

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.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz ~ Email: sberecz@gmail.com

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

[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."

PENTECOST ~ 19TH MAY 2024

"Come, Holy Spirit, I need you."

The Solemnity of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus, and the Apostles in tongues as of fire, Who came to rest on each of them. According to the Acts of the Apostles, they spoke in different tongues and in their own native language and yet they all understood one another. On the day of Pentecost, the church, the new people of God, was born. We are the new people of God. Today is our birthday.

As a church, we have been blessed with the gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We also have been given various charisms. All these must be used for the good of the church and the edification of God's kingdom here on earth. We need to work together. Let us help each other to achieve our common goal and purpose, which is, our holiness and salvation through Christ. Unity and peace are sure signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we end the Easter Season. But our journey with the risen Christ, Who sent us the Holy Spirit, continues. Christ commissioned all of us to bring the Good News to ends of the world and to testify to the Truth. With the Advocate on our side, we must be confident and courageous in bringing Christ's message of hope and love to everyone.

Our world today is heavily burdened with lies. Lies are used to escape from accountability and responsibility. There is proliferation of fake news. Family members and friends lie to each other to acquire unhealthy benefits. Spirit of Truth, come, we need You. We need You to expose our dark secrets so that we may live as children of the Light.

We are so divided due to pride, selfish ambition, misplaced priorities and sadly, even religion. Forgive us from our "holier than thou" attitude, insensitivity and indifference towards feelings and needs of others. Spirit of Unity, come, we need You. Gather us again as a loving and caring community.

There are wars and conflicts within and outside our families and communities. People struggle to make ends meet giving them too much stress and worries. Some people are getting anxious about the future. The problems of the world are affecting spiritual, physical and mental health of many individuals. Spirit of Peace, come we need You. Heal us of our brokenness. Give to us the peace of Christ. - *Fr Gilbert*

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 2:1–11 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages.
~ Psalm 103/104:1ab, 24ac, 29b–31, 34 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
~ Galatians 5:16–25 Works of the Spirit.
~ John 15:26–27; 16:12–15 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.
Next weekend: Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40; Psalm 32/33:4–6, 9, 18–20, 22, R/ 12;
Romans 8:14–17; Matthew 28:16–20

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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7 am Mass at Parnell 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

Thank you to all participating in the recording of the TV Mass on Saturday 18 May 9am here in our church. This will be broadcast at Corpus Christi 2 June. Sunday Mass is broadcast weekly at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

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

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.

World Youth Day Auckland

Saturday 17th August 10am–8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay
Save the date for this incredible experience! Young people aged 13–30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith.

Get ready for praise & worship, a special guest speaker, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, free kai, time to connect with other young Catholics, and so much more! Registrations opening soon! Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for updates or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Masterclass | Saturday 22nd June 3pm–8:30pm

at Te Kupenga 40 Vermont St Auckland.
If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. Registrations now open: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM to register or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Young Adults Ball | Saturday 14th September

7pm–11pm at Muhughs of Cheltenham 46 Cheltenham Road Auckland. Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'.

Early bird tickets on sale now: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM to get your ticket or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Auckland Interfaith Council

invites you to "Dialogue & Learning" Saturday, 13 July 2024, 11am–3pm Browns Bay, Bahá'í Centre. Guest speaker Professor Emeritus Peter Lineham on "Diverse Faiths in New Zealand—Challenges & Opportunities". For more information please check out our website at <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/diverse-faiths-in-new-zealand-challenges-opportunities/>

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

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust annual Winter Woollies Drive

As the colder months approach, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust invites the community to support our families in need through our annual Winter Woollies Drive. We are seeking donations of new or near-new warm clothing and bedding to help keep everyone cosy this winter. You can help by donating any new or gently used (and clean) warm clothing, blanket or bedding. Please bring any donations to our main office: 30 Windrush Close, Māngere, Auckland during Business Hours, (which are 9am to 5pm from Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 4pm on Fridays). If you'd rather make a financial contribution, you can do so through Monte Cecilia's website. Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support, so let's band together and keep our community warm this Winter!

Trinity—An Invitation to God's Table

Reflection day at Mary MacKillop Centre
Date: Saturday 8 June—9am–4pm
Cost: Waged \$35 Unwaged \$25
Registrations to Sr Jill mbspirituality@sosi.org.au
Ph 021 091 15260

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 | Facebook](https://AucklandCatholicSinglesSocialGroupFacebook) Email Marie-Claire akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

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

St Mary's College Past Pupils Association,

Ponsonby. ST. MARY'S PAST PUPILS MORNING TEA. SUNDAY 21st July 11 a.m. Alberton House, 100 Mt Albert Rd. Ticket \$25 (includes free visit through the historic house before or afterwards). Tea/ Coffee and Scones. Catch up with old school friends and hear more about preparations for our 175th Jubilee. If paying by internet banking here is the Bank number. ASB 12 3044 0414268 00. Please include your name and email me when you have paid. If you wish to pay cash at the door please email me to reserve a seat. Numbers limited so be in early. Deborah Railey pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat

Centre: For more info/dates and to book visit www.sfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651. **Time Out Days**—For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 27 Jun | Tue 9 Jul. **Behold the Man**—A retreat for men with Fr Michael Therese CSJ | Fri 7 Jun 7pm–Sun 9 Jun 4:30pm | Email

retreats@sfrc.org.nz to register your interest and receive more info. **24hr Quietude**—For those who seek a short retreat—Fri 7pm–Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | July 12th/13th.

Women's Prayer Retreat—A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | 3 nights, 4 days starting Thu 1 Aug 7pm–Sun 4 Aug 3pm | Earlybird (before 2/7) \$350 | Standard \$400. **Living as the Beloved**—Silent Retreat based on the book 'Life of the Beloved' by Henri Nouwen | \$599 all meals and accommodation | Fri 25 Oct 5:30pm–Mon 28 Oct 5pm | Email jmartin.blaker@gmail.com to register

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 Muldery, 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:

Monica Hunt, Marie Mole, Brian Gaynor, Bridie Mortimer, Joan Ward, Anna Thorpe, Susan Tye, Michael Burn, Sr Denise Fitzgerald rsj, Noel Doherty, Paul Reynolds, George Holmes-Kinsella, Bruce Birnie, Lorna Wright, Lionel Ribero, Maia Nguyen Thi Phoung, Rex McGovern, Angela O'Brien, Fr Frank Shannahan, Jacqueline McVey, Nancy Henderson, Sr Mary Gaines. Eternal rest grant to them.