

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Mass Times ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 7 am & 9.30 am

Sunday 7 am Mass resumed 1st September.

No weekday Masses until further notice except public holidays.

Saturday 9 am Mass & 9.30 am Reconciliation.

Public Holidays 9 am 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 11.30 am) 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 left 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."

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOMING the LITTLE ONES

The Transfiguration of Jesus is just over. Jesus has manifested his Divine nature to Peter, James and John. Jesus, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, reveals himself as the fulfilment of the Old Testament Law and the Prophetic promises (Mk 9:1-13). The journey now presents a new milestone. In the school of Jesus, the disciples are taught on the importance of 'prayer' and 'fasting' to overcome the evil spirits (Mk 9:14-29). The gospel of today presents Jesus on a mission. He now leaves Caesarea Philippi for his last tour through the region of Galilee. For the second time, Jesus predicts, "The Son of man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days, after being killed, he will rise again." This was a truth too difficult to fathom. The 'road' becomes a place for much arguing among the disciples. Jesus takes the disciples from the 'noise-of-the-road' to the 'quite-of-a-home' to give them an important teaching. Was Jesus too preoccupied with his death? Were the disciples too preoccupied with their limited understanding of the 'Kingdom'? The Kingdom represented POWER! The disciples seem power hungry! They were ambitious. They sought position and prestige.

In the school of Jesus, there are always lessons to be learnt. To overcome the forces of evil, Jesus taught them to be people of 'prayer' and 'fasting'. Now, Jesus teaches them that to overcome the forces of human ambition and hunger for power, they would have to learn the art of 'being last' and 'servant of all'. In a competitive world, being FIRST and MASTER is all that matters. Jesus offers his disciples a DIVINE REVERSAL. Being LAST and SERVANT is the way of the Kingdom. The disciples had no models to imitate. Jesus offered them a model. Jesus placed before them a 'CHILD'. He took the child in his arms and said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

Every child represents the LEAST! Humility and trust are qualities of a child. Children are frank, spontaneous, insightful and powerless. The child has infinite trust in his father. Jesus presents himself to his disciples as a child who trust His Father! The disciples are invited to learn to welcome the way of the little child who trusts in the will of the father. Jesus predicts his death, but he trusts in the will of His Father—after three days He will RISE again! - *Fr Glenford Lowe*

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Wisdom 2:12, 17–20** Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

~ **Psalm 53/54:1–4, 6** The Lord upholds my life.

~ **James 3:16–4:3** A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace.

~ **Mark 9:30–37** Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Next weekend: Numbers 11:16a, 17c, 25–29; Psalm 19:1, 3, 5–7 R 2a (7, 9, 11–13 R 8a);

James 5:1–6; Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47.

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND/OR www.livingtheword.org.nz

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Michael McCabe
Sunday 7 am Fr Michael McCabe
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Michael McCabe

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 8 am, 10 am, 5 pm
Mon–Tues 7 am, 12 noon
Wed–Thurs 12 noon
Fri 7 am
Sat 8 am

Hope Reigns: A new prayer resource for Advent

This year's 25-day Advent resource, Hope Reigns, seeks to help you prepare for the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. Fr Stephen is considering purchasing a set for Advent 2024 if there is sufficient interest. If you would be interested in receiving a copy, please contact the office.

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 & support will be provided.

Auckland Opera Studio: Verdi Meets Puccini

Wonderful young Opera singers & an outstanding repertoire. Bookings: www.ticketmaster.co.nz

Church buildings inspired by Vatican II

with the example of St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay. Tue 24 Sept 7–8pm. Free. studyjoy.nz/2023/01/30/upcoming-events/

Cans for Christmas

is a Charity that has run for 10 years now—we coordinate Catholic Primary Schools & Colleges to collect canned food items. During the last 9 years we have collected 160,000 cans & \$10,000 to help those in need. Please join us by donating to our page—This money goes directly to St Vincent de Paul Society.



Exploring Sacred Spaces

We are planning to visit 5 Sacred Spaces this year: Sat 28 Sep, 2–3.30pm: Śri Radha Krishna Mandir (Hindu) Sun 29 Sep, 2–3.30pm: Vajihni Markaz Dawoodi Bohra Community Centre (Muslim) Wed 2 Oct, 7–8.30pm: Manurewa Bahá'í Centre Sat 5 Oct, 1.30–3.30pm: St John the Evangelist (Catholic) Sat 12 Oct, 2–3.30pm: Harkrishan Sahib Ji (Sikh) www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz

Mums & Bubs: A social gathering for women

St. Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Alternate Wednesdays 10–11am. Next session 25 Sept. Contact Sylvia 021 088 22990.

Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna

Following restructuring of the parish staff, 2 positions have become available: (a) Executive assistant, a 25-hours-per-week role; & (b) Property manager, 10–15 hours per week. For position descriptions & to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa frmark@stjoseph.org.nz. Applications close 27 September 2024.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma & Certificate in Christian Studies, & a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations.

Ruth Miller SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further info about this scholarship & to receive an application form, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 15 November 2024

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic, & normally reside within the Auckland Diocese, you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more info, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz.

Catholic 30s & 40s Meetup @ Enchanted Forest

Mini Golf, 19 Oct. We will tee off from 4pm in Onehunga. At the moment, there's a GrabOne special for \$9 entry, down from the usual \$15. Email aklcatholicingsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

Card Crafting Workshop

will happen on Saturday 28th September. Meg Hills rsj is very skilled & gives excellent guidance on how to create your own personalised cards. The workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design & create a variety of hand-crafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied. A maximum of eight people can attend this workshop. Please see the poster in the foyer for more information.

Enjoy a live-in retreat: "Homecoming"

beginning Fri 4 Oct at 7pm –Sun 6 Oct at 4pm. This will be facilitated by Éamon Butler. The retreat will explore the parable of the Prodigal Son using Rembrandt's painting of the son's homecoming & insights from Henri Nouwen's book The Return of the Prodigal Son. Limited spaces left to register. All details on the poster in the foyer.

Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025

Fr Chris Friel (Timaru) will lead this 17-day tour of Portugal, Spain & France in June. For full details & itinerary, email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

Sacred Heart & Redwood College, Nelson

Past Pupils & Staff Historic Reunion. 15–17 Nov 2024. Mānuka Street, Nelson. Contact: Bernadette King-Turner Email: SHReunion2024@gmail.com

September Parish Holy Hour St Michael's

Holy Hour scheduled for 27th Sept is cancelled.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat

Centre: For more info/dates & to book visit 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) Tue 15 Oct, Tue 5 Nov. **Transitus of St Francis**—Join us to commemorate the "passing over" of St Francis of Assisi with stories of his dying moments, hymns, music & drama. Tue 1 Oct 6:30–8pm. **Open Day**—Join us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis. Come explore the grounds & learn more about St Francis. There will also be an Animal Blessing Service so please bring your pets. Sun 6 Oct 3–4pm. **Job vacancy**—St Francis Retreat Centre is looking for a part-time assistant groundskeeper to join our team to support landscaping & maintenance for our buildings & grounds. Key duties include performing minor repairs, assisting with maintenance, & managing grounds upkeep. Email emily@sfrc.org.nz to apply or if you have any questions. **24Hr Quietude**—For those who seek a short retreat—Fri 7pm–Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation+food) 22/23 Nov.

Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities

in the Australia-Pacific Region—The Cagliari 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—cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

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, Lynn 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, Thihs Varg, 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 & whose anniversaries occur at this time: Noelle Antelme, Marvis Pinto Lazaroo, Michael Gabriel McKinney, Patricia Burke, Natalie Keane, Jennifer Fox, Patricia Devereaux, Michael Joseph, John Lokes, Paul Nola, John Toland, Br JP Wilson, Michael Raj Kumar, Pricilla Andrews, Wendy Terwiel, Consolacion Adique, John Pakistan, Fr John Airey CSsR, Fr John Berry, Denham Shale, Eulalio Daguman, Billy Plumb, Rosa Romualdez, Mario Samala, Faustino Calvelo, Bill Mudgway, Violet Sinkovich, James O'Grady, Brian Claney, Trinidad Antolin, Eileen O'Brien, John Geddes, Jo Walsh, June Courtney, Paul Austin, Luke Tipene, Shirley Loretz, Tarun Asantha, Ann Marian, Campbell Adams, Paul Gallagher, Janis Coleman, Carolina Noionha, Carmel McCarthy, Cheekeong, Dallys Horne, Mary Conning, Terence Abreo, Rosann Laird, I Antoniraj, Rosemary Mohi, Jim Waldron, John Gordon, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cuneen, Jim Butterworth, Pat Inley, Leonard Lanigan, Monthi Fernandes, Pamela Maling, Margaret Chapman, Dan McCarthy, Jillian Paterson, Fr Michael O'Hara, Steve Noonan, Margaret McLean, Maria do Carmo Noronha, Jose Tlentino, Dorothy Bowerman, Sharon Lim, Phyliss Bloomfield.