

## 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

No Saturday 9am Mass & No Reconciliation until further notice

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz

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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

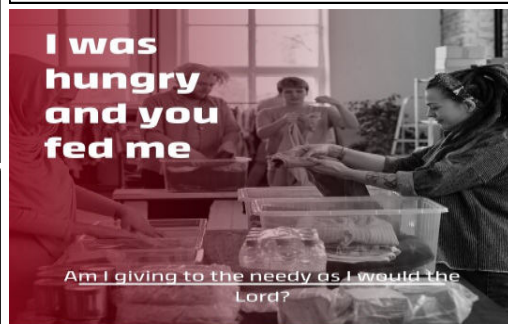
Our Parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. The donations basket is located on the right side of the main entrance as you go inside the church.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Contact the SVDP 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."*

CHRIST THE KING ~ 26 NOVEMBER 2023

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast of Christ the King as a response to the Europe of the dictators. His reaction to the bizarre certainties and all-too-human schemes for redemption that were on offer at the time was not to say, "Look at me, listen to me," but, "Look to him, behold the wood of the cross on which hung the Saviour of the world." This feast is a call to realise that truly solving the problems of the world, bringing about the reign of peace and justice, cannot come from any social movement or political programme. It can only come from realising that the eternal desire for a "one, true, king" who will fix everything can only be fulfilled in Christ.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus proclaims himself as King by declaring himself as judge and, indeed, the source of justice. Jesus overtly equates himself with God the King of the Universe, the one enthroned upon the cherubim who will come to rule the earth, who will come in judgement, as the Old Testament foretells. Jesus' ministry, in a world overshadowed – as it is today – by wickedness and want, is the triumphal procession of God the King.

It would, perhaps, be easier to acknowledge him as king if he did come to us immediately in that way, in a display of power and might. But the displays of power and might in this world are all too often disconnected from the true king and rather encourage us to bow done before other figures, be they political, or sporting, or entertainment.

The Passion we hear each year on Good Friday makes clear what our real choice is: accept this pitiful figure as King – 'Behold your King', Pilate scoffs – even as he hangs in agony on the cross ... or choose instead to cry out with the chief priests 'We have no king but Caesar'. If we choose Christ as our King, then we become citizens of the new Israel; rejecting the pretensions of earthly rulers, we acknowledge Christ as our King because he is our Lord and our God.

But if we do truly intend to accept him as our king, and commit ourselves to serve him, then we should not be looking to see him in scenes of power and glory. Not yet, at least. One day, we trust, we shall indeed see him thus. But if we are to do so we must serve him now, when we are more likely to see him on a cross rather than a throne. If we wish to see the "one, true, king" reigning in perfect justice and peace we must serve him in the least of his brothers and sisters because, here and now, that is where we shall find him.

*Blessings ~ Fr. Christopher Denham  
Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph*

### Liturgy of the Word

~ Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The Lord God promises to act as a shepherd to his scattered flock.

~ Psalm 23 *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

~ 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Christ has risen, initiating the resurrection for all.

~ Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus tells his disciples about the final judgment where people will be separated like sheep and goats.

**Next Week's readings: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 Psalm 80; 1Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Gospel: Mark 13:31-37**

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 7am Fr Tim Costello, SM  
Sunday 9.30am Fr Stephen Berecz

#### Mass times this week in Parnell

Mon to Fri – No Mass until further notice  
*As Fr Stephen recovers from his surgery for the next couple of weeks, there will be no 9am Mass and no 9.30am Reconciliation on Saturdays during this time.*

#### 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. New and one-off Donations to the Parish should be made to this New Account:  
BNZ 02 0108 0705969 000

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#### Update Regarding Secretary Vacancy—St John the Baptist Parnell

Applications to the role of Parish Secretary for the Parish is now closed.  
Thank you to all those who have expressed their interest and submitted their applications.  
Short-listed applicants will be contacted in due time for an interview.

#### NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 a copy (unchanged for 8 years). Please 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 if you prefer to pay online.

Remembering our Dead – This November, we remember in prayer our deceased friends and family members. Please write their names on the cards provided and place them in the wooden box designated for this purpose. The box will be placed before the altar during Mass.



#### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture

with Beate Matthies.

Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

#### Advent Retreat

Saturday, 2 December 8am-2pm at St Michael's Parish Remuera ~ 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha.  
Visit [www.remueracatholic.org.nz](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz) for more info.

#### Catholic Hospitality

In New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. To purchase the book, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

#### Monte Cecilia Housing Christmas Appeal 2023

We are asking for donations of children's toys and non-perishable food, which can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office in Mangere. No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community houses, so every little bit helps. For more info call

0800 624 848, or email us at

[info@montececilia.org.nz](mailto:info@montececilia.org.nz)

### Parish Coordinator Vacancy - St Luke's Flatbush

The Parish of St Luke's in Flat Bush is on the hunt for a Parish Assistant to join the team. As one of the largest growing parishes in Auckland, we wish to employ a person for 25 hrs a week as the parish assistant. Applicants must have the right to work in NZ and have a NZ drivers licence. For more info, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)

### Marriage & Family - Volunteers Needed

Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course. Contact Gerry on 02102247442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz).

### Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

#### Youth Ministry Officer

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time

**Youth Ministry Officer.** You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For applications, contact Leanne Killgour at [leannek@cda.org.nz](mailto:leannek@cda.org.nz)

### Witnesses of Faith Event

**Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm. Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland.**

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register:**

[www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses) or email [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org)

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

**on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert.**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

### Celebration Mass

02 December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all youth and young adult ministry leaders. All welcome.

### Taize Prayer for Advent

Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.  
Light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

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

Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Maureen Adsett, Fr Stephen Berecz, Bernadette Tan, Chonusi William, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, Linus Broughton, Dawn Rocca, Lyn Sparks, Royston Beckham, AS, Margaret Everett, 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, Benny Clynes, Eric & Rachel Smith, J. Harrington, Rodolfo Paragas, Virgilia Velasquez, Shannon Kavanagh, Dennis Obillos.

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

Tony Vela, Felicity Anna Dorbu, Andrew Sheedy, Alicia Chain, Sr Maureen O'Brien rsm, Michael Swann, Frank Neeling, Paulene Brommer, Msgr John Broadbent, Chew Sin Tan, Fay Hudner, Billy Plumb, Ann Mathias, Sr Maureen McBride RNDM, Fr Brian Fletcher, Heather Szarbo, Ray Columbus, Mary Ellison, Pat Langdon, Mary Carr, Stephanie Aspate, James Ropata, BJ Nathan, Norman Holland, Helen O'Shea, Phyl Dromgoole, Peter Wood, Erlinda Gonzales, Clare Free, Margaret Williams, Rachel Fox, Jim Waldron, Ian Stephenson, Margaret Williams, Mary Mullally, Jerry & Bridie Collins, Gavin Michie, Br Kieran O'Sullivan, Jack Waddell, Rhonda McMahon, William McCoy, Walfrido Fantins, Rodrigo Fernando, David Pfahlert, Catherine Brockley, Alexander Kerebs, Louis Luzuriaga, Bienvenido Kanapi, Richard Petricevich, Rosita Uy Lim, Bernardita Navarro, Bartolomeo Cas .. *Eternal rest grant to them..*