

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.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz

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Parish Secretary ~ Nathaniel Hood: phone (09) 373 3132

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www.parnellcatholic.org.nz

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

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

Mass for Deaf

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

Catholic University Ministry

[www.facebook.com/
AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)

[www.instagram.com/
AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)

Email: thechaplains@cda.org.nz

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

www.facebook.com/AKCYM

Contact Sam Brebner samb@cda.org.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).



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

EASTER ~ 31ST MARCH 2024

LOVE CONQUERS ALL: The Resurrection

The death of a loved one is always an unspeakable loss. Suddenly, everything changes. The inevitable absence of a loved one tells a story of pain, tears, and emptiness. The grieving period can take years to accept the loss and to let go. One thing is sure, and that is, we will never see the loved one face to face alive again. Easter is different!

Mary of Magdala was in for a total surprise. Early, on the first day of the week, she runs to the tomb of Jesus. Her expectation of a 'rendezvous with death' turns to sorrow as she notices the stone has been rolled away. Her only conclusion is that the body of Jesus has been stolen. She cannot keep quiet. Peter and John had to be informed.

Now begins the first Easter morning jog! Three disciples on a race to witness the greatest act of the Father's response to the Cross. Peter represents the icon of the 'primacy of authority', John the Beloved represents the icon of the 'primacy of love' and Mary of Magdala represents the icon of the 'primacy of witness'. First things first—it is dark, the tomb is empty, and the burial clothes are well folded. But where is the body of Jesus? John the Beloved gets it first. He believes. Jesus is alive!

We celebrate Easter—the truth of the resurrection is God's liberating love for Jesus his well-beloved Son. The Cross was not the end, the tomb was not his final resting place. The Resurrection is a strong reminder of the Father's response to the violence, passion and Cross of Jesus. The Father had the final word and victory over death was the Father's response to the Cross.

If the life, ministry, passion and death of Jesus is deeply rooted in history, then his resurrection is also deeply rooted in history. The witness of Mary of Magdala was not a hysterical invention. She is the first in a long chain of witnesses who proclaimed that Jesus was truly alive. The Roman Empire and the Jewish Temple authorities could do nothing to counter these witnesses. The prophecies of old and of Jesus himself are revealed on that Easter morning. He is the 'grain of wheat' come alive, the 'temple destroyed' and rebuilt in three days! He is the 'sign' greater than Jonah. He is the 'Resurrection and the Life'.

We too believe that God will extend that same graciousness to us all and that we too will participate in Jesus' resurrection on the last day. Jesus extends the same home-coming invitation to all of us. Death has no more power over us. We are an 'Easter' people and 'Alleluia' is our song.

Fr Glenford Lowe

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 10:34a, 36–43 We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

~ Ps 117/118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 R/. 24 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

~ Colossians 3:1–4 Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch.

~ John 20:1–18 According to the scripture: Jesus Christ must rise from the dead.

Next weekend: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 117/118:2–4, 16–18, 22–24 (R/. 1); 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6 pm

Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 7 am Fr Tony Dunn

Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

Monday 9 am

Saturday 9 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am

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St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday–Friday 7 am & 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**

Thank you to all who have helped

in the various ministries here in our Parish through the season of Lent and Holy Week. Thank you too to our generous parishioners who have continued to support our Church as well as our wider diocesan community here in Auckland and the Caritas Lenten Appeal. God bless.

Altar servers needed in our Parish

If your son or daughter would like to serve at the altar for Mass, please speak to sacristan Peter Lye, or enquire at the Parish Office. Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz. Full training and support will be provided.

The archives of the Auckland Catholic Diocese

will be providing a presentation, exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups. The presentation and tour will take approximately an hour on a Saturday morning. Bookings will be essential. The times will be 9.30 am and 11.00 am and the dates are: 27 April, 25 May, 22 June and 27 July. If you are interested in joining a group to visit and connect with our rich heritage, please inform the office office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Easter Monday

Monday the 1st April is a public holiday.

Mass will be at 9am.

Sacred Heart College: applications for enrolment

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 for 2025 are now open. An education at Sacred Heart College provides a foundation of faith and aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life. Places are available in Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2025, with Boarding available from Year 9. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available. Applications for enrolment close Friday 5 April 2024. Apply online sacredheart.parents.school.nz/enrolment

Sacred Heart College Fair

We warmly invite friends and families to the upcoming SHC Fair. This fantastic day includes delicious food stalls of all varieties, new and preloved items, a silent auction, the best quick-fire raffle in town, cafes, cake stalls, games for the kids, and much more. A great day out for the family. All welcome. Sunday 7 April 9 am–2 pm.

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10

Divine Mercy Feast at St Benedict's Parish

Sunday 7th April at 5:30 pm. 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free Parking at Wilson carpark & street parking is also free on Sunday.

Towards October 2024

Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/

30s & 40s Upcoming Meet Up

Tickets will need to be purchased for Bach's B minor mass on 14 April at the Auckland Town Hall. Seats in the stalls are \$45 and can be found here: [Tickets: Bach Musica NZ presents Bach B Minor Mass & Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Auckland | Sun, 14 Apr 2024, 5:00 pm | Ticketmaster NZ](https://www.bachmusic.co.nz/tickets/bach-musica-nz-presents-bach-b-minor-mass-brandenburg-concerto-no-3-auckland-sun-14-apr-2024-5-00-pm)

Contact Marie-Claire

akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

will be celebrating 40 years this year and North Shore Dove will be hosting a celebration at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on Saturday, 20th April, from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting with Holy Mass. Come and meet and hear stories and miracles from women who have been involved in Dove for the past 40 years. Please bring food to share.

Marist Catholic Primary School, Herne Bay

A values driven central city Integrated Catholic Primary School. Marist, Herne Bay is an un-zoned local school serving the surrounding areas. For further information email Sarah Gleeson principal@maristschool.co.nz

Vacancy: Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngāwhā) — Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week—days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ Applications close 5 April 2024.

Vacancy: Accountant — Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ Applications close 19 April 2024.

Vacancy: University Ministry Coordinator — Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Vacancy: Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us

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

Peter Connolly, Dorothy Wagstaff, 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, Adelaide 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, Thilisi Vern, Ivy Hi, Dina Miranda, 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 Sanchez, 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 & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alfred Metzler snr., Fr John Tollan, Eileen Finlay, Rosemary Christy, Shawn Ireland, Ellie Blackwell, Sheila Leishman, Kathleen Vickers, Tom O'Sullivan, Francesca Goodwin, Anne Cortesi, Claire Brown, Alan Edwards, Mary Beatie, Jill Martin, Nena Alegre-Valenzuela, Patrick Bolton, Rachael Farrow, Mary Watson, Marie Wong, Wayne Browne, John Gillespie, Rosaura Rustia, Teresa Rocha, Iana Van der Fluit, Mary Davidson, Pamela Woodlock, Hannie Leahy, Robert Vasquez, Rom Pereira, Helen d'Souza, Walter & Lucy Pinto, Uti Gandy, Louise Gomes, Benjamin Martinez. *Eternal rest grant to them.*