

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.

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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/
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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 14TH APRIL 2024

Today's Gospel shows the first disciples having difficulties and doubts about the Resurrection. Is it real, did it really happen, or is it an illusion, are we misinterpreting the evidence?

The English theologian, Aidan Nichols points out that traditionally, the Church has distinguished between difficulties and doubts. According to St John Henry Newman, 'Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt'. As reasoning people, we naturally apply our minds to our religion, including to what happened after the Crucifixion. There are difficulties here – about the sources, about the agreement of the witnesses, about the possibility of miracles even. We all encounter these difficulties, which are not impossible, and through them we grow into a more informed and intelligent faith.

Doubt is more radical. Doubt is wondering whether religious terms have any reference to reality at all. 'God', 'Christ', 'The Resurrection', 'The Holy Spirit', 'grace'—are those realities or is it all a game? Curiously, this kind of radical doubt is mentioned by both St Luke and St Matthew in connexion with the Resurrection appearances. With the risen Christ before their very eyes, some doubted. In today's Gospel, Christ has an answer why: fear and anxiety. 'Why are you so agitated?' 'Why are these doubts arising in your hearts?' 'Your hearts', notice, not 'your minds'. Something is wrong with their sensibility, with their passions, their emotions, and this is what is doing the damage to their judgment. This is what is causing doubt.

We can find those causes in our experience of the material world. If we are, in some way, fearful of reality in its richness and depth, we tend to clam up. We shut out the unexpected, which could be uncomfortable. We like to have things taped. We feel secure and unchallenged that way. Predictability is a comfort zone. A new reality requires a new us, and even in unhappiness we don't always welcome change. This is strange but true. 'Human kind', wrote T. S. Eliot, 'cannot bear too much reality', or, perhaps even, too varied a diet of it.

So, then: to accept the risen Christ, which means, among other things, to accept a new and different reality, and also to accept that we are going to be in some manner changed by him and have our lives interfered with. Which can be scary. But that is why Jesus's first words are: 'Peace be with you!' As he said throughout his ministry. 'Why are you afraid?' 'You believe in God, believe also in me.'

This Eastertide calls us to put aside fear, of change, of the new and unfamiliar. To seek something new that may transform our lives. To accept that how we are now is not the best that we can or should be. To allow our hearts to be changed by the true reality of the Risen Lord. And perhaps to ask the Lord to open our minds as he did those of the disciples, so that we can be his witnesses, even to the ends of the Earth. *- Fr Chris Denham*

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

~ Psalm 4:1, 3, 6, 8 Lord, let your face shine on us.

~ 1 John 2:1–5 Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world.

~ Lk 24:35–48 Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer & to rise from the dead on the third day.

Next weekend: Acts 4:7–12; Psalm 117/118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28–29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18

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 Stephen Berecz

Sunday 9.30 am Fr Philip Sullivan

Mass Times this week in Parnell

There is no 9am Mass and there is no 9.30am Reconciliation on Saturdays 20th & 27th April.

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St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Monday–Friday 7 am & 12 pm

Saturday 8 am

St Michael's Remuera Reconciliation times:

Saturday 8.30 am

Sunday 4.30 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**

Volunteers needed in our Parish

Vacancies for the various ministries in our parish are open. EOM, Readers, Greeters, Projectionists. Full training and support will be provided.

Please enquire at the Parish Office.

Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

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

Relics Tour

From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre:

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am–4pm.

Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, \$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

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 aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com for the exact café. 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](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/tickets/bach-musica-nz-presents-bach-b-minor-mass-and-brandenburg-concerto-no-3-auckland-sun-14-apr-2024-5-00-pm)

Catholic Women's League Ōrākei

invites everyone to attend our talk on Wednesday, 24th April at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Ōrākei at 11am. Mass at 10.30am. Topic:—Middle East conflicts and Geopolitical Shifts (which include the Israel-Hamas conflict by Professor Stephen Hoadley, Auckland University) In aid of the Palestinian Children in Gaza, working with Caritas Aotearoa NZ and their partners in Jerusalem. For more information and confirmation, ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499.

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/

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

have a new executive management position available, NZ Services and Property Manager. This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy, with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Diverse capability in strategy and hands-on management of planning, communications, property, IT, HR, Health and Safety is sought and ideally a tertiary degree in business, social services or similar. Further information is available on the ad in Seek, under the heading "Community Services & Development: Management." Applications close 6 May.

www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792

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

The Fifth Gospel Project

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words—before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz More information on this foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Lenses of Love—From missionary to bride of Christ—Come, meet and listen to Nina Talau as she shares her story and experiences, answering God's call for her in consecrated life and as a missionary in the Middle East | Mon 22 Apr 7pm | Koha/Donation | Light refreshments provided | RSVP emily@sfrc.org.nz

Gospel of Mark Retreat—Join the Secular Franciscans for their Annual Retreat at St Francis Retreat Centre, directed by Fr Merv Duffy SM, focused on the Gospel of Mark | Sat 27 Apr 9am–Sun 28 Apr 3pm | \$225 per person includes all meals and accommodation | Contact Paul 0274 932 921, paulhitchfield@gmail.com

Time Out Days—For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May | Thu 27 Jun

24Hr Quietude—For those who seek a short retreat—Fri 7pm–Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | May 17th/18th | July 12th/13th

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:

Colin Beguely, Florentino "Tony" Lazaro, Framina Davis, Coralie Eagle, Porfiria Caro, Gloria Mitchell, Len Fahey, Elma Penney, Anita Malcon, Harry Nash, Susana Soncuya, Marciana Bautista Abrogena, Queenie Taito Tusa, Patrick Regan, Angelina Licayan, Kay Black, Alan Edwards, Sr Margaret Fahey OP, Kathleen Morris, Peter Hynes, Patsy Dwyer, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Teodora Uytinco, Tom Hall, Ricardo 'Jim' Castro, Ans Vogels, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Glen Rigg, Katherine Toland, Miguelito Son, Peter Ryan, Barbara McKinney, Henry D'Souza, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Br Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Lester Ramos, Apolonia Jumamoy, Caroline Mitchell, Marie Stanton, Sr Elizabeth (Margaret) Findlay, Larry Ross, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Bonnie McCafferty, Bruce Christmas, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Brendan Sherry, Fr Paul Duncan, Brian Cronin, Fr Tony Davies IC, Eileen O'Connor, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Tito Guleng, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Frank Douglas, Clare Bennett, Dominic (Felix) Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, John Fernandes, Philippa Geaney, Robert Beveridge. *Eternal rest grant to them.*