

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7am and 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 right side of the main entrance as you go inside the church.

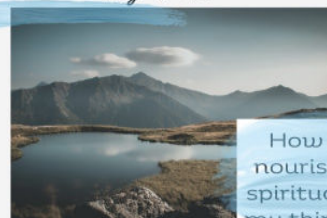
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Contact the SVDP Food Support team at:

0800 680 090 or 815 6122

Email: foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

*My soul is thirsting for you
my God.*



How do I
nourish my
spiritual life,
my thirst for
God?



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

Yesterday a rooster, today a feather duster! An old saying, that emphasizes that status and success are all too often fleeting. St Peter having been declared last week to be the rock on which the Church will be founded is now called Satan, the Adversary. Quite the turnaround.

The heart of Peter's problem, and the cause of his being rebuked, is that he cannot accept the Lord telling him that his, Jesus's, mission is not going to end in triumph and success (at least not in earthly terms) but rather ignominy and death. It's not a pleasant thought and Peter does not want to think it. He would rather keep a nice, positive, vision of a world, or at least an Israel, where everything will be made nice without too much unpleasantness.

The trouble is that "nice" is not what's on offer. In fact it isn't possible in the world as it is. An honest appreciation of the world means accepting that it is in a mess.

Telling the truth means telling hard truths. The prophet Jeremiah is complaining that instead of saying nice things he is compelled, as the prophet of the Lord, speak unpleasant things. But sometimes the only way to bring about the good is to be blunt, to say what people don't want to hear. Which of us would really prefer a doctor to say falsely: "there's nothing really wrong with you", when a true statement would be: "you are seriously ill and will need painful and unpleasant treatment to save your life?"

That is the truth about the world. There is a lot wrong. So much wrong, in fact, that only the appalling medicine of the cross could fix it. That is what Jesus had come to do, however hard Peter found to accept it. Jesus came to give himself totally for the life of the world. And as he taught Peter that, he also called him, and us, to follow his example. Hence the great challenge that concludes this Gospel passage. To deny ourselves, to give up the comfortable daydreams of things being made "nice", and to join Our Lord in taking up the cross; to give ourselves to him as completely as we can so that we can become a part of his great work of making things, not "nice", but rather glorious.

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Blessings ~

Fr Chris Denham, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 20:7-9** The prophet lays bare his feelings.

~ **Psalm 62** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

~ **Romans 12:1-2** Saint Paul lays down a straightforward call to action, urging us to take responsibility,

~ **Gospel Matthew 16:21-27** Jesus lays it out plainly to his disciples: suffering is on the horizon.

Next Week's readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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 7am Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

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

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

Sunday Mass on TV

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



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.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis

Retreat Centre:

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 7 Sep | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov

St Francis Open Day - Join us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis. Come explore the grounds and learn more about St Francis. There will also be an Animal Blessing Service so please bring your pets | Sun 1 Oct 2pm-4pm.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat- Want to deepen your faith? Join us to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition | Sat 7 Oct 10am-4pm | Earlybird (before 23 Sep) \$65 | Standard (after 23 Sep) \$85.

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby invites all to join their celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served after Mass at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Parishioners are most welcome to join.

HAMILTON GARDENS VISIT on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

Catholic Women's League Orakei -

Eastern Suburbs invites ladies and men to our outing in aid of charity. Meet the chartered bus driver at the RSA Orakei, 178 Kapa Road, Orakei 1071 at 9am back to the RSA Orakei about 3.30pm. Lunch at the Hamilton Gardens Café. Lunch is included in our fee.

For info contact Tina Raines: 021940950 or email tinaraines@gmail.com

Masterclass 16th September 3:30pm

Auckland Catholic Ministries to Young People is excited to bring you our third Masterclass of 2023.

Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai! Keep an eye on our socials as we announce our awesome workshop presenters! Due to venue space, registrations are limited, so don't miss out. Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact felicitym@cda.org.nz with any queries.

St Joseph's Catholic School, Onehunga

If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member - we would love to hear from you. We are celebrating our 175th Anniversary on Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023. Contact Melanie Duarte mduarte@sjs.school.nz to register your interest.

McAuley High School 60th Jubilee

Celebrations

September 23rd 2023. An invitation to all past students and teachers to attend. It's your ONE chance to catch up. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Email: alumni@mcauleyhigh.school.nz for more details

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival

is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz

GIFT Golden Jubilee

G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. Sunday 17 September, 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz



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 stjodyke@xtra.co.nz with your details no later than 10 September 2023.

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

John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Serena Coughy, Adelaida Sison, Rita Lopez, Wayne Barden, Joy Mitchell, Mary Bratton, John & Rosa Williams, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Rosa Santos, Linus Broughton, Dawn Rocca, Royston Beckham, AS, Margaret Everett, Lyn Sparks, Ian Werder, Maryke Lind, Paul Mulderry, Louise Collins, Judy Hanna, Neira, Thilsi Vern, Ivy Hi, Dina Miranda, Edilberto Reyes, Malu Beltran, Vivien Emery, Gil Melling, Teresa Gudex, Corazon Villanueva Misa, Ben Hunt, Angela Robinson, Anne Telles, Kirei Tua, Maurice Robinson, Maura Just, Aaron Ablan, Alice Swann, Dennis Matthew, Marlee Owens, John Sullivan, Joy Agon, Lynn Welsh, Samira & Raj, James L. Cu, Linda Mole, Alberto Olarte, Ana Laura Robles, Brian Murphy, Christopher Hughes, BC, Ana Manjarrez, Sue Bedford, Joe Raymond, Patricia Wright, Sue Wynne Davis, Ann Gordon, Nicholas James, Bonifacio Sanches, Rosita Galarg, Gavin Alexander, Chonusi William, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Shannon Kavanagh.

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

Frank Muffy, Peggy Bell-Booth, Julie Nicholls, Palaamo Kalati, Michelle Pereira, Basil Yap, Anne O'Sullivan, Diana Ross, Elizabeth Hales, James Gallagher, Sean O'Keefe, Kirk Badiola, Maurice Churton, Emile Kielar, John Lane, Bill Doyle, Francesca Goodwin, Miriam Adique, George Celedonio, Kath Allen, Mary Herbert, Patrick Smith, Terence Oliver, Soagia Faga, John La' Croix, Ryan Carduzo, Don Crawford, Aisla Duffy, John Jude, JoAnn Swartz, Luis Tura, Aisling Cooke, Juanita Banzon, Esther Gill, Jean Mullan, Teresita del Valle, Boris Srhoj, Michael del Valle, Moira Bryant, Janette Currie, Bryan Lynch, Theresa Carroll, Elizabeth Ihaka rsm, Jack Smith, Geoff Bruce, Toi Rapiara, John Chambers, Ongo Kaihea, Fr Joe Foley, Joe Paraiso, Br Francis Erni OFM, Barry Russell, Jovita Antao, Maria Madalena, Eric Werder, William Thode, James Marinovich, Douglas Paterson, Kevin McBride, Ric de la Cruz, Mark Gleeson, Michael John Frederickson, Louie Beltran, Marita Beltran

. . . Eternal rest grant to them..