

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
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."

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11TH AUGUST 2024

In the Gospel this week Jesus speaks about being the "bread of life." This discourse not only elucidates the nature of Jesus' mission but also emphasizes the transformative power of the Eucharist and the divine initiative in drawing believers to Christ.

Firstly, the Eucharist, or the sacrament of Holy Communion, is central to this passage. Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world". Through the gift of the Eucharist, Jesus continually invites us into a deeper unity with Him and with one another. This sacrament is not merely a ritualistic practice but a profound encounter with Christ Himself, who offers His very body and blood for our spiritual nourishment. By partaking in the Eucharist, believers are drawn into a communal and intimate relationship with Jesus, experiencing His sustaining grace and transformative power in their lives. This unity is not limited to an individual level but extends to the entire body of Christ, fostering a sense of communion and solidarity among believers.

Moreover, Jesus highlights that a person can truly know Him only by the gift of God. He states, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them". This drawing by the Father is a divine act of grace, emphasizing that faith in Jesus is not merely a result of human effort or intellectual assent but a response to God's initiative. The Father's drawing signifies an invitation to experience the fullness of life in Christ, an invitation that is extended to all but requires a receptive heart. It underscores the notion that our faith journey is ultimately rooted in God's loving and proactive pursuit of us.

Furthermore, Jesus as the "true bread" signifies His role as the essential sustenance for our spiritual lives. Unlike the manna that sustained the Israelites temporarily, Jesus, the bread from heaven, offers eternal nourishment. He promises that whoever comes to Him will never hunger or thirst spiritually. This heavenly nourishment begins to fill believers with a new kind of life, a life characterized by a deepening relationship with God, an ever-growing faith, and an abiding sense of peace and purpose. It is through this divine sustenance that believers are empowered to live out their faith authentically and dynamically.

The Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on the significance of the Eucharist, the divine initiative in drawing us to Christ, and the transformative nourishment that Jesus, the true bread, offers. These themes remind us that our spiritual journey is rooted in God's grace and sustained by His ongoing presence in our lives. In the end, we will all be judged by the same measure with which we have judged: the mercy we have shown to others will also be shown to us. This calls us to live lives of compassion, forgiveness, and love, mirroring the grace we have received from our Loving Father.

- Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Proverbs 9:1–6** Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

~ **Psalms 34:1–2, 8–14** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

~ **Ephesians 5:15–20** Understand what the will of the Lord is.

~ **John 6:51–58** My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Next weekend: 1 Kings 19:4–8; Psalm 34:1–8; Ephesians 4:30–5:2; John 6:41–51

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 Mass times this week:

Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

Mon–Tue 7am, 12pm

Wed 7am, 7.30pm (Assumption Vigil)

Thurs 7am, 9.15 (school mass), 12pm, 7.30

Fri 7am, 12pm

Sat 8am

Volunteers needed in our Parish

EOMHC, Readers, Greeters, Projectionists. Full training and support will be provided. Please enquire at the Parish Office.

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

The Sacred Heart College senior choir

who participated at our parish Mass last Sunday would like to thank parish members for their contributions supporting their trip to the Cadenza competition in Rotorua later this month.

The donations were very much appreciated.

The Seminary in 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

has a unit available for short-term occupancy for 6 months from 02 August 2024 to 02 February 2025. 3-bed/2-bath/Internal laundry/Double internal access garage Rent per week: Given it is a short-term occupancy, rental rate is to be determined. Please contact Rochelle Pinto Office Manager at Holy Cross Seminary (09) 360 6768 office@holycross.org.nz for further details.

Accountant—Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover

We are looking for a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 12 August 24.

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.

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage

26–29 October 2024. Hokianga. Walk 100km over four days. Daily Mass & Confession. Meals & accommodation included. Visit fopp.nz to register.

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. Regional sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, and Northshore will be occurring through August and early September. Please register on

aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/ to attend for your parish. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021439407.

Invitation to all: Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby

would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 02 September at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street after Mass.

Catholic Women's League, Ōrākei—Eastern Sub-

urbs, invites you to our event on Wednesday, 28th August, at St. Joseph's Church, Ōrākei. Mass at 10.30am. Morning Tea and talk at 11.00am followed by a hot lunch and sweet treats. Topic: Trafficking and Modern Slavery is happening in New Zealand. Talk by Sister Karena Brill and Sister Margaret O'Neill, members of TKANZ, Talitha Kum Against Trafficking (TK) Cost: \$20—this goes to charity. For more details and confirmation: Ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499 Email: tinaraines@orcon.net.nz

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.

Spending Time with St Mother Teresa

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay. Led by Eamon Butler. Saturday 24 August 9.30 for 10am–1pm. \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged. Registrations to Eamon Butler by August 20th eamon_butler@hotmail.com

Josephite Pilgrimage around Central Auckland

Led by Sisters Jill McLoughlin and Ann Neven. Begin at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay. Saturday 31 August 2024 10am–3.30pm. \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged. Registrations by Wednesday 28 August. email: MBSpirituality@sojs.org.au Ph +64210710277

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

Time Out Days—For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 21 Aug | Thu 12 Sep | Tue 15 Oct.

24Hr Quietude—For those who seek a short retreat—Fri 7pm–Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | Sep 6th/7th | Nov 22nd/23rd

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially: Helen Mullin, Luke Sebastian Catiben, Scott Hickey, Maureen Adsett, Bernardette 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, Thilisi 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: Michelle Leach, Anne Jennifer Medrano, Rodolfo Pelonio, Dr Warren Moran, Dr Isabelle Harding sm, Sr Maria Goretti Vaughan rsj, Mike Speedy, Skawomir Wujkowski, George Dyer, Laurie Neeson, Phyllis Murphy, Milan Grbin, Nancy Shanly, Fay Simpson, Fay Lobb, Elvira Navarro, Aretha Franklin, Roberto Jongco, Jeanette Stephenson, Wiki Sylva, Teofista Cruz, Helen Bridgman-Robinson, Allan Luke, Maria Yolanda, Boguslaw Januszkievicz, Antonio Gomez, Molly Neal, Gustavo Jesus Bautista, Ramon De Jesus, Peter Collins, Dominic Marinas, Joseph Barrett, James Mortimer, Hendrika van Dam, Henry Wesley, Catrina De Nave, Christine Angela, Maryanaygam Regina, Teodoro Asunson Sr, Sean Reilly, Mervin De Rosario, Kitty McKewen, Lynette Collins, Kevin Barry, Eithne O'Leary, Dave Bussi, Bernard McCahill, Fr Peter Prendergast, Benjamin Contreras Snr, Martha Tripp, Noel Anthony, Augusto Cosio, Monica Chan, Peter Berdee, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Annette Gilbert, Mary McLean, Rosie Dennison, Paul Devereux, Varona (GG) Henderson, Angelina Cencho, Fr Desmond Hickey, Domenico Spinale, Bishop Edward Gaines, Msgr Philip Purcell, Msgr Patrick O'Reilly. Eternal rest grant to them.