

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 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)

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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."

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 6TH APRIL 2024

In John's Gospel today, we witness a profound narrative that encapsulates the essence of Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the transformative power it brings to believers. At its core, this passage illustrates Jesus' compassionate return to his disciples, offering them peace, forgiveness, and a renewed sense of purpose.

The scene opens with the disciples gathered together in a room, experiencing a mix of fear and uncertainty following Jesus' crucifixion. Yet, in the midst of their apprehension, Jesus appears among them, embodying the embodiment of peace and reassurance. This moment signifies not only the physical presence of Jesus but also the spiritual reality of his resurrection, which brings hope and restoration to his followers.

Central to this narrative is the figure of Thomas, whose doubt serves as a pivotal element in the story. Thomas's scepticism underscores the importance of encountering the risen Christ firsthand—a theme that resonates throughout Christian theology. His journey from doubt to belief highlights the transformative nature of faith and the profound impact of encountering the living Christ.

Moreover, Thomas's doubt sets the stage for the subsequent encounter with Jesus, which occurs a week later. This deliberate sequencing emphasizes the significance of the Christian assembly, where believers come together to worship and commune with the risen Lord. In the context of the Church's liturgy, Thomas's experience serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing presence of Christ among his people, especially during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through these encounters, John's Gospel invites readers to reflect on the enduring relevance of Christ's resurrection in their own lives. Just as the disciples experienced new life and empowerment through their encounters with the risen Lord, so too are believers invited to embrace the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in their spiritual journey.

Ultimately, John's Gospel challenges us to move beyond doubt and embrace faith in the resurrected Christ. It reminds us that, like the disciples, we are called to gather together in community, to encounter Christ in the breaking of bread, and to bear witness to his transformative presence in the world.

- Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 4:32–35 The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

~ Ps. 117/118:2–4, 16–18, 22–24 (R./ 1) Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

~ 1 John 5:1–6 Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

~ John 20:19–31 A week later Jesus came and stood among them.

Next weekend: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:1, 3, 6, 8 (R./ 6b); 1 John 2:1–5; Luke 24:35–48

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 7 am Fr Tony Dunn

Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

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 particularly Holy Week and Easter. 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 Good Friday Collection for Holy Places. 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

No Saturday morning Masses 20th & 27th April

There is no 9 am Mass on Saturdays 20th & 27th April. Mass at St Michael's Remuera is at 8 am.

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/

Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre:

Taize Prayer Evening Friday 12 April at 7pm Mary MacKillop Chapel, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, 20,\$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm Mary MacKillop Centre, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35 / \$25. Register by 17 April

All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

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

30s & 40s Upcoming Meet Up

On Sunday 14 April at 3pm, the Catholic 30s and 40s Singles Group will meet at Elliott Stables for coffee—before we go to Bach's B minor Mass at the Town Hall. All interested should email Marie-Claire

at aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com for the exact cafe.

Bach Musica is staging the magnificent masterwork, the Mass in B minor by J. S. Bach, written one year before the genius composer died. His Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 is also featured as part of the programme.

The performance begins at 5pm sharp, and some of those coming along have purchased their tickets around row SS, in The Stalls:

[Tickets: Bach Musica NZ presents Bach B Minor Mass & Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Auckland | Sun, 14 Apr 2024, 5:00 pm | Ticketmaster NZ](http://Tickets:BachMusicaNZpresentsBachBMinorMass&BrandenburgConcertoNo3,Auckland|Sun,14Apr2024,5:00pm|TicketmasterNZ)

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: Accountant (Graduate Role) — 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: 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

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:

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 Coughney, 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, 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:

Dorothy Wagstaff, Liz McKinney, Bernard Glover, Angelica Licayan, Francesca Goodwin, Eva Goodwin, Pat Sizemore, Anita Malcon, Aine McInery, Susana Soncuya, Patrick Regan, Harry Nash, Sr Margaret Fahey OP, Peter Ryan, Kathleen Morris, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uyttingco, Fr Brendan Sherry, Tom Hall, Ricardo Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Katherine Toland, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Larry Ross, Henry D'Souza, Tito Guleng, Brian Cronin, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Br Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glen Rigg, Caroline Mitchell, Sr Elizabeth Findlay, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Paul Duncan, Ans Vogels, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Dominic Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, John Fernandes, Philippa Geaney, Lester Ramos, Robert Beveridge, Clare Bennett, Frank Douglas, Cecilia Navarro, Ma. Lourdes Figueroa.

Eternal rest grant to them.