

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 right 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

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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."

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18TH AUGUST 2024

Jesus the Bread of Life

John the Evangelist uses Chapter 6 to bring home to his readers this important truth that Jesus is the Bread of Life. This chapter began with Jesus' compassion for the crowds resulting with the great miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. But Jesus didn't let this miracle pass on without a deeper truth. Jesus uses this satisfaction of human hunger to lead to a deeper 'spiritual hunger'. Jesus had more to offer! Material bread only satisfies one momentarily. There is more to just living on the level of the physical. Eternal life is our point of arrival. To get there, we need more than just the 'manna' of old. Jesus promises the crowds that HE is the BREAD of LIFE.

'Body' meant the ENTIRE PERSON, not just a few cells, tissue, organs or systems. 'Blood' meant the very 'PRINCIPLE OF LIFE', not just red or white blood corpuscles. So, when Jesus assures the crowd of listeners, "This is my BODY, my BLOOD, given up for you", what is he really saying? Jesus is encapsulating his entire life—the totality of his being—as a self-giving LOVE that is offered to nourish our lives on this spiritual journey. Jesus gives us REAL FOOD and REAL DRINK and invited his followers to "Do this in MEMORY of Me!"

In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we draw life from Jesus' body and blood. We come together around the table of the Lord to enact this great 'MEMORY'. One great spiritual teacher summed up the Eucharist in these words, "When we eat material food, it becomes us. When we eat spiritual food, we become it."

Carlo Acutis, the latest to-be-canonized-saint of this Millenium rightly said, "The Eucharist is my sure highway to heaven!" The Eucharist is our sacrament of transformation. Receiving Jesus in this sacrament transforms us to share in the life and the nature of God himself. But sadly, we can fall into the trap of the 'religious leaders' of Jesus' time who only saw the literal meaning of body and blood and found it repugnant as the law forbade it (Lev 17:10–11).

In the daily wilderness of our lives, Jesus Christ comes to nourish us with his life-giving Body and Blood. We are blessed at every Eucharist, we can 'consume' his 'memory' as our food for our daily journey and a sure highway to heaven!

- Fr Glenford Lowe

Liturgy of the Word

~ 1 (3) Kings 19:4–8 Elijah went in the strength of that food to the mountain of God.

~ Psalm 33/34:1–8 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

~ Ephesians 4:30–5:2 Live in love, as Christ loved us.

~ John 6:41–51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Next weekend: Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 33/34:1–2, 15–22 R. 8a; Eph 4:32–5:2, 21–32; Jn 6:53, 60–69

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–Fri 7am, 12pm
Sat 8am

Volunteers needed in our Parish

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

Catholic Women's League, Ōrākei–Eastern Suburbs

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

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Spending Time with St Mother Teresa

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

Josephite Pilgrimage around Central Auckland

Led by Sisters Jill McLoughlin & 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@sosi.org.au Ph +64210710277

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.

Remuera Parish Holy Hour

St Michael's Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction is on Friday 23rd August at 7.00pm.

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart Art Show

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August. The Art Show holds a special place in the school's history & this year we are celebrating 35 years of the show. We will have over 120 artists exhibiting, both emerging & established. All weekend, the on-site café will provide a relaxed spot to escape the crowds, have a coffee & something to eat while contemplating your next art purchase! The show is open all weekend, & is a free event.

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, 2 September at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street after Mass.

The Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity

Join us at this annual Prayer Service 5:00 PM Sunday 25th August at St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens Manurewa. Light Refreshments provided.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates & 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

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. Regional sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, & Northshore will be occurring through August & 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

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 & fall down the rabbit hole & 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 & revelry. Indulge in canapés fit for a tea party, & 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 & your friends against the backdrop of this magical event. Don't be late for this very important date!—secure your tickets now: tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out).

*This is an 18+ event. Tickets:

https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Helen Mullin, 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:

Patricia Ash, Narcisca Garcia Cruz, Colleen Swasbrook, Muriel Prendergast, Lodewijk Widarma, Elizabeth Inawati, Lee Francisca, Michelle Pereira, Noreen Fletcher, Salvador & Ana Maria Robles, Peter Williams, Warren Moran, Basil Aholelei, Bill Roche, Phyllis Murphy, Greg Boyed, George Dyer, V. Handoyo, Peter Nola, Frank Soldner, Jo Scully, Anthony Raman, Maurice Boland, Eileen Brosnan, Mikie King, Michael Rehder, Cecy da Costa, Betty Johnstone, Jo Scully, Hazel Harris, Eugina Reyes, Robin Maber, Basil Yap, Nolean Byers, Jim Robbie, Lizza Tagle, Anthony Moore, Andrew Martin, Brendan Dunican, Romeo Ballona, Pat Tonks, Josephine Bish, Bob Skelton, George Wood, Benjamin Contreras Snr, Moira Bryant, Lynette Collins, Maura Henley, Pacing Bergante Talamor, Eleanor Tierney, Kazimier Milek, Gerard Brown, Wilma Bretana, Sr Frances Scully OP, Eric Szczerba, Marie Murphy, Laurie Neeson. *Eternal rest grant to them.*

Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival

to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September at the Malaela Sāmoan Catholic Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Māngere. A time of celebration with Food, Music, & Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am–3pm, & Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages & culture on Sunday at 1pm.

Quiz Night Extravaganza

(raising funds for the Footsteps of Pompallier pilgrimage) Date: August 31st Time: 6 pm–10 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) Location: Titirangi War Memorial Hall, 500 South Titirangi Road, Auckland Details: This family-friendly event will include a Hāngi buffet dinner, a presentation about the pilgrimage, a quiz, silent auction, raffles, & prizes. Tickets are \$50 each or \$320 for a table of eight, with children 12 & under attending for free.

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away

to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6–8 September. 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. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416

www.beginningexperience.org.nz

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.