

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

Saturday 9am Mass & 9.30am Reconciliation.

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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).

Auckland Anniversary & Waitangi Day

Monday the 29th January & 6th February
are public holidays.

Mass times for both dates will be at 9am.

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

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PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 21ST JANUARY 2024

This third Sunday of Ordinary Time is now known in the Church as Word of God Sunday. As such, it calls us to pay particular attention to the readings for the mass. And we immediately find ourselves being challenged, both in the first reading and the Gospel, to repent.

For many of us today the cry "Repent" is something we are more inclined to associate with someone standing on a street corner, a staple of traditional street preaching, and yet it is something we should really hear more often at church than we do. In fact, it is a call we should want to hear more often. St Mark makes clear in today's Gospel that the call to repentance was at the heart of Jesus's mission. So it also, clearly, a key part of being a follower of Jesus.

But it isn't a comfortable call. It means facing up to the fact that there are things we need to repent of. That our lives are often not what they should be. Still more challenging is the fact that a lot of the things wrong with our lives are not just one-offs, or occasional hiccups, but continuing, repetitive, failures. The Church is full, in fact, of people whose lives are often a series of failures and, if I see that around me, I have to admit I see the clearest example when I look in the mirror.

That could be a depressing thought. However, Jesus's proclamation didn't end with the cry "Repent!" That was only the first part of a call that concludes: "and believe the Good News." Because repentance isn't chiefly about looking back at what we have done wrong. It is about looking forward to the change we desire to see. And the great gift that comes from the Gospel, the "Good News", is that we receive God's grace which makes it possible for us to change.

If we doubt that, if we get too depressed by our repeated failures, then let's consider those Jesus calls. Simon Peter, whose courage will fail in the midst of a miracle, walking on the water. Peter who, having declared his readiness to die will, when the moments comes, will run away and hide. James and John who will obsess about authority and desire a place at the Lord's hand, but be too scared to ask and get Mum to do it. And yet that gift of grace made them the great saints we rightly venerate to this day.

Blessings ~ Fr. Chris Denham

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jonah 3:1-5,10** Jonah, obeying God, warned Nineveh of impending destruction.

~ **Psalm 25** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

~ **1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Live with the awareness that our earthly experiences, whether in marriage, sorrow, joy, or material dealings, are fleeting.

~ **Gospel Mark 1:14-20** After John's arrest, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching God's imminent kingdom and urging repentance and belief in His message.

Next weekend's readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95 1 Corinthians 7:17,32-35
Gospel Mark 1:21-28

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND/OR www.livingtheword.org.nz

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5pm Vigil Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7 am 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 - 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

Thanks to all who have helped in the various ministries in our Parish last year. Thank you too to our generous parishioners who have continued to support our Church as well as our wider diocesan community here in Auckland. May you all have a prosperous new year.

Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass on TV at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

Resumes 4th February.

Farewell for Felina

Our parish secretary is leaving our Parish very soon. Fr Stephen has organised a little morning tea after the Mass this Sunday 21 January down at Notting Hill Café. You are most welcome to attend to this event. There is also a 'farewell card' which you can sign.

From Fr Stephen - New Parish Secretary

I am glad to announce to everyone that we now have a new parish secretary Nathaniel Hood. He is also one of our Musicians here at St John the Baptist.

Sacramental Programme for 2024

In February 2024 we will commence a 1st Communion/Confirmation programme for primary/Intermediate aged children here in the Parish. If you have a child in this age group and are interested please email the parish office with your contact details and attach a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The first meeting will be held on Sunday 18 February 2024 after the 9.30am Mass.

Latest from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

To read about diocesan events in the last weeks and start filling your 2024 diary with opportunities for faith development, fun and diocesan life download the latest edition of CDA connect <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf> - the link can also be found on the front page of the diocesan website.

Bible Diary 2024

For daily Prayers, Readings and Reflections, Saint of the Day. \$20 each. See flyer in the church notice board for details. To order your copies, contact Fr Prakash 0225852875 email prakashreddycmf@gmail.com.

Columban Calendars 2024

Is still 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.

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC SINGLE GROUP On 27 January 2024 at 4pm, we are meeting for afternoon drinks at Good George, Mission Bay followed by a stroll on the beach. It will be a very relaxed fun way to spend the evening with like-minded company! If you are interested, please RSVP to Auckland Catholic Single Social Group aklcatholicsin-glesocialgroup@gmail.com

NEW COURSE

8-week guided book study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love

— a classic meditation on Pope John Paul II's Love and Responsibility.

This course is for young adults (18 - 35 years) single, dating, engaged and married couples. Wednesday evenings 6.30pm - 9pm, Hillsborough. Starts Wednesday 7th February. Registration closes 1st February.

For more information and to register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

HELP MY UNBELIEF!

How can we find the "Galilee of Today"?

A conversation with
Monsignor

Tomáš Halik

7:30 – 9:00 pm
5 February 2024

St Columba Centre
40 Vermont Street

Supper to follow
Please register with
m.duffy@clc.ac.nz

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CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Ordnained secretly as an underground priest, now theologian at Charles University Prague and adviser to Václav Havel. Winner of the Templeton and Ratzinger awards.

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

Scott Hickey, Maureen Adsett, 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 . . .

Rocco Dimasi, Graeme Owens, Manuka Henare, Segundia Valleno Ayao, Bishop John Edmund Luck, Fr Eddie Mullen, Merv Healy, Peggy Baker, Catherine Hamilton, Doreen Colquhoun, Sarah Gordon, Bill Tyree, Ernest O'Brian, Edna Crimmins, Fr John Moss IC, Connie Ryan, Veronica Ayers, Joseph O'Keefe, Fr George Gillan, Gary Nausbaum, Margaret Stevens, Lina Nacario, Jenny Wallace, Frank Mc Geever, Sr Pauline Gallagher rsm, Sr Mary d'Apice rscj, Br Joe McDermott FMS, Harold Serpis, Lucy Vittachi, Mary Ann McKinney, Neil Collins, Walter Tipene, Peter Lynch, Fr Iosefo Rauvere, Tui Va'aa, Gloria Petica, Edilson Pinto, Msgr J Lyons, Sr Moyra Dunn rsm, Catherine Cooney, Sr Analulu Tanuvasa sm, Ian Sharkey, Patricia Shaw, John Swinkels, Albino Achas, Laura Richardson, Ron Moody, Joy Bannister, Mei Li Tham, Brian Cory, Siri Nanyambara, Patricia Wooton, Sr Mary Concannon OP, Tony Green, Michael Page, Georgie Palamattath, Allen Such, Raymond Staka, Cecilia Navera, Jennifer Conyers-McKenzie, Patrick O'Keefe, John Foley, Leo Creedin, Sr Patricia Hackett rsm, Eduard Ghilardi, John Laidler MHM, John Brennan, Carol Date Chong, Dennis Mallard, Eric Mallard, Michael Maher, Joseph O'Keefe, Fr Charlie Murray mhm, Michael Amos, Anita Geraghty, Rosa Zumaeta de Eguasquiza, Fr John Flanagan, Fr Clement Evans.. *Eternal rest grant to them..*