

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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PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 8 OCTOBER 2023

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)

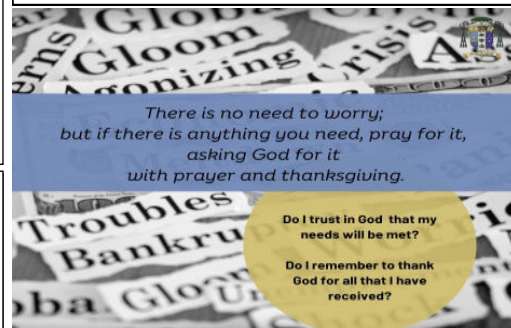
Liston House, St Patrick's Square
43 Wyndham Street, Auckland CBD 1010
Tel: (09) 365 1693
Email: info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz

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 SVPD Food Support team at: 0800 680 090 or 815 6122
Email: foodbank@svdpak.org.nz



History repeats itself. In the Song of the Vineyard in Isaiah, his "friend" prepared a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He spaded it, cleared it of stones and planted the choicest vines. He built a watchtower within it and hewed out a wine press. He did everything right only to be disappointed in the end. Because what it yielded was wild grapes. Jesus gave a quite similar story. A "landowner" planted a vineyard. He put a hedge around it, dug a wine press and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants. Just like Isaiah's friend, the landowner did everything right in the beginning, only, to be disappointed in the end. Both stories had tragic endings. The stories are the same, except that the first is bad and the second is worse.

This seems to be going on forever. From the beginning of time, God created everything good. Everything He creates is good, true and beautiful. But we can see bad, falsehood and ugliness. And these negatives are even getting worse. Is there hope still left for humanity, for the world? Are we heading towards destruction? Many say that the signs in the scriptures are already here, happening.

One of my friend's children has autism spectrum disorder (ASD). He likes chicken nuggets. Every time they go to Burger King or McDonald's, they have to order at least 10 pieces chicken nuggets for him. He does not like sharing. Take a piece and he will throw tantrums. It is all or nothing for him. I like teasing him by trying to pinch one of the nuggets, on his watch. It works each time. Until one day, I took one nugget and he saw it and he looked the other way. It surely was a permission granted.

The soil, the vine and the tenants can be very selfish many a time. They can easily go from bad to worse. But they are not hopeless cases. The "friend" and the "landowner" will tirelessly cultivate the vineyard. They will be consistent with their love and concern for them. They expect good fruits because they believe the vineyard can produce them. They know it because they made them.

Do not be deceived when it seems that there is nothing good happening. Do not despair. We are a people of hope because God planted the seeds of faith in our hearts. He may allow us to go through trials because He knows our capacity. And whatever we lack, He will definitely provide for us.

St Paul is encouraging us to keep on doing what we have learned and received. It is no less than the grace of faith. Think about whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, and whatever is gracious. Think about God. He never stops thinking about us. History may repeat itself but grace changed history forever.

Blessings ~ Fr Gilbert Ramos, St Benedicts Newton



Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 5:1-7** This vineyard is an allegory for the house of Israel, where expected justice turns to chaos.

~ **Psalm 79** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

~ **Philippians 4:6-9** Don't worry, but instead bring your concerns to God through prayer.

~ **Gospel Matthew 21:33-43** Jesus warns that those who reject the cornerstone will lose the kingdom of God.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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 Philip Sullivan
Sunday 7am Fr Tim Costello,SM
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 - Saturday 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

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



Seminar on Loss, Suffering and Death

At St Michael's Remuera Parish Centre on Wednesday, 25 October 7pm. Registration forms are available in the Church Foyer or through their website: <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/events/seminar-loss-suffering-death>

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.

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) Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec
24Hr Quietude - For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm Nov 10th /11th
(\$120pp incl accommodation + food)
For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Exploring Sacred Spaces

You can still participate in October. For more information, please see website at <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2023/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandinterfaithcouncil>. These are open events with no registration necessary.

St Michael's Remuera Guide Book

Additional copies of the St Michael's Guide book have been printed and are available to purchase for \$25 a copy including postage. Enquire at the parish office for more details on how to order.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the main foyer. \$4 each copy, Pay cash to the Parish Office.

Columban Calendars 2024

Is now available and can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$15 each. Please bring cash or email the parish office for details if you prefer to pay online.

Family Life Catholic Gifts

Are having a special sale this month of the Holy Rosary - 20% off all Rosaries. Sale runs from 1st to 14th October. Visit their shop at 569 Richardson Road, Mount Roskill 1041 or go to www.catholicgifts.co.nz.

Foundations of Christian Leadership

Three webinars offered by Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College.

Dates: 31 October, 7 & 14 November.

For more information email: events@ctc.ac.nz

VACANCY - Te Kupenga College

Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute is inviting applications for the **Operations Manager position**. For info visit: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/we-are-seeking-for-operations-manager/> Application closes on **Friday 20 October 2023**.

VACANCY - Convent Security Office

Baradene College, Remuera

This special role requires the night Security Officer to live onsite. Accommodation in lieu of salary is included in the 2 year contract. For full details please visit the CDA Website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Closing date: **20 October 2023**.



Volunteers required. Our Diocesan Archives protect records and artefacts dating back to the earliest days of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ is moving from a paper-based catalogue to digital. This is not a paid role. For more details, please contact Keith on 09 360 3064 or keiths@cda.org.nz

Open Home at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre

An invitation to an open home at The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay on the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.

25th November 2023

Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols

3pm - 6pm Saturday. Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / **Entry by Koha** | Free Parking Available
Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal.



General Election

Make a conscious voting decision this general election by being informed in the light of faith through the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. Please refer to the leaflet 'Your Vote Counts' issued by Bishop Lowe and the Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland which you can find at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/>
Copies of the 2023 Election Statement flyers are also available for you to take home. They are located beside the main church entrance.

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

Linus Broughton, Dawn Rocca, Royston Beckham, AS, Margaret Everett, Lyn Sparks, Ian Werder, Maryke Lind, Joy Mitchell, Francis Morais, John Kainuku, Christopher Browne, Serena Coughy, Adelaida Sison, Rita Lopez, Wayne Barden, 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 . . .

Teresita Hontiveros, Br Gerard Mahony, Msgr Terry Leslie, John Fay, John Griffin, Chrissy Jacobs, Gregory Cambie, Andrew Afeaki, Stephen Nobilo, Mary Kemp, Wanda Ellis, Alma Tadman rsm, Kevin Gould, Peter McLeavey, Dolly Nursanti Tjandra, Hugh Laracy, Maria Leite, Rosario Jose, Basil Mayer, Msgr Vincent Hunt, Gloria Court, Mark Pye, Kumi Masui, Senia Auva'a, Erin Griffin, Florence Gomez, Dennis Mannex, Anna Noh, Wilhelmina Arnet-Schumacher, Colette McCarron, Alejandro Chan, Paul Lao, Iwona Konarkowska, Pedro Bautista, Dorothy Leuschke, Patricia Faire, Sarah Caulfield, Marie Green, Gregory Mascarenhas, Pat Hendry, Phyllis Revel, Eric Athaide, James Hurley, Thean Chuan Ong, Jimmy Kelly, Patricia Borg, Mary Hyland, Cameron Murphy, Louisa Potter, Guillermo Rabno, Kaz Wisniewski, Colleen Green, Margaret Stewart, Park Dong Hyun, Paul Shanahan, Shane & Allan Brewster . . . Eternal rest grant to them.