

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 9 AM MASS & 9.30 AM RECONCILIATION RESUME 8 JUNE.

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 SVDP Food Support team at:

0800 680 090 or 815 6122

Email: foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

www.facebook.com/AKCYM

Contact Sam Brebner samb@cda.org.nz

Catholic University Ministry

FB: www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

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Email: thechaplains@cda.org.nz

Mass: Deaf Friendly

- 12 noon, 2nd Sunday each month. Followed by shared lunch (BYO). Poynton Room, 30 New St, Ponsonby. NZSL adapted.

- 9.30am 4th Sunday each month. Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Street, Balmoral. NZSL interpreter present. www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/deaf-ministry

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."

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 9TH JUNE 2024

Seemingly out of the blue, a good while after Lent and Easter, our Old Testament reading this Sunday calls us to reflect on the Fall. We are reminded again of our first parents turning away from the Lord's plan to follow the promptings of the tempter, and the catastrophic consequences for them and their posterity. But equally we are reminded that God did not leave us in that state. That from the beginning he had a plan to heal all the damage caused, and that he would do so through one born of a descendant of Eve, who would defeat and destroy all the plans of the enemy.

It is terribly ironic then that, when the one foretold came into the world, he would be opposed by those who accused him of being in league with the enemy. It seems that projection isn't a new thing. When we have become accustomed to a particular way of living and thinking, it is not comfortable to consider that it might be wrong. It is much easier to try to find fault with anyone pointing out the wrongness, to be suspicious of their motives, to perceive the challenge as a threat.

And yet, we should always be remembering that God does have a plan; not just for the whole of creation, but for each of us personally. He is always calling us on, towards that goal he has for us. The reality is, in this fallen world, that our current way of living is never ideal. Each of us has parts of our lives that are not what they should be. But change is neither easy nor comfortable. It is very often easier and more comfortable to find excuses to reject the call, just as the scribes in the Gospel did.

But, first and foremost in our minds should always be the fact that God is not seeking to lay burdens on us or wilfully to make our lives more difficult. The only thing he wants to lay on us is what St Paul, in our second reading, calls the "weight of eternal glory". God truly desires our greatest joy and happiness. His desire for this is so great that he will never cease calling us towards it. That call may not be comfortable. It may ask us to put aside actions and objects to which we have become attached. It does, in fact, ask us to be prepared to change, to turn away from things that we have been persuaded will make us happy.

Perhaps, then, we can begin to see more clearly why we need the gift of faith. It is faith that helps us to trust that the will of God is truly for our greatest good. That true joy and happiness is what he desires for each one of us. That the path he calls us to walk leads to nothing less than eternal glory. And so find the courage to keep seeking it, each and every day of our lives. - *Fr Christopher Denham*

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Genesis 3:8–15** I will put enmity between you, & between your offspring & her offspring.

~ **Psalms 129/130:1–6, 7b–8** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

~ **2nd Corinthians 4:13–5:1** We speak since we are grounded in faith.

~ **Mark 3:20–35** The end of Satan has come.

Next weekend: Ezekiel 7:22–24; Psalm 91/92:1–2, 12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10; Mark 4:26–34

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

7 am Mass at Parnell resumes 1st September.

Mass Times this week in Parnell

Saturday 9am Mass & 9.30 Reconciliation resumed 8 June.

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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.

Pyjama Drive

To help with the Sacred Heart College/St Vincent de Paul annual Pyjama Drive, we are once again asking parishioners to donate warm, brand new children's pyjamas. These can be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours.

These pyjamas are distributed through Starship Hospital's Ronald McDonald House.

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

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 McHugh's 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.

Catholic 30s & 40s Meetup, Silo Park Night

Join us on 15 June at the Silo Park Night Markets at Wynyard Quarter. There'll be heaps of great food stalls and amazing live entertainment—under the night sky, next to the harbour. The plan is to meet at 6:30pm & all interested should reply to Marie-Claire for the meet up location. aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

NZ Catholic

The Diocese has made the decision to transition NZ Catholic from a fortnightly printed publication to a monthly digital publication due to falling circulation numbers, subscribers & advertisers. The issue published on 30 June will be NZ Catholic's last printed fortnightly edition. More information: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/>

Catholic Diocese of Auckland Vacancies

Database/Grants/Administration/Fundraising Coordinator The Catholic Caring Foundation is seeking a well-organised multitasker, loyal team player with a dedication to caring for people and community for their small, busy, and welcoming organisation. This position is a full-time position, Monday to Friday. The main functions of the role are donor database/donations coordination and administration, Grants coordination and support, Fundraising support and donor care, Basic accounting and Liaison with key stakeholders.

Applications close 20th of June.

Videographer/Storyteller The Diocese is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to join our team as the Digital Videographer/Storyteller. This newly created role is responsible for developing and implementing proactive digital and video content for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, to ensure effective social media presence with all stakeholders of the Diocese. We are looking for a creative person with strong storytelling abilities and creative vision to deliver compelling narratives through video and social media content.

Digital Editor–Part Time The Diocese invites applications for the role of part-time EDITOR. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the digitisation of our current printed NZ Catholic newspaper, to write and lead the editorial function as part of a small and dedicated news/digital team. We are looking for a creative person with strong editorial and writing abilities along with an innovative vision to deliver compelling and relevant news and commentary.

Applications close 14th of June for both.

To view the full adverts and position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

SHINE TV Mass Recording from Parnell

This was broadcast last weekend 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/channel/UC...)

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 www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/diverse-faiths-in-new-zealand-challenges-opportunities/

Upcoming Retreats and Events at the St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days—For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 27 Jun | Tue 9 Jul | Wed 21 Aug

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 imartin.blaker@gmail.com to register

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

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Luke Sebastian Catiben, 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:

Ma. Sol Jimenea, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Denis Ryan, Jane Mary Menzies, Bishop Basil Meeking, John Smith, Bob Bovelaander, Paulie London, Mary Pye, Margaret Fischman, Palma Doyle, Tom Gregory, Dorice Curtis, Hernando R. Zornosa, Paul Ah Van, Joe Dargaville, Fr Craig Larkin SM, Adji Dojohartoono, Rogelio Electona, Nelia Sangaro, Mate Selak, Richard Turnbull, Pilar Asuar Puiggros, Pat Gillen, Jose Baetiong, Milagros Santillan, Domy Sevillono, John Daley, David Nobbs, Ted Doolin, Nancy Grey, Mariano Lim, Hoani Hotene, Fr Brian O'Neill, Ronie Villegas Maring, June Gaines, David Buist, Joshua Feehan, Fr Alex Taylor, Abelardo Comileng, Antonio Caro, Frances Kinney, Archbishop Thomas William Croke DD, Joan Wilde, Jenny Harrison, John Cleary, Allwyn Fernandes, Eileen Smith, Bernadette Prenty, Jim Laurenson, Simon Heer, Erlinda Alcantara, Sean Cautwell, Peter Cheyne, Br Edmund Kyne fms, Br Gregory Ryan fms, Fr Jose Gosano, Sr Mary Ignatius sm, Ambrose Loughlan OP, Eileen Belcher, Patrick Maguire, Marie Gifford. *Eternal rest grant to them.*