

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Mass Times ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 9.30 am

NO 7 AM SUNDAY MASS MAY–AUGUST

No weekday Masses until further notice except public holidays.

Saturday 9am Mass & 9.30am Reconciliation.

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Parish Secretary ~ Nathaniel Hood: phone (09) 373 3132 ~ Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz
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

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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."

ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ 12TH MAY 2024

To make sense of why Jesus goes to heaven, we have to ask *how* he goes. I don't mean whether he was whisked away on angels' wings or a cirrocumulus cloud. I mean that he ascended in his risen and glorious body.

St Thomas Aquinas makes the point that Jesus ascended into heaven as man. As God, of course, Jesus had no need to do so, he was eternally there with the Father and the Holy Spirit! So, the point, if you like, of the Ascension is that the Lord takes his human body into the glory of heaven.

The humanity of Jesus, the humanity we share with him, is not shed or dropped aside. It was not a disguise, or a temporary adoption. The humanity of Jesus is eternal. The man, Jesus Christ, reigns forever in heaven. But no man is an island; and we who are his kin, by blood and by baptism, are united with him and are to share that kingdom.

The ascension of Jesus, the head of the body of which we are members, is the beginning of our future bodily life in heaven. The Ascension indicates that the life in Christ we begin on earth through the gift of the Spirit has its fulfilment in heaven.

I have used the word "heaven" a lot in the previous paragraphs, because today is the feast that, more than any other, should drive home to us that heaven is where we are meant to be. Because of the Lord's Passion, Death, Resurrection, AND Ascension our eternal home is there. This is the feast that shows most powerfully that the great work of our redemption is not about taking us back to Eden before the Fall. It is, rather, about bringing us to a new and glorious life, sharing in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

This feast is where we really begin to understand why, in the Exsultet sung at the Easter Vigil, we speak of the Fall as the "happy fault." Because today we begin to really understand what God's response to our sin is, not punishment and destruction, but healing and transformation. Today we see a little more clearly, hopefully, truth of the words in the Preface for masses for the dead, for the Lord's faithful people life is changed not ended. Today we see how wondrous that change will be.

- Fr Christopher Denham

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 1:1-11 As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.

~ Psalm 46/47:1-2, 5-8 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

~ Ephesians 4:1-13 We build up the body of Christ, until we come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

~ Mark 16:15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Next weekend: Act. 2:1-11; Ps. 104:1ab, 24ac, 29b-31, 34; Gal. 5:16-25; Jn. 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

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There will be no 7 am Mass at Parnell until it resumes 1st September.

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 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

SHINE TV Mass Recording in Parnell

All are invited to come and join for the pre-recording of the TV Mass on Saturday 18 May at 9am here in our church. This will be for broadcast at Corpus Christi 2 June.

Volunteers Required

We are looking for two people to join St Michael's sub committees for Pastoral Care and Education. These committees meet roughly four times a year.

It is hoped that our parish representatives on these committees would meet with Fr Stephen and several others with the establishment of the Parish Advisory Group.

If you have an interest in either Pastoral Care or Education please consider these positions and contact Nathaniel at the Parish Office.

Safeguarding workshop

Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a safeguarding workshop in Grey Lynn parish on Wednesday 29th May at 6.30pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. 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. If you are interested in joining a group to visit and connect with our rich heritage, please inform the office office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Mass of Welcome On Pentecost Sunday 19 May

at 4.30pm in the Cathedral Bishop Steve and the diocesan community invites all those that were baptised at Easter or incorporated then or at other times in the last 12 months to the Mass of the Neophytes (newly planted in the faith) to give thanks for the gift of faith. All are welcome.

The Israel Palestine Conflict—A Perspective

from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

Jubilee Bursary

Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Ministers of the Word & Extraordinary Ministers

of Holy Communion. The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time.

Sunday 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this week

Pray the 'Eight Days of Prayer.'

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/ecumenism/ And join us, with the other Christian Churches in Auckland on 25 August 2024, 5PM at the St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mount Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens, Manurewa for the combined Prayer Service.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese

is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Part time Executive Officer

for the Society of the Sacred Heart at Baradene. This new executive management position is a mix of strategic, finance, governance, HR and legal responsibilities, with help to advance the purpose of the Society's mission. For more information, please refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles. EO part time SEEK

Pentecost Celebration 19 May, 2024

at Christ the King Church, Ōwairaka from 4pm to 6pm. Starting with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship (Please bring a plate). Organised by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of CHARIS NZ)

St Peter's College Palmerston North 50th Jubilee

St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee.

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 Coughy, 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, Vivian 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: Maurice Hall, Karen Tse, Patricia Maria Ong, Judith Parkinson, Kay Vlcek, Bonnie Shanahan, John Galumalemana, John Ikitongia, Patricia Yurack, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Tuhi Aspell, John Faire, Blessie Gotingco, Bridget McCullough, Lorna Wright, Anthony Lovrich, Joan Burcellman, Francisco Lucero, Robyn Sewter, Allison Waldron-Daly, Ong Liang Kee, Veronica Handojo, Joan Armstrong, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Br Reginald Burgess, Cathy Eman, Bruce Birnie, George Holmes-Kinsella, Frank O'Gorman, Iowana Konarkowska, Brian Hamlin, Gijbertus van Dam, Rex McGovern, Robert & Eleanor Drazsdak, Syd Tonks, Lionel Ribero, Maia Nguyen Thi Phuong, Angela O'Brien, Basiran Khan, Fr Frank Shannahan, Joaquim Menezes, Frank Sylvester, Jacqueline McVey, Paul Reynolds, Rowena Capundag, Dr James Cameron Bowie, Patricia Tunison Preston, Nancy Henderson, Mavis Jager-Smith, Philomena Wade, Bishop Phillipe Viard SM, Filipina Orpania, Perlito Capundag. Eternal rest grant to them.

St Michael's Remuera Holy Hour

St Michael's next Holy Hour with Adoration, Benediction & communal prayer is on Friday 24th May at 7.00pm

Female flatmate wanted

A single room in our spacious, warm flat in Epsom will be available in late May. Flat with 2 Catholic women, close to St Michael's, near train and bus, secure carpark. Please contact Theresa for more information: 0273891941, pattysplace77@gmail.com

Catholic 30s & 40s Singles Meetups

Upcoming events: 15 June Silo Park night market; 11 July Salsa; 8 August Ten pin bowling. Any questions at all, do get in contact. [Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group](http://AucklandCatholicSinglesSocialGroup) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicSinglesSocialGroup) Email Marie-Claire aklclatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

Help Needed to Restore a Beloved Statue

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is seeking a skilled volunteer to assist in repairing and repainting a cherished statue of Mary, located at our Mangere community site. This statue holds significant spiritual value for our residents and visitors, and we are eager to restore it to its original beauty. We are looking for an individual with experience in statue restoration who would be willing to donate their time and expertise for this meaningful project. All necessary materials will be provided by the Trust. If you have the skills required and would like to contribute to this special initiative, please contact Elaine at elaine@montececilia.org.nz. Your support would not only restore the statue but also bring great joy and comfort to our community.