

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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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)

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43 Wyndham Street, Auckland CBD 1010
Tel: (09) 365 1693
Email: info@thesquaregiftstore.co.nz

Catholic University Ministry

FB: www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
IG: www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
Email: 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

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

www.facebook.com/AKCYM
Contact Sam Brebner samb@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."

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 28TH JULY 2024

The Gospel this week presents John's version of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, a narrative rich in spiritual significance and profound teachings. This passage not only portrays Jesus' divine power but also underscores essential aspects of his ministry and the nature of faith.

The story begins with Jesus encountering a large crowd following him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Recognizing their physical need for sustenance, Jesus initiates a test for his disciples by asking Philip where they could buy bread to feed the multitude. Philip's response reveals a limited perspective, focusing solely on the practical impossibility of such a feat given the size of the crowd and the available resources. Andrew, another disciple, brings a boy forward with five barley loaves and two fish, but he, too, questions the insufficiency of these provisions in the face of such a great need.

Jesus responds by performing a miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish, feeding the entire multitude with an abundance of food, with twelve baskets of leftovers collected afterward. This extraordinary event demonstrates Jesus' power over the material world, foreshadowing the spiritual nourishment he provides to those who believe in him. It also echoes the provision of manna to the Israelites in the wilderness, emphasizing Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promises and the embodiment of divine sustenance.

Furthermore, the passage highlights themes of faith and discipleship. Jesus' question to Philip serves as a test of faith, challenging his disciples to trust in divine providence rather than relying solely on human understanding and resources. The response of the boy, offering his meagre provisions without hesitation, contrasts with the doubt of the disciples, illustrating the simplicity and sincerity of childlike faith.

Moreover, the role of the disciples in distributing the food underscores their participation in Jesus' ministry of compassion and service. As they obediently follow Jesus' instructions, they become conduits of his grace, witnessing firsthand the miraculous power of God at work in their midst.

John's Gospel presents a compelling narrative of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand, conveying profound spiritual truths about his identity as the bread of life, the significance of faith, and the call to discipleship. Through this miraculous sign, Jesus reveals himself as the source of true nourishment for both body and soul, inviting all who believe in him to partake of the abundant life he offers. - *Fr Stephen*

Liturgy of the Word

~ 2 (4) Kings 4:42–44 They shall eat and have some left.

~ Psalm 144/145:10–11, 15–18 The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

~ Ephesians 4:1–6 There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

~ John 6:1–15 Jesus distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Next weekend: Ex 16:2–4, 12–15, 31a; Ps 77/78:3, 4b, 23–25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20–24; Jn 6:24–35

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.

World Youth Day Auckland, Saturday 17 August

10am–8:30pm, at Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St—Calling all young people aged 13–35yrs old (& their youth leaders)! Join us & over ONE THOUSAND young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre. Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free!) kai, mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, & one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, & register here: WYDAK24.eventbrite.com

G.I.F.T. THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON

After 48 years we are leaving the Telford Ave Centre & moving to the Pompallier Centre. Please join us on Saturday 3rd August, 1pm–4pm at 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. All intellectually disabled friends & support people WELCOME.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

on Friday 2nd August 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Safeguarding workshop

Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a safeguarding workshop in Ōrākei parish on Monday 12th August at 7pm. Any parish volunteers working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. Email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

Royal Commission into Abuse in Care

On 25 June the Royal Commission presented its final report. Church leaders have publicly thanked the Inquiry for the work they have done in preparing this report. The Catholic bishops and congregational leaders acknowledge the Church's history and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. Over the past 30 years, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa has made significant progress in responding to reports of abuse and safeguarding. Our focus on safeguarding and care is informed by the past and aims to ensure that people are safe in care today. All are encouraged to engage with the work of the Royal Commission via their website—www.abuseincare.org.nz/. The Church's response has been coordinated by Te Rōpū Tautoko—Visit their website—tautoko.catholic.org.nz/. The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. Complaints of sexual abuse against church personnel in New Zealand are referred to the Church's National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS). Increased public discussion, such as with the Inquiry, can be the catalyst for people to come forward. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact NOPS, for your story to be heard and your complaint to be investigated. Alternately you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this.

Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz Phone: 0800 114 622 Web: safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/.

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage

26–29 October 2024.

Hokianga. Walk 100km over four days. Daily Mass & Confession. Meals & accommodation included. Visit fopp.nz or scan the QR Code to register.



Special Mass for Loss of a Child

A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. The Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist help facilitate healing through fully knowing God's love & mercy. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera Saturday 7th September 5.00pm. Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell on behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615.

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/.

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. 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.

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, Roy Bratton, John & Rosa Williams, Michael Wong, Yaroslav Khmel, Rosa Santos, Linus Broughton, Dawn Rocca, Maureen 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 Sanchez, 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:

Matthew Chen, Wendy Peters, Cristina Lelis, Kovacs Arpad, Paul Barnao, Maurice Caddell, Margaret Craddock, Simon Cotton, Pat McKinnon, Laura Divinagracia, Matthew Chen, Nada Druskovich, Halsey Ellie, Nikola Druskovich, Patrick Tarr, Rodolfo Banzon, Manuel Navarro, Fr Peter Prendergast, Michael O'Shea Snr, Makere Hurley, Warren Rogan, Finbar Drohan, Martha Moore, Eddy Wroblewski, Oscar Miranda, Nenea Dizon, Vern Peters, Mary Wollaston, Mikio Tsukamoto, Alison Laurent, Pat Sheehan, Jenny Fox, Douglas Peacocke, Thomas Johns, Margaret Dowell, Elpido & Teresita Delvalle, Elfren Ciron, Sr Elizabeth Hickey RSJ, Maureen Hammond, Peter Dillon, Jocelyn Quinnell, Jane Fromont, Sr Marcelle Walsh, Anthony James, Teresa Romagnino, Peter Collins, Deidre Airey, Msgr James Hackett, Nancy Fahy, Jose Sanicas, Justin Hassan, Tony Marinovich, Bonnie Miles, Katherine Donnelly, Kevin McNamara, Kevin Mallon, Michael Coleman, May De Goldi, Fr Vince Moody. *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 30s & 40s Meetup @ Newmarket Tenpin

Bowling—8 August

The Catholic singles 30s & 40s group are having a meetup at Newmarket Tenpin Bowling on Thursday 8 August. We'll start at 6:30pm and knock down a few pins for a game or two :)

All who are interested should email aklcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com so we can get an idea of teams. More meetups on the way: 14 September Dice and Fork; 19 October Mini Golf; 12 November Museum late night.

Ngā mihi, Marie-Claire.