

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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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 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

Mass for Deaf

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

Catholic University Ministry

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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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 3RD MARCH 2024

Constructive aggression.

Who among us can deny that at times, more frequent than ever, our 'aggressive' nature shows up in most unexpected ways? Aggression can either be destructive or constructive. Our society is surrounded by aggressive policies and deals. We distance ourselves from people who have highly aggressive behaviour or attitudes. But not all aggression is destructive. Our anger, if well channelled, can turn to be constructive and well accepted. Slavery, Colonization, Dictatorship and many more vices were defeated by people who used aggression constructively. The need of the hour is to have more aggressive people and movements who can constructively topple today's vices.

In today's gospel, we see Jesus through a new prism. Gentleness gives way to aggression. His words are reflected in his actions—makes a whip, drives the traders and cattle, overturns the money tables. The disciples remember Psalm 69:9, 'Zeal for your house will devour me!' The cleansing of the Temple signified more than just broken tables, spilled coins or displaced cattle. Jesus was reclaiming the Temple for sincere worship of God. Purity codes and excessive animal sacrifices had devalued their beliefs in a God of love and forgiveness. Temple business went out of hand and became a breeding ground for thieves. Jesus was ready to go the distance to reclaim the Temple as a 'house of God'. He strongly reiterated, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a den of thieves."

Sadly, some see this gospel passage to downplay Jesus and his mission and label him as 'violent'. Jesus did not use force for his own advancement. He was at the service of his Father house and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God! In the Gospel of John, Jesus will soon become the new sanctuary where people can encounter God, in the person of the Risen Jesus!

We are defined as the 'people of God'. We are the Church. And, if we were to take an honest look within, there is a lot of cleansing to be done. Aggressive forces within and without are all out to reclaim the 'den of thieves.' It takes courage to be part of the constructive aggression to reclaim the Kingdom of God for the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim.

This Lenten season is an opportune moment to start with our 'own internal cleansing' and to weed out our habitual tendencies and sinfulness. Let our prayer be, "Lord, make me pure within."

~ Fr. Glenford Lowe

Liturgy of the Word

~ Exodus 20:1–17 The law was given through Moses.

~ Psalm 19:7–10 (R/. John 6:68) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

~ 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22–25 We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

~ John 2:13–25 Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Next weekend: 2 Chronicles 36:14–17a, 19–23; Psalm 136/137:1–6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5pm Fr Timothy Costello
Sunday 7 am Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass times this week in Parnell

Saturday 9am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am

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St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday–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**

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.

Bishop Steve to visit St John's Parnell

We welcome Bishop Steve Lowe to preside at Mass next weekend Sunday 10 March at 9.30am. Fr Stephen has organised a little morning tea down at Notting Hill Café after the Mass. You are most welcome to attend to this event.

Caritas Lenten Appeal 2024

The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā! Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can either use the single donation Envelopes available in the foyer or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/> for further ways to donate.

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EASTER MASS TIMETABLES

24–24 March Palm Sunday

Mass with blessing of the Palms at 5pm, Sat 23rd March, 7am and 9.30am, Sun 24th March

28 March Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm. Adoration follows after the Mass with Night Prayer at 9pm

29 March Good Friday

Memorial of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Shared ministries with EOHSJ

30 March Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 6pm

31 March Easter Sunday

Regular Sunday Mass times at 7am and 9.30am

1 April Easter Monday

Regular public holiday Mass time at 9am

Ministers of the Word and EMOHCs.

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm–3pm (with light lunch provided).

10th Mar | West (Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden)

14th April | East (St Mark Pakuranga)

5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/> or contact your parish office/priest.

The Upper Room Young adults

This event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Danielle Mourits. Thursday 7th March 7pm at Good George Mission Bay. Tickets \$10. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at felicity@cda.org.nz

SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend

Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED? We can't wait to see you at the SUMMIT 22–24 March at Sonshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29th March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz.

The Book of Job: 5 things to know before reading

Wednesday, 20 March 6–8PM (2x 1hour talks). Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Speaker: Dr Israel McGrew. All welcome.

Catholic 30s & 40s Meet Up

We will be heading to one of Auckland Council's Movies in Parks—Coco on 9 March: ouraukland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/events/2024/03/movies-in-parks-coco/ Luckens Reserve, Marina View Drive, West Harbour. This delightful Pixar cartoon is about a young boy navigating his family's ban on music while being an incredibly talented guitarist. We will meet at 7:30pm so we can hopefully find a spot for picnic blankets close to the screen. The movie itself begins at 8:15pm. RSVP to Marie-Claire akcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

Lenten Evening Reflection

Come along to an evening of reflective prayer with readings, music, and meditative silence to enrich your Lenten journey. Lenten Evening Reflection Wed 6 March 7pm–8pm. At the Mary MacKillop Chapel in Mission Bay. Light refreshments will be served after this time of prayer.

Woodcraft & Reflections on Stations of the Cross

Join us where it all began: in the parish hall of Maria Assumpta, Beach Haven. Bill Verryt will display his carvings, and we will pray the Stations of the Cross with the reflections by Beate Matthies. Saturday, 23 March 2024, 10–11.30am. Free. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/02/27/stations-of-the-cross-meet-the-artist/>

"Homecoming" at St Francis Retreat Centre

A Lenten retreat reflecting on Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm–Sun 24 Mar 4:30pm. \$330. www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz/

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

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, 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 . . .

Subulethmi Krishnan, Tony Porter, Sr Katrina Fabish rsm, Estrella Owen, Gia, Hannah de Beer, Marcus Gerbich, Msgr Michael Browne, Maria Choi, Kovacs Arpadne Magdolna, Maria Gheorghe, Neville Kerridge, Peggy Humby, Gabriella Marsh, Jessica Licayan, Margaret Davies, Patrick Buckley, Brendan Murphy, Sr Loreto Lennon rsm, Eddie Byrne, Halina Mercep, Clare Anthony, John Price, Barbara Wright, Philomena Moses, Mario Antonio, Joan Robinson, Teresa Wong, Hector Enriquez, Hilda Canova, Thelma Evans, Sr Imelda Lyons rsm, Kim Jung Ha, Janet Dyer, Catalino Cruz Jr, Albino Achas, Thelma Evans... *Eternal rest grant to them.*