

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 resume 4 May.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berezcz ~ Email: sberezcz@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."

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 5TH MAY 2024

John's Gospel unveils a tapestry of profound spiritual truths woven through the imagery of the vine and the branches. Here, the intimate union symbolized by this imagery transcends mere connection; it embodies a bond of love that should unify the disciples of Christ.

At the core of this passage lies Christ's boundless affection for his disciples—a friendship that defies human limitations. As Jesus invites his followers to abide in his love, he unveils a love modelled on that of the Father. This divine love, characterized by its selflessness and depth, serves as the blueprint for the disciples' relationships with both Christ and one another.

Abiding in Christ's love is not merely a passive state but an active commitment to living in alignment with the divine will. Just as Christ obediently followed the commandments of the Father, so too should his disciples adhere to his teachings. This fidelity in abiding in the divine life and under divine care mirrors the Son's own obedience to the Father's will.

Moreover, when Jesus declares, 'You are my friends,' he unveils the unparalleled depth of his love for his disciples. This proclamation transcends mere friendship; it embodies a love so profound that it surpasses all other forms of affection. In essence, Jesus communicates that nobody possesses a greater love than the love he has for his disciples.

Embedded within this passage is the call for disciples to bear fruit through their union with Christ. Just as branches draw sustenance from the vine, disciples find spiritual nourishment and vitality in their relationship with Christ. This fruitful union, directed towards glorifying God, underscores the transformative power of divine love in the lives of believers.

Today's Gospel unveils the depth of Christ's love for his disciples—a love that transcends human understanding. Through the imagery of the vine and the branches, Jesus invites his followers into a union marked by love, fidelity, and fruitful obedience.

- Fr Stephen Berezcz

Liturgy of the Word

~ Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

~ Psalm 97/98:1–4 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

~ 1 John 4:7–10 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

~ John 15:9–17 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Next weekend: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 46/47:1–2, 5–8; Ephesians 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20

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

NO 7 AM SUNDAY MASS MAY–AUGUST 2024

Starting this Sunday, 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

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. If you are interested in joining a group to visit and connect with our rich heritage, please inform the office office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May at 2pm. Suggested Koha \$10

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

Homestays for pre-seminary students

The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8–10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

The Israel-Palestine Conflict—A Perspective from Prof. 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 & 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

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

Ministers of the Word & EMOHCs

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, & practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend 1 of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish & presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a Sunday, from 1pm–3pm (with light lunch provided). 19 May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna). Register via aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/ or contact your parish office/priest.

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/

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.

Catholic 30s & 40s Singles Meetup, Dinner & Karaoke—11 May. At 7:30pm, we will meet at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden for dinner, and then, for those who feel brave, go on to karaoke! Please note that numbers are limited for this meetup—due to the maximum dinner booking at the restaurant—so anyone interested needs to get in quick! Any questions at all, do get in contact. Marie-Claire aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

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

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

Ave Maria Marian Prayer Evening

A night of prayer, music & reflection in honour of our Blessed Mother. 5th May 7:00pm St. Michael's Remuera

North Shore

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

invites all women to come and learn more about THE GIFT over two sessions at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. There will be two sessions about the Holy Spirit over two Saturdays, 11th and 18th May 2024 at 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. For more info. please contact Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com

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:

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

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, Thiisi 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:

Peg Taylor-Innes, Justinus A. Gunadjaja, William Yiin, Henry Martin Masringhas, Mary Culas, Dolores Santillan, Domingo Benitez Snr, Ellie Blackwell, Hyeran Baek, Peter van der Fluit, Peter Lau, Alf Just, Fengxin Wang, Ciaran Doherty, Tom Brown, Michael Byrne, Jean Meo, Mary Shirtcliffe, Darin McKay, Lynette Beare, Anastacia Estrada Sison, George Fraser, Jane Schollum, Jeff Kam, Lalia Osunsade, Sr Alice Tachen rsj, Graeme Marshall, Wan Hyong Choi, Brendan O'Malley, Sugaritha Joseph, Koan Antony, Angela O'Brien, Rex Mc Govern, Henry Shaw, Mavis Jager-Smith, Iris Day, Mercedes Manikan, Sharon Lim, Vivienne White, Sandra Sequeira, Dorothy Mulvey, Joseph Rajan, Lily Hoy, Philomena Wade, Douglas Mortimer, William Tapper, Beunarentura Galang, Kay Naidoo, Baptist D'Souza, Vern Anamallay, Jimmy Ong, Carlos Garcia, Jean Evans, Dudley Jenke, Roy Barden, Iris Macedo, Hope Buckton, Abelardo Comilang, Peter Ryan, Mary Angell, Edmund Fitzpatrick, Sarah Concisom, Guy Chambers, Fr Peter Durning OP, Aileen Belcher, Hip Yan Foon Kam, Edward de Silva, Fr George McHardy sm, Niko Bartulovich. *Eternal rest grant to them.*