

## 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.

Public Holidays 9am Mass.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz ~ Email: [sberecz@gmail.com](mailto:sberecz@gmail.com)

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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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### No cash but keen to donate?

Donations to the Parish should be to this account:

Acc. name: St. John's Parnell Parish  
Account N°: 02 0108 0705969 000

Set up through online banking  
or visit your nearest branch.

Register with the Parish for receipt purposes.



## PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

*"Prepare a way for the Lord."*

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 7TH JULY 2024

Today's gospel describes what happened when Jesus went home to preach the gospel. Put simply, it was a disaster. The people recognised Jesus. They recognised Jesus' wisdom. They even recognised that Jesus worked miracles. In sum, they managed to recognise a great deal of truth in Jesus' preaching. However, instead of accepting Jesus' message because of that evidence the people rejected Jesus because they thought they knew him. The people recognised Christ as the son of a carpenter and then they concluded that they shouldn't listen to him. Perhaps they thought Jesus should have stuck to woodwork. Who knows. Whatever the case they couldn't or wouldn't get past what they already knew about Christ to what else there might be to learn from him.

Even his own extended family join in the rejection. Hence Our Lord's somewhat bitter cry about the rejection of prophets by hometown and kin. We are also told Jesus is 'amazed' by the Nazarenes' lack of faith. We are meant to appreciate, I think, the personal desolation which rejection brings him. Mark wants to stress Christ's fidelity to the Father and to us despite all that he suffers so keenly at our hands. Mark stresses how much it hurt.

Why? Perhaps because what looks so much like failure, and what costs so much in desolation, is also the glory of an unbroken love, the glory which becomes manifest in the resurrection. Despite that rejection, which was to be repeated many times in his public ministry, Christ still chose to die for love of them. Love triumphs over abandonment in the forgiveness of sin.

That matters for us. We can't expect to do better than Jesus. It belongs to his and our prophetic office to proclaim a Gospel that may cause offence, may be rejected. We too, may find ourselves rejected, even by family and friends, for our faith. This pattern of preaching met by unbelief is, it seems, part of what disciples must expect in every age. We have to learn a certain resilience. God will do what God wants with our service or witness—as He does what He wants with Ezekiel's preaching in our first reading. That witness isn't always measured by perceptible results. What matters is that we find the strength from God to continue, and to trust.

Because, at the heart of this Gospel is hope. Our own failings and failures are real enough, our broken relationships, faltering friendships. There's hope because our messy reality is not the end of the story. We can dare to accept failure and live through it, even learn from it, because God in Christ has been there too. And just as the apparent failure of Jesus's preaching in his hometown did not turn him from his mission, nor should our failures daunt us. Because we hope and trust that the love of God can conquer all, even rejection and disbelief.

*- Fr Christopher Denham*

## Liturgy of the Word

~ Ezekiel 2:2–5 They are a rebellious house. They shall know there has been a prophet among them.

~ Psalm 122/123 Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

~ 2 Cor. 12:7–10 I will gladly boast of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

~ Mark 6:1–6 Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown.

**Next weekend:** Amos 7:12–15; Psalm 84/85:7–8b, 9–13; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:7–13

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

### \*NO 7 AM SUNDAY MASS MAY–AUGUST 2024\*

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

### 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.

### Shine TV Mass Recording at Parnell

This will be broadcast on 7 July 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>

### St Michael's Parish Winter Video Series

We warmly invite you to take a winter walk through 'The Mass' with Bishop Robert Barron. 'The Mass' video series is an invitation to be transformed through insights into the most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. St Michael's Remuera crypt 5x Tuesdays 23 July–20 August 2024 7.00pm–8.30pm To explore further and to register see our website or click <https://www.remuercatholic.org.nz/winter-programme>

### The Catholic singles 30s & 40s group is meeting

on Thursday 11 July, at Revelry in Ponsonby for Salsa dancing. On 11 July, we will gather at 8pm, 30 minutes before the class starts. Those who are planning on attending should reply to Marie-Claire [akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com).

### The Upper Room/Thursday 18th July 6:30pm

at Good George Mission Bay Young adults, you don't want to miss the next Upper Room! This event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! We're excited to announce that our guest speaker for The Upper Room is James van Schie, who will be covering the topic of Defeating Discouragement: How to Overcome Discouragement and Be a Person of Hope. This awesome evening of great fellowship and formation will be held at Good George Mission Bay, 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, Auckland 1071. Free on-street parking is available nearby. \*Event is 18 years and over.

Tickets: <https://The-Upper-Room-July.eventbrite.com>

### World Youth Day Auckland

Saturday 17th August 10am–8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay Get Ready for World Youth Day Auckland 2024! Calling all young people aged 13–35yrs old (and their youth leaders!) Join us and over ONE THOUSAND young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre HOPE IS HERE! Experience a full day of fun, friendship, and faith, inspired by our theme scripture for World Youth Day 2024: "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free kai), mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, powerful prayer experiences, and one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, and get registered now! Register: <https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com>

### Catholic Women's League, Ōrākei Eastern Sub-

urbs invites you to our event on Wednesday, 24th July, 2024 at St. Joseph's Church Ōrākei, starting with Mass at 10.30am followed by a morning tea and a talk by Ms. Toland on Dreams—why they happen and interpretation and more. Ms. Toland is a qualified dream specialist, a counsellor, nurse and has spent 32 years in a vowed life. A delicious lunch and sweet treats are served. Fee for the event \$20/—, helps our charities. For more information and to confirm, ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499.

### Young Adults Ball/Saturday 14th September 7pm

at McHugh's of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits! Throughout the evening, be enchanted by the melodies of our live band, whose music will set the tone for a night of dancing and revelry. Indulge in canapés fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Capture memories that will last a lifetime with our professional photographer, who will be on hand to snap photos of you and your friends against the backdrop of this magical event. Don't be late for this very important date!—secure your tickets now: Earlybird tickets are \$100 (until the 15th July). Standard tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out). This is an 18+ event. Tickets: [https://Young\\_Adults\\_Ball.eventbrite.com](https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com)

### Parish Secretary Vacancy at St Dominic's Parish

Role involves administrative tasks, financial reporting processes and managing invoices. Must be able to handle website and MYOB. Part-time role of 20 hours per week. Please submit your CV and covering letter outlining your interest in this role to Fr Ephrem Tigg OFM Cap on 027 714 9660 or [fretigga@gmail.com](mailto:fretigga@gmail.com) or the parish office at [stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz) The last date for submitting the application is COB 14 July 2024.

The Diocese is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, & highly efficient person for the role of

*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: Patricia McKay, Angelita Bauda, Leola Ellen Kirk, Fernanda Burns, Marie Allan, Felicísimo Baldo, Phillip Daniels, Elaine McGrath, Dawn Davis, Giandomenico Ghella, William Waby, Cathy Mika, Henry Abecede, Teofilo Damasco, Mary Rajan, Marie Stevens, Karen Smith, Tilly White, Mary Ryan, Peter Cheyne, Fr Ivan Lunjevich, Msgr Lui Tevaga, Zachary Abesia, Teodoro Abesia Jr, Agnes Pile, Muriel Fisher, Erin McCrea-Bartrum, James Young, Vivienne Lyons, Alfonse Mary Joseph, Tito Sinining, Mary Emmett, Keith Hamlin, Desmond O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Evelyn Price, Ann Johnson, Sr Joan Timpany, Mary (Molly) Neal, Doreen Cox, Sharon Lim, Edwin Escandar, Frank Antonucci, James Smyth, Don Cederwall, Margaret Scanlan, Peter Collins, Fr Eugene O'Sullivan OP, Rosa Almeida, Joseph Flanagan, Hoani Houtene, Mary Ferrario, Jack Toland, Norman Cameron, Tony Barbavich, Steve Fleming, Ignacio Deiparine, Eilenne Cleal, Ryn Hyum Lee, Jeong Waill Seong, Bock Lyim Kang, Fr Paddy Murray, Fr Patrick McCrory MHM.*

### Administration Assistant to the Leader of Pastoral Services

to provide administration and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and providing communications support for the Diocese. This is a part-time role of 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday, with flexibility of hours between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, Free Source Design e.g. Canva and knowledge of websites (WordPress), social media, Facebook. Can work under own initiative be creative and have a can-do approach to work and is efficient, accurate and organised. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website [aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies) Applications close on 23 July 2024.

### The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering

refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Sessions will be occurring through July, August and early September. South Deanery | Sunday 21 July 11.30–1.30 St Joseph and St Joachim, Ōtāhuhu. City/Central | Sunday 28 July 1–3pm Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Epsom. West | Sunday 18 August 1–3pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden. East | Saturday 31 August 1–3pm St Pius X, Glen Innes. Northshore | 15 September 1–3pm St Joseph's, Takapuna. Please register on [aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation) to attend for your parish, or any of the other session that may suit you. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or 021439407