

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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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 left 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

LORD! SAVE ME!

Do I trust
enough to
reach out to
God or do I
try to do it all
myself?



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 13 AUGUST 2023

I came across an American Tibetan-Buddhist, Pema Chodron, who said, "Appreciate everything, even the ordinary. Especially the ordinary." It inspired me to think how we should be mindful of the things that often get neglected and later on, we just lose. Some say we really do not understand the true value of things until we lose them. And how many times have we ended with regrets.

The Lord was not in the strong wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire. But instead, the prophet Elijah experienced God through a tiny whispering sound, common, simple and as ordinary as human breath. It had to be "outside" and "on the mountain." Sometimes, we can only notice and appreciate the most common things when we step outside of the ordinary, day to day happenings. The mountain was a special place where the Jews encountered God in the Old Testament. Jesus, too, went there to pray and be with the Father. Some special areas, places and spaces make us feel more God's presence. Some people do pilgrimages for spiritual nourishment and enrichment.

Paul mentioned God's great gifts to the Israelites, namely, their adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, the promises, the patriarchs, and from them, the greatest gift of all, Christ. What more can they ask for? Nothing more. And yet, they still did not accept Jesus. They failed to appreciate what they already have. So, Paul was in great sorrow and in constant anguish. He struggled to accept their unbelief. Now, we can have a good grasp of what parents, who value their faith so much, go through when their children do not anymore practice the faith. It is so painful to see people who waste their natural and God-given gifts and talents.

The disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea. At first, they were terrified. Jesus gave them confidence and courage. Peter was able to walk on the water, too, but sank when strong wind distracted him. Problems and challenges in life easily distract us. They make us forget that God has given us all the tools to succeed in life. God provides and supplies everything we need. Many of those, God already has given to us. But there is a disclaimer. God provides and supplies, only, everything that will be good for us. God is always present to us for as long as we live. God is in that tiny whispering sound, which for me, is simply, breath. May we truly appreciate the gift of life and faith. May we see true meaning and importance in the most basic things that we already possess.

Blessings ~

Fr Gilbert Ramos, St Benedicts Newton

Liturgy of the Word

~ **1Kings 19:9,11-13** The Lord speaks to Elijah at Mt Horeb (Sinai).

~ **Psalm 84** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

~ **Romans 9:1-5** No matter what, nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ.

~ **Gospel Matthew 14:22-33** The Gospel this Sunday narrates the miraculous event where Jesus walks on the water, showcasing His divine power over the forces of nature.

Next Week's readings:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

Mon, Wed to Fri – No Mass until further notice

Saturday & Public Holidays 9am

Reconciliation—Saturdays 9.30am

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, 15 August 2023.

Mass for this day will be at 6pm.

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St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday to Friday 7am & 12 pm

New Parish Bank Account

Please take note of our new Parish Bank Account. 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.

Volunteers needed in our Parish

Vacancies for the various ministries in our parish are open. EOM, Readers, Greeters, Projectionists.

Full training and support will be provided.

Please enquire at the Parish Office.

Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 a copy. Please pay cash to the Parish Office or online through the Parish Account.

Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201.

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

Click on the link below to download the questionnaire online. The survey takes approximately 10-15mins to finish.

<https://clsnz.org/dataentry/online/01H1WZJFMFBCHJQCXT5GJ7H9D3/en-rc>

Mass for Loss of a Child

A special Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. Spiritual and psychological healing is necessary after the loss of a child and the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help to facilitate healing and to fully know God's love and mercy. St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera on Saturday 2nd September at 5pm; Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell, St Michael's Parish, 027 641 5615

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. Everyone welcome. Next Holy hour is on Friday 25 August at 7pm.



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy :

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn, FMS.

Mondays, 14/21 Aug & 04/11/18 September, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series.

All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

For more information visit: www.studyjoy.nz

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 for more information.

Role closes *Monday 28 August*.

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*.

Billings Life is holding a **Natural Fertility Management** training session in Nelson on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September for health professionals, those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method and users of the Billings Method. To register or for further details: Phone 0800 693 378 Email: info@billingslife.org.nz

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/AKCYM for tickets

Celebrating 125 years of St Joseph's Catholic Church Dannevirke

Special Jubilee Mass & luncheon on Saturday the 14th October, followed by a special Mass Sunday 15th October. Please register your interest by emailing stjodvke@xtra.co.nz with your details no later than 10 September 2023.

Baradene College Art Show 2023

The Baradene Art Show is on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 August 2023, open 10-4pm. Come along to see some of New Zealand's best contemporary artists. Head to www.baradeneartshow.co.nz to see the great selection of art available to purchase. This is a free event.

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

Malu Beltran, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Angela Robinson, Msgr Paul Farmer, Vivien Emery, Thilsi Vern, Gil Melling, Elenore Byrne, Neira, Ivy Hi, Ben Hunt, Maura Just, Maurice Robinson, Aaron Ablan, Teresa Gudex, Kirei Tua, Emy Calma, BC, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, Francis Morais, Samira & Raj, John Sullivan, James L. Cu, Joy Agon, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Ambi Joseph, Alice Swann, Christopher Hughes, Brian Murphy, Sue Bedford, Pamela Vincent, Ana Denisse Manjarrez, 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, Michelle Bergin, J. Harrington, Serena Coughy, Martin Harriman, Ann Gordon, Adelaida Sison, Wilfred Mansoor, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Paul Mulderry, Baden McPherson, Shannon Kavanagh, Elsa J Obillos, Sallyshni Devi, Louise Collins.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .

Anne Jennifer Medrano, Rodolfo Pelonio, Dr Warren Moran, Sr Isabelle Harding sm, Sr Maria Goretti Vaughan rsj, Mike Speedy, Skawomir Wujkowski, George Dyer, Laurie Neeson, Phyllis Murphy, Milan Grbin, Nancy Shanly, Fay Simpson, Fay Lobb, Elvira Navarro, Aretha Franklin, Roberto Jongco, Jeanette Stephenson, Wiki Sylva, Teofista Cruz, Helen Bridgman-Robinson, Allan Luke, Maria Yolanda, Boguslaw Januskiewicz, Antonio Gomez, Molly Neal, Gustavo Jesus Bautista, Ramon De Jesus, Peter Collins, Dominic Marinas, Joseph Barrett, James Mortimer, Hendrika van Dam, Henry Wesley, Catrina De Nave, Christine Angela, Maryanaygam Regina, Teodoro Asunson Sr, Sean Reilly, Mervin De Rosario, Kitty McKewen, Lynette Collins, Kevin Barry, Eithne O'Leary, Dave Bussi, Bernard McCahill, Fr Peter Prendergast, Benjamin Contreras Snr, Martha Tripp, Noel Anthony, Augusto Cosio, Monica Chan, Peter Berdee, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Annette Gilbert, Mary McLean, Rosie Dennison, Paul Devereux, Varona (GG) Henderson, Angelina Cencho, Fr Desmond Hickey, Domenico Spinale, Bishop Edward Gaines, Msgr Philip Purcell, Msgr Patrick O'Reilly . . . *Eternal rest grant to them.*