

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Mass Times~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7am & 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

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).



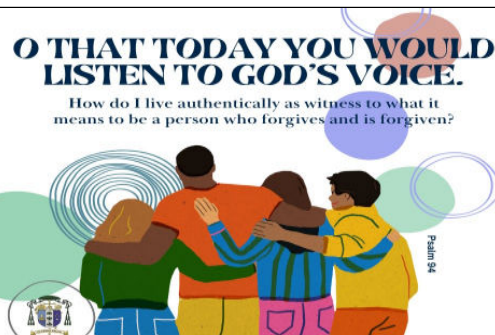
St Vincent de Paul Society Foodbank Donations

Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the ride 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



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Trust the process.

In our First Reading today, the prophet Ezekiel was appointed by God "watchman" for the house of Israel. He is not only to preach to them but also he must make sure they turn away from their wicked ways. It is a very daunting task requiring both responsibility and accountability. That is what it means to be a brother's or sister's keeper. It is showing genuine concern for the well-being of their bodies and souls.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he told them that love is the fulfilment of the law. All other commandments are centered on affirming, confirming and strengthening our love for one another. Paul so beautifully put it, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." Love is both a priority and a commitment.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us the way to deal with erring brothers and sisters. First, approach him or her personally. If it doesn't work, take one or two witnesses with you. If the person refuses, raise the matter to the community. And if the person still does not listen, treat him or her like a pagan or tax collector. The last step seems to suggest that if we have done our very best, then, so be it. Leave the person alone.

Many of us tend to disregard the steps. We often, immediately, take the matter to some other friends for the purpose of strengthening our offense. At times, we go directly to the community to be the first, as some believe that it is the first who often gets heard. Or, maybe, for some, it is best to jump straight to treat the person like a pagan or tax collector, which for them meant cutting ties totally with the person at fault. How convenient all these could be.

There is always wisdom in trusting the process. It means letting go and having faith that things will eventually work out in its own time. Certainly, the process helps us to become more patient. Patience for St Paul, is the very first attribute of love. The process also may enable us to see more sides and angles of the story, the bigger picture. The process teaches us that reconciliation is not just about proving ourselves right, but winning back our brother or sister.

Finally, when Jesus said, treat someone a pagan or a tax collector, let us not forget how He actually treated them. He has shown even greater compassion and mercy to them. And we, who follow Jesus, must do the same. I believe, what He truly meant is, do not give up! Give everyone a chance, a second chance, all the chances. "Not seven times, but seventy times seven times." Maybe, it's not just about helping people to know what is right but forgiving and most importantly, loving them.

Blessings ~

Fr Gilbert Ramos, St Benedict's Newton

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Ezekiel 33:7-9** I appoint you as watchman for the house of Israel.

~ **Psalm 94** If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

~ **Romans 13:8-10** The commandments are summarized by loving your neighbor as yourself, for love does no evil and is the complete fulfillment of the law.

~ **Gospel Matthew 18:15-20** What is agreed on earth reflects in heaven, and where people gather in Jesus's name, he is present.

Next Week's readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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 Tony Dunn

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

Mass for the Exultation of the Holy Cross

Is at 6pm on Thursday 14 September here in church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) will also be joining us on this evening.

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

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.

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.

Holy Hour at St Michael's Remuera

The next Holy Hour with Adoration, Benediction & Communal Prayer is on Friday 22 September at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

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) 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

The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a **Liturgy of**

Repentance and Reconciliation.

Preacher: Bishop Steve Lowe.

Wednesday, 25 October 7.30 pm

Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

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.

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

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group

A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s. Baila Salsa Beginner's Class on Thursday, 14 September 2023.

8pm socialising; Class 8.30-9.15pm;
social dancing afterwards. Free Entry.
Revelry Bar, 106 Ponsonby, Auckland.

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



This week's Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings

[Twenty-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf](#)
(aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

[Corrie-ten-Boom.pdf](#) (aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

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

Francis Morais, 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 . . .

Salvacion Jimenea, Milagros Undag, Cyril Fernando, Isabella Alexandra, Louie Beltran, Marita Beltran, Ramon Preeda, Elizabeth Hales, Msgr Pat Ward, Myra Crawford, Barbara Bato, Dermot O'Leary, Fr Des Moosman, Ethel Marshall, Marie Early, Patricia Yambao, Reynaldo Yambao, Justyn Bianzon, Lenny Hidalgo, Ruby Holland, Maria Boles, Kath Allen, Carmel Jefferies, Brian Raju, Ivan Main, Brendan Schollum, Dianne Molloy, Emma Gill, George Fisher, Michael O'Reilly, Wayne Hotton, Lani Sinawari, Eng Hoc Ong, Apolinario Castano, Sheila Bamford, Kees van Hassel, Ira Divinagracia, Dorothy James, Ray Buisson, Moira Bryant, Cathy Sheehan, Julie Keesling, Dorothy Jones, Bruce Sherlock

. . . Eternal rest grant to them..