

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 except public holidays.

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 - Safeguarding

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 whānau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumātua, feel safe.

If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Nathaniel Hood and you can contact him 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).

Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6th February is a public holiday.

Mass 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."

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

"WHY ME?"—Sickness and Suffering

The story of Job is a man caught between deep faith and suffering. Though upright and blameless, he is tested to the extreme. He loses his family, friends, and fortune. Amid these series of disasters, he never gives up his faith. He defies all odds with these words, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We often ask, "Is this the way God treats those who keep the faith?" "Why is Job chosen to be a victim of pain, suffering, loss and sickness?" The most difficult question to answer is, "Why me?"

Jesus was a man on the move. He was always on the 'other side'—encountering people in their hunger, sickness, pain, bereavement, hurt and sinfulness. Amid all the tragedies of life, Jesus never got caught in this eternal quest, "Why suffering? Or Why me?" Jesus with the heart of a shepherd reached out to carry the wounded, to bring back the stray and to heal those most in need. Jesus gave hope to them all. The ministry of Jesus was not just about preaching and teaching. Healing was very much part of Jesus' ministry. The Gospel of today is about a regular day in the life of Jesus. Pray and healing go hand in hand. Jesus begins and ends his day with an intimate 'Abba' prayer moment. And in between these prayer moments numerous miracles took place. The gospel today presents us with the miraculous and instant healing of Peter's mother-in-law, those possessed with demons, and those inflicted by various diseases.

Jesus came to bring life and life in all its abundance. Sickness and suffering were often seen as a curse from God. But Jesus turned the tide and proclaimed that we are all loved by God in our weakness, suffering, frailty, and sickness. No one who ever came to Jesus was ever left unaided. A simple gesture of a touch, a word of rebuke to the demons, or an appreciation of one's faith were sufficient to bring total healing.

The ministry of Jesus' healing continues today in full measure too. All it takes is to approach Jesus the healer with faith and hope. We too are called to participate in the healing ministry of Jesus. We see it so tangibly in the witness of numerous doctors and nurses, hospital chaplains and healers. Faith and medication are twin sisters in the ministry of healing. Jesus is at work healing you both spiritually and physically. Rather than dwelling hopelessly on the question, "Why me?", its prudent to trust in Jesus who can make you whole again! You too are a miracle waiting to happen.

~ Fr. Glenford Lowe

Liturgy of the Word

~ **First Reading: Job 7.1–4, 6–7** Sorrow fills all my days.

~ **Psalm 147.1–6 (R/. 1a, 3)** Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

~ **1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23** Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

~ **Mark 1:29–39** Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

Next weekend: Leviticus 13:1–2, 45–46; Psalm 31/32:1–2, 5, 10bc–11 (R/. 7);

1 Corinthians 10:(23–30,) 31–33, (11:1); Mark 1:40–45.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5pm Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 7 am Fr Tony Dunn
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week in Parnell

Tuesday 6th Feb 9am (Waitangi Day)
Saturday 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

Sacramental Programme for 2024

We are commencing 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 Sun 18 Feb 2024 after the 9.30am Mass.

SHINE TV Mass resumes this weekend (4th Feb)

Shine TV resumes weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel.

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

SHINE TV Mass Recording in Parnell

All are invited to come and join for the pre-recording of the TV Mass on Saturday 10 February at 9am here in our church. This will be for broadcast on the 1st Sunday of Lent.

A conversation with Monsignor Tomáš Halík.

Help my Unbelief! How can we find the "Galilee of Today"? Ordained secretly as an underground priest, Tomáš Halík is now theologian at Charles University Prague. Come and listen to Mons Halík. St Columba Centre 5 February 2024 7.30pm. Followed by supper.

WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA

All are welcome to celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For more information email ManuelB@cda.org.nz

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/> and will be updated regularly particularly as resources become available through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations.

Past, present members, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod's call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February Poynton Room Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30–8.00pm. RSVP pas-toraloffice@cda.org.nz by 5 February.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Tuesday 13 February

is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2024, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information email scholarships@cda.org.nz

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton Pastoral Services

Pastoral Services Manager Vacancy. Pastoral Assistant to the Bishop, Leadership of the pastoral team, Diocesan Pastoral Planning. To receive a job description and application form, please email: jobs@cdh.org.nz Applications close on Monday 19th February 2024.

Mass for Deaf resumes 11 February

12 noon, 2nd Sunday each month. Followed by shared lunch. Poynton Room, 30 New St, Ponsonby. NZSL.

Women's Prayer Retreat

St Francis Retreat Centre. A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | Fri 16 Feb 5pm - Sun 18 Feb 3pm | Standard \$330

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join Titipounamu Study & Joy in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 4 Feb, 3 Mar, 7 Apr, 5 May 2024, 5–6pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

Combined Services of the Ashes

14 Feb, 7.30 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, with the Anglican Bishop, Ross Bay, & Bishop Steve Lowe.

Rite of Election and Call to Ongoing Conversion

will occur Sunday 18 February at St Patrick's Cathedral. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/rite-of-election-2024/>

Auckland Catholic Singles Group

The second 2024 Meet Up for Catholic Singles in their 30s and 40s will take place at 6pm on 24 February at the Lantern Festival held out at Manukau Sports Bowl: Te Irirangi Drive, Manukau City Centre. There's all kinds of stalls so the plan is to walk around, see what's on offer and take in the amazing lantern displays that have made the festival such a longstanding event in the history of Auckland. RSVP to Marie-Claire aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

Columban Calendars 2024

are 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.

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, Thiels 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 . . .

Craig Baguley, Rodney Denham, Ann Sayegh, Catherine Dervan, Jack Finlay, Colin Amodeo, Bunty Hart, Fr Ikenasio Vitalian, Beatriz Young, Johnny Hitiaa, Eric Thepeaut, Vanessa Ellin, Nonie Kiely, Msgr David Price, Letty Gonzales, Kevin Richards, Kevin Black, Dennis & Eric Mallard, Kristian Ramos, Peter Speedy, Jennifer She, Robert Sloan, Vida Delegat, June McCabe, Margaret Fitzgerald, Armando Maniti, Rojas Dasson, Claire Howley, Walter Nicholls, Joan Delargey, Kevin Ryder, Mariana Ramsey, John O'Connor, Margaret McFadzien, Calmar Gelling, Irene Stenbridge, Taitotusa Fenoti, Patricia Gildea Wild, Bernard Kelly, Marcelino Paderanga, Metui Latu, Monika Menartowicz, Justiniano Senior, Emilia Molinyawe, Phyllis Donegan, Marie Hawthorne, Carlina Veltron, Dellwyn Whiteford, Quentin Kelly, Bishop George Michael Lenihan DD, Bernardo Flores, Dominic Galosi OFM, Henri Belliard SM, Patricia Robinson, Frank Monteiro ... *Eternal rest grant to them.*