

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.

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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

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."

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 21ST JULY 2024

SOLITUDE and SERVICE

Prior to today's gospel, much has happened! Jesus had sent out his twelve apostles to preach repentance, to cast out Satan and to cure the sick. They were cautioned to go in the firm belief in God's providence and protection. Their task was challenging but not impossible. They now return to Jesus eager to share their stories and experiences. On the flip side, John the Baptist had been beheaded at a birthday celebration that went horribly wrong. A drunken King Herod, a revengeful Herodias and a dancing daughter's request silences the voice that cried out in the wilderness. There was much to be debriefed. Joy and sadness, success and loss are two sides of the same coin. Jesus knows what is needed now. He says, "Come away to a lonely place all by yourself and rest a while."

Solitude and Silence are two precious gifts they needed to embrace. Silence unites, noise fragments. Silence calms, noise agitates, Silence purifies, noise contaminates. Solitude helps one to realign priorities, to take an honest look at oneself and to discover the power within. The Apostles had to learn from Jesus that 'Contemplation' empowers 'Mission'. Mission without 'Contemplation' is just a social enterprise. The Apostles were not called to be mere 'philanthropists'. They were first called to be 'WITH JESUS' and to grow to be like the Master.

Once the Apostles are firm in 'contemplation' they become Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Mission becomes meaningful and fruitful. Miracles are waiting to happen. Solitude, Silence and Contemplation now leads to unlimited service. Fishermen have now been transformed into 'fishers of people'. Contemplation leads to compassion and Solitude leads one to service. The crowds now have 'shepherds' after the heart of Jesus.

The gospel of today challenges us to find a 'place of solitude with Jesus' in our busy schedule of everyday. "Come to me all you that labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest for your souls," is the invitation of Jesus to our tired and restless lives. Resting with Jesus is not a passive activity. It empowers us to proactive service and mission. Resting with Jesus not only saves you from burnout but renews you for effective mission and service in God's Kingdom.

- Fr Glenford Lowe

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Jeremiah 23:1–6** I myself will gather the remnant of my flock.

~ **Psalm 22/23** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

~ **Ephesians 2:13–18** Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one.

~ **Mark 6:30–34** They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Next weekend: 2 (4) Kings 4:42–44; Psalm 144/145:10–11, 15–18; Ephesians 4:1–6; John 6:1–15

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 remueracatholic.org.nz/winter-programme.

St Michael's Parish Holy Hour with Adoration

& Benediction is on Friday 26th July at 7.00pm.

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust seeking Property Partners 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.

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering

refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children & Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators & volunteers involved in these ministries. Sessions will be occurring through July, August & early September. South Deanery | Sunday 21 July 11.30–1.30 St Joseph & 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.

Want to learn what is Ecumenism or Inter-religious togetherness? Especially what is the Catholic Church teaching on the ways & means to which we can respond to Christ's calling towards Christian unity? Or what is the life of grace, faith, hope & 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 & Inter-faith. Email us at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz.

University Students, Mass and FREE lunch every Tuesday, 12:10pm, at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland CBD Join us every Tuesday during semester at 12:10pm for mass, followed by a delicious (free) lunch. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on for Catholic university students in Auckland, please check out instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/.

A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers & sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses & food & housing insecurity. To make a donation scan the QR code, donate through their website caringfoundation.org.nz, use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname & initials & 'Caring' as references.



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 (& 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, & faith, inspired by our theme scripture for World Youth Day 2024: "Those who hope in the Lord will run & 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, & one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, & get registered now! Register:

<https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com>.

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, & offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, & materials & 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 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz.

Taizé Prayer Evening Friday 26 July at 7pm

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay.

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 Coughery, 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, Thils 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:

Gloria Alder, Tess Keenan, John Cardozo, Joseph Tan, Manuel Lundon, Brucie Ngapera, Philip Daniels, Sandy McInnes, Savio Louis Pinto, Brian Farrell, Bonny Bonifasius, Brendan McFadden, Akash Anthony, Teofilo Damasco, Murray Addlington, Jennifer Spencer, Mary Matijasevich, Lyn Wolfgram, Gordon Russell, Selwyn Winters, Albie Wiggins, Cathy Mika, Marietta Brochner, Rebecca Rivers, Glenette Menzie, Anne Shanley, Sr Jean Sinclair, Sr Peggy Browne DOLC, Wenceslas Anthony, Molly O'Keefe, Epiena Lomu, Br Brian O'Kane, Fr Aquinas McComb OP, Harold Plumley, Glennis Manning, Taito Etevis McCabe, Megan Small, Maureen Hammond, Fr Chuck Gallagher SJ, Nena Dizon, Maria Lainez, Mary Neal, Anurag Jose, Fr Patrick McHugh, Mary Kurian, Agnes Pile, Nena De Guzman, Terese Van Damm, Doug Knight, Fr Gerry Cushlow, Jim Whelan, Keith Hamlin, Alphons Mary Joseph, Br Paul Kent, Kevin Murphy, Mabel Hogg, Ruth Dimadulae, Romeo Abcede, Rosa Almeida, Edwin Escandor, Ann Johnson, Elizabeth Price, Geoffrey Walton, Fr MacDonald MHM. *Eternal rest grant to them.*

Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September

7pm at McHughs 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: Standard tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out). *This is an 18+ event.

Tickets: YoungAdultsBall.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 & a talk by Ms. Toland on Dreams—why they happen & interpretation & more. Ms. Toland is a qualified dream specialist, a counsellor, nurse & has spent 32 years in a vowed life. A delicious lunch & sweet treats are served. Fee for the event \$20/—, helps our charities. For more information & to confirm, ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/ 09-5212499.