

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thechaplains@cda.org.nz)

### Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Contact Sam Brebner [samb@cda.org.nz](mailto: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."*

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 17TH MARCH 2024

John 11:35 is famously the shortest verse in the entire bible. Whether in the original Greek, Latin, or in English, it is only two words, in English: "Jesus wept." Powerful words, but also intriguing. Why does Jesus weep as he contemplates the grave of his friend, when he knows what he is about to do? Lazarus will be raised, why the need for tears?

But that is the point. This is the "raising" of Lazarus, not his "resurrection." They are two different things. After he was raised, Lazarus died again. This raising was returning Lazarus to everyday life not to the life of glory in heaven. He would experience pain and suffering, as a follower of Jesus. Indeed his second death would be not by disease but by murder as those who sought the death of Jesus sought also to remove the evidence of his miracles. That the evidence of raising someone from the dead would produce, not joy and praise of God, but evil plans and murder was good enough reason to weep.

Which leads to the question: Why would Jesus do such a thing to Lazarus? The answer is surely for love, but not just love of Lazarus. It was surely for the sake of Martha and Mary that Lazarus was raised from the dead. Jesus was restoring Lazarus to his close family and to his friends. That reunion was an undoubted good. And a reminder that our joy and happiness are not just for and about ourselves.

Love given and received is the heart of our true life. That is why Lazarus returned. In death Lazarus heard a divine command and he recognized in that voice the voice of a close friend. Jesus was not simply reanimating a corpse. He was doing something much more significant than that! He was showing that love of others, especially family and friends, is the core of our joy. And since family and friends await us also in the life to come, death is no longer something to fear for God's purpose must lie in reunion.

Sometimes the world around us seems quite chaotic but there is nothing more chaotic than our own death and dissolution. But if we believe that God has created us for a purpose then historical events only matter in so far as they affect the way that we respond to God. It matters that people are being born and that people are dying; it matters even more whether people are being born to a new life in Christ or have yet to respond to His commandment to emerge from our spiritual graves. It matters whether they are making their greatest desire and goal love, fellowship, and unity, or separation and despair. *- Fr. Chris Denham*

### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> April will be sent receipts for the 2024/25 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

## Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 31:31–34** The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and remember their sin no more.

~ **Psalms 50/51:1–2, 10–13** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

~ **Hebrews 5:7–9** Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all.

~ **John 12:20–23** If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit.

**Next weekend:** Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16;

Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 21/22:7–8, 16–19, 22–23 R/. 1; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND/OR [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5pm Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sunday 7am Fr Tony Dunn  
Sunday 9.30am 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](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz). Full training and support will be provided.

### St Michael's next Holy Hour

with Adoration, Benediction & communal prayer is on Fri 22 March 7pm at St Michael's Remuera.

### 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. For more details and to register (which is required)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PARNELL

#### 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



#### St Joseph's Feast Day: Prayer Ritual

to honour St Joseph, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay, Tuesday 19th March at 5.30pm.

#### 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.

#### Woodcraft & Reflections on Stations of the Cross

Display and prayer with woodcraft. Sat, 23 March 10–11.30am. 198 Beachaven Road, Beach Haven  
[www.studyjoy.nz/2024/02/27/stations-of-the-cross-meet-the-artist/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/02/27/stations-of-the-cross-meet-the-artist/)

### SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend

SUMMIT 22–24 March at Sunshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at [felicity@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicity@cda.org.nz)

### Catholic Women's League Ōrākei-Eastern

**Suburbs** invites you to our event on Wednesday, the 27th March 2024. Mass at St. Josephs 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](mailto:tinaraines2703@gmail.com)

### Time Out Days at St Francis Retreat Centre

For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May. 09 625 6651 or visit <https://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz>

### 30s & 40s Meet Up: Takapuna Beach Hike

At 9am on 23 March. More details can be found on our Facebook group page: [Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group | Facebook](#).

### Sacred Heart College: applications for enrolment

Applications close Friday 5 April 2024. Apply online [sacredheart.parents.school.nz/enrolment](http://sacredheart.parents.school.nz/enrolment)

### Vacancy: Northland Region Corrections Facility

(Ngāwhā)—Catholic Prison Chaplaincy. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week—days to be determined. Applications close 5 April. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

### Vacancy: University Ministry Coordinator

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.

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

### Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office

The NZ Catholic Bishops are seeking applications for the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. This important role promotes sound liturgical practice, supports the liturgical aspects of the work of national agencies and provides resources for parishes and schools in Aotearoa. Ad hoc projects include preparing national liturgical events and providing an Aotearoa point of contact for major liturgical initiatives of the universal Church. Key to the role is good working relationships with people involved in liturgy at the diocesan level and sharing the bishops' commitment to a bicultural and inclusive approach to liturgy. If you have a passion for the liturgical life of the Church, qualifications and experience in liturgy and good relationship-building skills, please consider applying. The role is part-time (minimum 20 hours per week negotiable) and fixed term (2 years). The office has space alongside the NZCBC Secretariat in Thorndon, Wellington; however the role can be based remotely. For a full role description, email NZCBC Executive Director, Damian Dempsey via [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz). Closes Thurs 28 March.

*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, Thlisi 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: Mike Collins, Fr Mario Dorado, Geoffrey Ricketts, Sandra Mews, Margaret Fischman, Audrey Hickey, Benito Ang Lim, Kovacs Arpad, Domingos Mascarenhas, Phyllis Geany, Tracy O'Brien, Lamakina Heeny, Thelma Sanchez, Sr Julia MSA, Clara Cabaero, Janet Hackett, Violet Rebello, Jan Borst, Jo Lawson Hitchcock, Frederique Romero, Jack Gifford, Rosauero Rustia, Eva Goodwin, Peter Bowden, Sheila Jennings, Bridget Daly, Rosario Chua Romero, Keri Coutts, Frank Neven, Seamus O'Reilly, Nacita Foot, Elizabeth Widarma, John Curran, Hector Enriquez, Tony Hartigan, Rev William Forde, Maxime Petit SM, Rev Patrick O'Reilly, Estrella Villarante, Winifred Hunt, Dean John Rhymer, Mario Alcantara, Patricia White, Bridget Daly, Kathleen Henderson, Albina Cumabon-Espiritu.*