

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

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 credit 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).

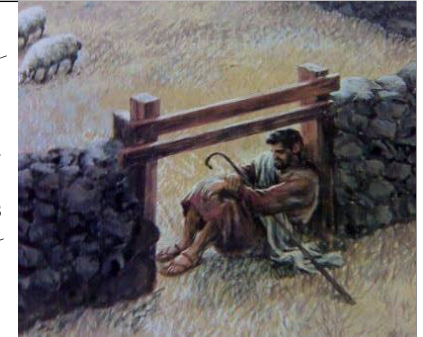


PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 21ST APRIL 2024

"I am the good shepherd. a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." I remember our seminary professor telling us that In Israel, during the time of Jesus, many sheepfolds had fences but there were no gates. The shepherd, himself, was also the gate for the sheep. It is scary and daunting to be a shepherd, a good one. He will be the gate who stops thieves, bandits, wolves and other wild animals from hurting, abusing and killing the sheep. Is it all worth it? That is how the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Anyone can be a shepherd but only a good shepherd will lay down his life for the sheep.



We live in a very difficult and challenging time. Doubts, fears, uncertainties and insecurities can be overwhelming. There may be bad shepherds looking for opportunities to take advantage of the vulnerable sheep. We have to be vigilant. We have to be proactive in protecting one another from all types of harms. We need to encourage more empathy and mutual responsibility. Sometimes, we may be called to make the supreme sacrifice of putting our lives at risk in protecting the sheep. As for the sheep who are on the verge of losing faith and hope, let us constantly remind them of Jesus' reassuring and comforting words, "I will lay down my life for the sheep."

"I know mine and mine know me." We are Jesus' sheep if we know Him. If we know Him, we will recognise His voice and will follow Him. And in following Him, we, too, will become good shepherds to one another. How can we know Jesus? We can know Jesus through the scriptures, prayers, sacraments and liturgy, the church and through one another for we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Today we especially pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray for men who will lay down their lives for the sheep. May they have enough courage and strength to embark on this journey of becoming good shepherds. May they inspire the sheep to smell like Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Blessings, - *Fr Gilbert Ramos*



Today is Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 4:7–12 There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

Ps 117/118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28–29 The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

~ 1 John 3:1–2 We will see God as he is.

~ John 10:11–18 The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Next weekend: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 21/22:25b–27, 29–31; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Philip Sullivan
Sunday 7 am Fr Timothy Costello sm
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/

CALL OF DUTY - A Life in the Spirit Seminar

for Young Adults (18–30 years) The one-day event includes talks from great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations, and good food. When: Sat 27 Apr • 8:30am–4:30pm. Where: St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna. Register for FREE at bit.ly/~callofduty

A Time for Every Season Series Pt 2 – AUTUMN

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 4 May 10am – 1pm \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 2 May MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 02109115260

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 5 May at 2pm (note change of date), Suggested koha \$10

Ignatian Spirituality NZ

is offering three individually guided retreats in Auckland this year. 8 days 21st–29th July, \$950; 6 days 18th–24th August, \$720 and 6 days 22nd–28th September \$720. All retreats will be given at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay and include full board and daily accompaniment by a director. Each retreat is limited to 8 spaces. For bookings email info@ignatianspirituality.nz

Let's Talk About Mary

8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

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.

30s & 40s Upcoming Meet Ups

11 May ACE KTV Karaoke. 15 June Pakuranga night market. Email Marie-Claire aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

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 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) | 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

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.

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

Credit Controller & Administration—Pompallier Centre—Part time—Fixed Term 7 months.

This fix-term Parental Leave, part-time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. 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.

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 Coughett, 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, Thils 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:

Joan Ferris, Tom Wiseman, Patrick Bogan, Alan McLeod, Mario Lugtu, Wayne Lynch, Ron Mather, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uyttingco, Theresa Udoye, Tom Hall, Ricardo 'Jim' Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Henry D'Souza, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Brother Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glenn Rigg, Sr Elizabeth (Margaret) Findlay, Larry Ross, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Brendan Sherry, Fr Paul Duncan, Brian Cronin, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Ans Vogels, Clare Bennett, John Fernandes, Peter Ryan, Dominic (Felix) Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, Lester Ramos, Tito Guleng, Robert Beveridge, Frank Douglas, Caroline Mitchell.

Eternal rest grant to them.