACCYM) for tickets  
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#### CARING MASS – 1 AUGUST 11.30am

Please join Bishop Steve and the Foundation team for the Caring Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August at 11.30am. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome!

*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, Thlisi 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 . . .*

Matthew Chen, Wendy Peters, Cristina Lelis, Kovacs Arpad, Paul Barnao, Maurice Caddell, Margaret Craddock, Simon Cotton, Pat McKinnon, Laura Divinagracia, Matthew Chen, Nada Druskovich, Halsey Ellie, Nikola Druskovich, Patrick Tarr, Rodolfo Banzon, Manuel Navarro, Fr Peter Prendergast, Michael O'Shea Snr, Makere Hurley, Warren Rogan, Finbar Drohan, Martha Moore, Eddy Wroblewski, Oscar Miranda, Nenea Dizon, Vern Peters, Mary Wollaston, Mikio Tsukamoto, Alison Laurent, Pat Sheehan, Jenny Fox, Douglas Peacocke, Thomas Johns, Margaret Dowell, Elpidio & Teresita Delvalle, Elnen Ciron, Sr Elizabeth Hickey RSJ, Maureen Hammond, Peter Dillon, Jocelyn Quinnett, Jane Fromont, Sr Marcelle Walsh, Anthony James, Teresa Romognino, Peter Collins, Deirdre Airey, Msgr James Hackett, Nancy Fahy, Jose Sanicas, Justin Hassan, Tony Marinovich, Bonnie Miles, Katherine Donnelly, Kevin McNamara, Kevin Mallon, Michael Coleman, May De Goldi, Fr Vince Moody

*. . . Eternal rest grant to them.*