

# 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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[www.parnellcatholic.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz)

## Catholic University Ministry

FB: [www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)  
IG: [www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)  
Email: [thechaplains@cda.org.nz](mailto:thechaplains@cda.org.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](mailto:foodbank@svdpak.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](http://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).

## Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

[www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)  
Contact Sam Brebner [samb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samb@cda.org.nz)



# PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

*"Prepare a way for the Lord."*

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 16TH JUNE 2024

I feel sorry for my sister who recently lost five dogs to distemper. She did her best to keep them as comfortable as possible. She told all of them to go and have rest if they already feel tired. She never gave up on them. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away," according to Job.

The Lord said in the book of the prophet Ezekiel, "I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom." Everything depends on God for life and sustenance. God used the image of a tender shoot that grew into a mighty cedar to describe the restoration of the exiled Israelites. This happened because God said He would do it. And it did not happen overnight. The Israelites went through a lot first. But God was with them all throughout their journey. Our life's journey can be long and winding too. We have to trust in God, have faith in Him. He has our best interests at heart.

St Paul sought to encourage the Corinthians, inspiring them amidst challenges to be courageous. "We walk by faith, and not by sight." Our senses, sometimes, may fail us. Life can be hard and tough. We cannot be sure of what the future holds. We have to believe that God always has better plans for us. It is very tempting to choose the easy way, to do short cuts to get ahead faster. But if we persevere to remain in Christ, we are assured of His reward.

The Gospel affirms the themes of the first and second reading. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how." It is God's doing. God wants to do it. Everything depends on Him. Faith is such a beautiful thing. It is a tiny seed that can grow into the largest of plants. A friend of mine, who is a doctor, once said to me, "I can't imagine life without faith." One may immediately say, of course, he is a doctor, he must be living a good and comfortable life. Ironically, he has his own share of life's struggles, even more serious ones. I believe, it is genuine faith that sees through things and experiences. He, indeed, walks by faith and not by sight.

Jesus used parables and to His own disciples, he explained everything in private. We sometimes struggle with our understanding of the faith. The faith is definitely there, God planted the seeds in our hearts. But understanding faith entails reading the scriptures, listening to the teachings of Christ, prayer and communion with Him. This faith is so beautiful, such that, one cannot help but practice it. - Fr Gilbert Ramos

## Liturgy of the Word

~ Ezekiel 7:22–24 I will make high the low tree.

~ Psalm 91:92:1–2, 12–15 Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

~ 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 Whether in the body or away from it we make it our aim to please the Lord.

~ Mark 4:26–34 The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Next weekend: Job 38:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 107:23–26, 28–31, R 1; 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Mark 4:35–41

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND/OR [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://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 9 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 am  
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### St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass times:

Sunday 8 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Monday–Friday 7 am & 12 pm

Saturday 8 am

### 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](mailto:office@parnellcatholic.org.nz).  
Full training and support will be provided.

### 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. We give thanks for the work of the NZ Catholic staff, past and present. They have been amazing. They have told the stories of our Church and society. We ask for your prayerful support as we make this transition. More information: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/>

### Peter Snell Youth Village

Come and join us at PSYV for a lovely open day on the 29th of June. Email Janine [office@psyv.org.nz](mailto:office@psyv.org.nz)

### 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](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) for updates or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to register or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to get your ticket or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

### Building a Thriving Parish Part 3

Come and meet with clergy and parishioners to learn, share experiences, and challenges in building a thriving parish. Be inspired and empowered with practical tools as Dcn Steve Fraser shares how the Holy Spirit has shaped his purpose and mission. 7pm, Wed 26 June 2024, at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough, Rd Mt Albert. Register directly with Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Light refreshments provided.

## 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 [martin.blaker@gmail.com](mailto:martin.blaker@gmail.com) to register  
For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

### NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites all women to join us on TUESDAY, 18th JUNE, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. SOUP will be served at 7 p.m. The topic is BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

### 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](mailto:principal@maristschool.co.nz)

## 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. To view the full adverts and position description, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 20th of June.

### Study Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. Semester 2 starts on July 15th and new enrolments are due by June 25th. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/> To enrol, go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/> To keep up to date, like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theologyotago](https://www.facebook.com/theologyotago)

### Catholic 30s & 40s Meetups

More great events on the horizon: 11 July—Salsa; 8 August—ten pin bowling; 14 September—Dice and Fork. Any questions at all, email Marie-Claire [alkcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:alkcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com)

*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 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 Mulderry, 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:*

Tony Dinnan, Manuka Widdowson, Warlie Zuniga, Peter Watt, Br Bill Lawson, Patricia Loughlin, Jim Dowd, Tom Sellmeyer, Francisco T Lopez, Sophie Tipene, Ross Lipscombe, Primo Pascual, Tony McGlennon, Patricia Nola, Chona Brilantes-Bartolome, Pauline Lanigan, Nola Wolfgramm, Leslie Fester, Russell Gardiner, P Sylvester, Alexander Lee, Domy Sevillano, Maurice Pohlen, Karst Slykerman, Fr Jack Ward, Cecilia Mojica, Sr Grace Thompson RSCJ, William Charles, Rose Mortimer, Cathy Jaegar, Henry Amble, Patricia Tapp, Michael Soter, Vern Anamallay, Madurama Perumal, Zorka Boric, Ian Cowley, Owen Franklin, Jack Whooley, M Lobo, Esma Sissons, Theresa Smith, Mrs Joseph Lourdmay, Rita Carroll, Murray Gibson, Gary Leong, Thomas Vakkal, Ignacio Deiparine, John Arahill, Mary Joan Pratt, Marie Gifford, Fr Barney Bourke sm, Eileen Smith. *Eternal rest grant to them.*