

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

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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."

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4TH AUGUST 2024

One of the issues with passages of writing that we know well, and that have a famous line near the end, is that we are inclined to automatically jump forward to those well know words. In the process we can skip over some rather important words that come before. We find such words near the start of today's Gospel.

Our Lord and the disciples have escaped the crowd, but they have caught up with him and ask him when he came to the place. Yet it is his response to this question that stands out clearly: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.'

The crowd are dancing around the question they really want to ask: "Will you keep feeding us?" And so, Jesus goes right to the heart of the matter. We might, in our comfort, think that the people are shallow, just worrying about their stomachs. But they are poor people, hunger is a real issue for them. All the same, Jesus has come not to satisfy that physical hunger, but a much greater one. He has come to them to offer his own self—the true bread, the one who will satisfy their ultimate need. And we know that this ultimate satisfaction comes because Our Lord is God himself, and it is in God that all desire finds its ultimate fulfilment.

But that recognition should challenge us to consider our own true need. All too often our priorities don't take into full consideration that the fulfilment of our desires can only be found in God. We so often put all kinds of other things—other needs, desires, and so on before God, even to the extent that they can take over, even rule our entire lives. We do this for many reasons, but usually because we seek the tangible, short term realm of pleasurable things of various kinds, failing to put them in their proper place, and failing to allow God to be God, the centre of our lives. In doing so we go down a path of unhappiness and disappointment; or even worse, self-destruction. So, we need to be alert to the ways in which we allow the ordinary things of life to take over to the extent that we can no longer see God as the goal of our lives.

To avoid such problems, or to set us back on the right path, we should not underestimate the great power that comes to us through prayer and the sacraments. We are refined by God when we spend time with him in prayer, especially when in prayer we can admit to the Lord that things are not as they should be, that we want things to be different, and that we want the help of his grace to desire him above all else. Confession gives us the means to renew grace within us when we acknowledge to the Lord those things that we have put before him in our lives; the things which we have valued more than we should have, or which have not been in their proper place. And, of course, we have our reception of Christ's body and blood in the Holy Eucharist, where receive him who is the bread of life, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings. ~ Fr Christopher

Liturgy of the Word

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15, 31a I am going to rain bread from heaven for you.

Ps 77/78:3, 4b, 23-25, 54 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephes 4:17, 20-24 Clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God.

Jn 6:24-35 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, & whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Next weekend: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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.

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.

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.

NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP

invites all women to our meeting on Tuesday, 20th Aug 2024, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

"Sacramentum,"

the Sacred Heart College Senior Choir with Years 9-13 students, will participate in the 9.30am parish Eucharist on Sunday 4 August. The choir has recently competed in the Big Sing Singing Competition with other Auckland Secondary Schools and for the first time in the history of the College it has made it through to the prestigious Cadenza final. This will be held in Rotorua later in August and is a remarkable achievement. As the boys prepare for this exciting opportunity, they are seeking financial support to help cover the costs associated with travel, accommodation and other associated expenses. Any contributions to assist would be greatly appreciated. Donations are tax deductible and will be receipted using the QR-code attached. Any enquiries contact Julia Burdon (09) 529 3660 or jbardon@sacredheart.school.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/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/).

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.

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.

Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph are at 7 am, 12.15 pm & a special after work time of 5.30 pm. \$4.50 MASS PARKING is available for the 5.30 pm Mass only at the Wilson's car park on Hobson St using the ParkMate App. Please use the Promo Code STPATS.

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 August & early September. 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.

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 Marie-Claire aklcatholiccinglesocialgroup@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.

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 Mellling, 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:

Judy Healy, Arthur Cole, Oralia Sieglar, Anthony Baptista, Stephen Nuimata, Stephen Orbell, Wendy Peters, Don Matthews, Matthew Chen, Fr David Whelan MHM, Bishop Stuart O'Connell SM, Anne Medrano, Kerry Lock, Mary Farmer, Ron Wilkie, Jim Robie, Kevin O'Connor, Myrna Rebancos, Brian Farrell, Kitty McKewen, Margaret Craddock, Nada Druskovich, Nikola Druskovich, Adriana Veronese, John & Ellen Sullivan, Alois Ayan, Pat McKinnon, Regina Tan, Eileen Hall, Marika Abbosh, Jack Toland Snr, Peter Collins, Louise Butler, Wendy Poland, Letizia Napoli, Enrique Ayllon, Fr Neville Browne, Emma Haulsell, Oscar Miranda, Lorna Bergin, Verma Devlin, Penisula Reuelu, Jeremy Clarke, Hoani Hotene, Fuiufui Smith, Leoncio Sambayan, Keanu Michaels, Neptali Marcos, Rosalina Colardo, Anna Mariyanayagam, Quirino Balujadia, Dennis O'Reilly, Lodewijk Widarma, Ronald Grinter, Mahuika Allison, Yohanes Setio, Marutuna Ranapiri, Michael Murphy, Edmundo Oracion, Jocelyn Quinnell, Patricia Caddell, Maria Mununar, Cholita Miranda-Hipolito, Enrico Domingo, Richard Haslett, Wikitoria Anderson, Corazon Jucaban -Cambroner. Eternal rest grant to them.