

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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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

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

AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

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

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."

PALM SUNDAY ~ 24TH MARCH 2024

Today's Gospel offers profound insights that deeply resonate with the themes of humility and service, which are pivotal to understanding Palm Sunday's significance. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed as a king with palm branches strewn before him. However, this moment of glory is deeply interwoven with themes of humility and impending sacrifice.

In the reading, Jesus, fully aware of His imminent betrayal and crucifixion, chooses to perform a servant's task by washing His disciples' feet. This act, typically performed by servants or slaves, was a radical display of humility and service. Jesus, the teacher, and Lord, kneels before His disciples, including Judas, who would betray Him, and Peter, who would deny Him, to perform this lowly service.

This act contrasts sharply with the image of Jesus on Palm Sunday, where He is celebrated as a king. It serves as a powerful reminder that His kingship is not of pomp and worldly power, but of humility, service, and sacrificial love. Jesus' actions in washing the disciples' feet foreshadow the ultimate act of love and service—His sacrifice on the cross.

For Christians, reflecting on this passage in the context of Palm Sunday offers a profound lesson. It reminds us that true leadership and discipleship in the way of Jesus are marked not by authority and power but by humility, service, and love for others. Jesus' example challenges believers to embrace humility, to serve one another selflessly, and to remember that the path to glory is often paved with acts of humble service and sacrificial love. This reflection fosters a deeper understanding of the paradoxical nature of Jesus' kingship and the true essence of the celebration of Palm Sunday.

- Fr. Stephen Berecz



Caritas Lenten Appeal 2024: The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā!

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive! Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 are available in the foyer. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or visit www.caritas.org.nz for further ways to donate. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March will be sent receipts for the 2023/24 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after 1st April will be sent receipts for the 2024/25 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

Liturgy of the Word

~ Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

~ Isaiah 50:4–7 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.

~ Psalm 21/22:7–8, 16–19, 22–23 R/. 1 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

~ Philippians 2:6–11 Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.

~ Mark 14:1–15:47 The passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Next weekend: Acts 10:34a, 36–43; Psalm 117/118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 R/. 24;

Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–18

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Stephen Berezcz

Sunday 7 am Fr Stephen Berezcz

Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berezcz

Easter Mass Times at St John the Baptist Parnell

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.

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St Michael's Remuera Mass times this week:

Monday–Wednesday 7am & 12 pm

For their Easter Triduum timetable please visit:

<https://www.remuercatholic.org.nz/mass>

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.

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM

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

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

This year, we look forward to continuing our tradition of a Stations of the Cross procession through the Auckland CBD on Good Friday. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. Each year, hundreds of people from across the Diocese come together for this commemoration of our Lord's passion. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland. All are welcome to attend! Please bring comfortable walking shoes, bottled water, and a hat.

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 to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. Registration required

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/

Divine Mercy Feast at St Benedict's Parish

Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm. 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.

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.ticketmaster.co.nz/shows/bach-musica-nz-presents-bach-b-minor-mass-brandenburg-concerto-no-3-auckland-sun-14-apr-2024-5:00-pm)

Monte Cecilia Easter

Receiving a chocolate egg on Easter is something many of us took for granted during our childhoods. Being able to take part in this tradition alongside their friends is important for giving children a sense of connection and normality. But for many of the low-income families living in Monte Cecilia Housing Trust accommodation it's a tough expense to justify during a difficult period in their lives. Monte Cecilia wants to make sure none of the kids in our homes miss out, but with over 600 families staying in Monte Cecilia accommodation, it's a big job. So, we're putting out the call for Easter eggs, whether big or small, hollow or filled with marshmallow, we know our kids will love them all. Donations can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office, or you can help us with a monetary donation through our website, which we can then use to purchase eggs from local stores. Put a smile on a young face today, and help our kids take part in a wonderful tradition! montececilia.org.nz

Vacancy: University Ministry Coordinator — Catholic Diocese of Auckland

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Applications close 5 April 2024.

Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office

www.catholic.org.nz/resources/vacancy-director-national-liturgy-office/

Role posting closes Thursday 28th March.

Vacancy: Executive Assistant, Caritas Aotearoa

www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us

Catholic Women's League

CWL Ōrākei-Eastern Suburbs invites you to our event on Wednesday, the 27th March 2024. Mass at St. Joseph's Ōrākei at 10.30am, then to the Hall to hear a talk by Kate Clayton of Pregnancy Help, included is Morning tea and Lunch for \$20. Our donation goes to Pregnancy Help yearly. Learn what they do and your knowledge could help others. Ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/ 09-5212499 tinaraines2703@gmail.com

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.

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

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

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, Thilsi 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 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 & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Assinder, Mike Collins, Elizabeth Beckham, Bernadette Hague, Sheila Leishman, Tom Kiely, Peter Dew, Fr Denzil Meuli, Lyn Insley, Leentje Meeuws-Marten, Alan Grey, Kuinimeli Taito Tusa, Dylan Mika, Sue Wynne Davis, Olinda Dias, John Gillespie, Brian Watt, Edna Peters, Ross Jennings, Frank Neven, Sean Nugent, Mary Davidson, Ron Boyd, Eugene Mooney, James Little, Peter Tran, Lau Yuk Wan Fong, Denis Stitch, Tom Dennehy, Len James, John Rose, Jim Redmond, Nick McNamara, Frank Cordtz, Caroline Mitchell, Rev Joe Shepherd, Ann Roper, Pamela Law, Mohi Hotene, Benjamin Martinez, Gordon Palairet, Nativitas Z Baylon, Otilie Adelinger, Noel Fernandes, Pacita Yap, Zita D'Souza, Eulogio Avila, Mary Whitener, Mary Rahman, Gary Viskovich, Edna Cororan, Marcia Macedo, Sinead Fox, John Sullivan, Irawan Kwik, Julia Barangan, Nelida Cordeta. Eternal rest grant to them.