

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

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
IG: www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
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

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



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARNELL

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 14TH JULY 2024

Three boys in the school yard were bragging about who had the better father. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$100." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$1000." The third boy says, "My Dad is even better than that. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes six men just to collect all the money!"

Sadly, there are preachers today who are mere "professional prophets." They preach for the money. While it is true, that as modern day prophets, preachers rely on the generosity of their congregation for their daily bread, payment, profit or income must not be the basis for preaching. Career prophets tend to soften their message and speak only of what their listeners wanted to hear so that they could win their hearts and gain support. Not so, with the prophet Amos. He delivered the hard truth to the king and his priest. He prophesied as the Lord commanded him to. In spite of the dangers of becoming unpopular, being rejected and persecuted, Amos courageously spoke the word of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus sent out His disciples, in pairs, to preach, exorcise and heal. They were to take nothing for their journey. They were to live in poverty and be content with whatever is offered them. They were forewarned of the dangers. They shouldn't be conscious of self-interest and personal comfort. They didn't have to do it alone. They have got company.

Life can be very mysterious and complex. We struggle to understand our experiences. We want to know our purpose in life, our vocation. There are so many uncertainties that lead to fear and anxiety. In all these, Jesus always reminds us, "Fear not," "Have faith in God," "Peace be with you."

To be a disciple or a prophet can be very daunting and overwhelming because of the dangers attached with being one. But let us not forget that there are also gifts and blessings. In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, through this beautiful prayer, we are assured of God's many blessings such as adoption, freedom, forgiveness, faith and salvation. God's grace is always enough for us. Let us encourage one another. We are not alone for God sent us all in pairs, empowered and blessed.

Blessings, - *Fr Gilbert Ramos*

Liturgy of the Word

~ Amos 7:12–15 Go, seer, and prophesy to my people.

~ Psalm 84/85:8ab, 9–13 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

~ Ephesians 1:3–14 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

~ Gospel: Mark 6:7–13 Jesus called the twelve and sent them out two by two.

Next weekend: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Psalm 22/23; Ephesians 2:13–18; Mark 6:30–34

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

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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

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.

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.remueracatholic.org.nz/winter-programme>

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away

to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6–8 September at the Friary. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 31 JULY. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings

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.co>

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 Suburbs 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.

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 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 or 021439407

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust seeking Property Partners

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is seeking property owners willing to lease their homes to help low-income families. Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of families in need. By partnering with them, you will also receive guaranteed rent for 52 weeks a year, assurance of tenant-liable damage repairs, hassle-free maintenance without facilitation charges, and no commission fees. To learn more about how you can assist, please contact Monte Cecilia Housing Trust on 0800 624 848.

A Time for Every Season Series Pt 3—WINTER Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 20 July 10am–1pm \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 18th July MBSpirituality@sojs.org.au MOB 0210710277

Taize Prayer Evening Friday 26 July at 7pm

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

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://YoungAdultsBall.eventbrite.com>

Want to learn what is Ecumenism

or Inter-religious togetherness? Especially what is the Catholic Church teaching on the ways and means to which we can respond to Christ's calling towards Christian unity? Or what is the life of grace, faith, hope and charity outside the visible boundaries of the Church? We are looking for volunteers to join us who has the desire to do the work of the Auckland Diocese Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-faith. Email us at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz.

Diocesan vacancies: contact the office for full list

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, 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:

Philippa Hall, Joe Hall, Annette Louise Linehan, Michael Murray, Simon Gibson, Lynette Wills, Rafael Panag Llaguno Snr, Sister Palencio, Sr Margaret Timms rsm, Maria Tipene, Sr Marina Norris rsj, Frances Denham, Gertrude Ng, Msgr Ray Green, Giandomenico Ghella, William Waby, Teofilo Damasco, Mary Rajan, Marie Stevens, Karen Smith, Tilly White, Mary Ryan, Desmond O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Price, Ann Johnson, Sr Joan Timpany, Dawn Davis, Doreen Cox, Sharon Lim, Frank Antonucci, James Smyth, Fr Eugene O'Sullivan OP, Rosa Almeida, Margaret Scanlan, Joseph Flanagan, Hoani Hotene, Mary Ferrario. *Eternal rest grant to them.*