

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."

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25TH AUGUST 2024

When is something just too much to bear to bear, very difficult to digest or simply that offensive to consider? Some people today will protest against the government's new rules and policies. Still remember the long and hard lockdowns we have been through? Our hearts will rebel against, seemingly, helpless situations. We want to know and understand something before we accept it. And that something must be for our own good.

We hear today the conclusion of Jesus' bread of life discourse. This is the time when Jesus' disciples and followers had to decide whether to accept or reject not only His words but, ultimately, Jesus Himself. It is the moment of truth. Sadly, they failed to see and understand. They did not know and so, they walked away from Jesus.

The first reading mentions that the tribes of Israel renewed their commitment to God by remembering His mighty deeds. They had other options. But, they promised to serve the Lord and get rid of all idols. They made this promise and they kept it because they always remember God's goodness to them.

In the second reading, St Paul is reminding all the followers of Jesus to submit themselves to the Lord by obeying His commandments. In the case of husbands and wives, the Lord commands them to love one another. Husbands should love their wives the way Christ loves the church.

There are times when Jesus words do not sound encouraging but rather challenging. Jesus always tells us the truth and truth hurts. We always want to profess our faith and love for God but our actions, sometimes, convey what is contrary. Deep inside us, we protest and rebel against Jesus words and His commandments each time we struggle to live them out.

In matters of faith, it will always be either to accept or reject Christ's teachings, and there's nothing in between. It is either we accept or reject Jesus, Himself. If only, we can remind ourselves, consistently, of God's goodness and of what Jesus has done for us, we will surely accept Him and will remain faithful to Him.

Let us pray for one another that our faith may grow and deepen. Through faith, Jesus teachings make a lot of sense. Faith inspires gratitude to God for what He has done for us. Faith gives us the wisdom to discover the meaning and relevance of God's commandments. And faith gives us the courage to resonate with Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - *Fr Gilbert Ramos*

Liturgy of the Word

~ Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

~ Psalm 33/34:1–2, 15–22 R. 8a Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

~ Ephesians 4:32–5:2, 21–32 This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.

~ John 6:53, 60–69 Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of everlasting life.

Next weekend: Deut 4:1–2, 6–8; Ps 14/15; Jas 1:1–18, 21–22, 27; Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

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.

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

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

St John the Baptist Statue Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated so far. In the first 7 days we raised \$5,210 of the necessary \$10,450.

Shine TV Mass from St John the Baptist Parnell

Mass at Parnell was broadcast last weekend. Sunday Mass is broadcast weekly at 2 pm on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic.

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.

Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival

to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September at the Malaeola Samoan 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.

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.

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.

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 Karen 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.

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.

Women of St Peters College evening 6th Sept
The St Peters College Old Boys and Friends Association, & the College would like to invite ladies who have an association with St Peters College, past or present, to our annual Women of St Peters evening which honours their contribution. RSVP to oldboys@st-peters.school.nz.

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 Telle, 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:

Miguel Antonio Lopez, Marvis Pinto Lazaroo, Dominador Licayan, Fr Felix Donnelly, John Lane, Dan McCarthy, Maria Herzer, Heather Adlington, Joy Kane, Dominador Cebeas, Zarko Millich, Fr Kevin McKone, Erlinda Gonzales, Ernesto Guin, Jenny O'Shea, Cyril Creado, Sr Bernadette McCarthy, Colleen Beguely, Bonifacia Jogejo Hermosilla, Michael Tipene, Kathleen Rowland, Ken McLean, Colleen Quinn, Michael Moodabe, Sr Cyprian SMSM, Ruth Dimatualac, Cipriano Santiago, Donald Crawford, Augustina Cabrera, Lesley Smith, Neville Pearson, Matthew Slykerman, Kevin McBreen, George Goodwin, Anecita Carrucan, Anneke Brandt-Bantzinger. *Eternal rest grant to them.*

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@sosj.org.au Ph +64210710277.

Catholic 30s & 40s Meetup @ Dice & Fork

On 14 September, the Catholic 30s & 40s singles group is meeting at Dice & Fork. Starting at 6:30pm, we will have dinner and drinks over a board game or two. From the classic, fight-inducing monopoly to the strategic challenge of Catan, Dice & Fork has a huge range of fun for everyone. All who are interested should email akcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com as there is space for only so many because of the booking limit. Ngā mihi, Marie-Claire.

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 We have changed the format of the night from a catered event & made it a potluck dinner & reduced the ticket price to \$10 as registrations were slow. Register at FOPP.NZ.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region—The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco. We are seeking long term (6–12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Sāmoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands & Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry—www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au.