

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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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
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."

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Lord took some of the spirit that was on Moses and bestowed it on the seventy elders. To top this up, two men weren't even in the gathering and the spirit came to rest on them as well. Why did Moses not resent this? Joshua did. He asked Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying. But Moses knew his place from the very beginning. He told Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake?" Moses did not feel diminished. He was not insecure. It just shows he was truly serving God.

The second reading may sound a bit harsh but it is what it is. James was chastising the rich people who did not make good use of their wealth but instead abused the poor. They were forewarned. We are forewarned. The gifts and blessings we receive from God must be properly utilised.

In the Gospel today, Jesus ordered His disciples to let a man work miracles in His name even though the man wasn't "one of them." Good works and miraculous deeds cannot be monopolised by any individual or group. We are all God's instruments. God's grace is working in us and through us that is why we are able to produce good fruits.

Jesus also reminded His disciples not to cause the little ones to stumble or else, there will be a severe consequence. Sometimes we don't realise that our lack of active love forces people to stumble. We find it so easy to judge others because of their mistakes not holding ourselves responsible for their inability to learn from those mistakes. If we will learn to truly love and care for each other, for sure, more crimes can be prevented. Indeed, there is no single solution to the world's problems. But we can always start with a cup of water, little acts of kindness.

If we will take God's Word literally, we will all be missing parts of our body. Jesus challenges His disciples to be decisive and firmly resolved in breaking away from the deadly pit of sin. The key word is STOP, no excuses and no bargaining. Left to ourselves, it is impossible. We need God. We need His grace. Believe that God's grace is always enough for us. Let us, with humble hearts constantly ask Him for the grace to confidently conquer evil, and the grace to make our love active and effective.

Blessings, - *Fr Gilbert Ramos*

Liturgy of the Word

Nu 11:16a, 17c, 25–29 Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!
Ps 19:1, 3, 5–7 R 2a (7, 9, 11–13 R 8a) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Jas 5:1–6 Your riches have rotted.

Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47 Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.

Next weekend: Genesis 2:7a, 8b, 18–24; Psalm 127/128; Hebrews 2:9–11; Mark 10:12–16.

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–Fri 7 am, 12 noon
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.

Safeguarding workshop

Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a safeguarding workshop in Ellerslie Immaculate Conception parish on Tuesday 22nd October, 7pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. Contact the office for more information: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

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.

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 aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com.

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: Vajihī 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

Masterclass Sat 5th October 3pm–8:30pm

at 30 New Street, Ponsonby. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering & energising you for ministry. Registrations open: facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for info.

The Upper Room Thurs 17 Oct 6:30pm–9:00pm

at Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, & dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!

Vacancy for a live-in host Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a live-in Retreat House Host (RHH), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests & a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see our website for more info or get in touch with us enquiry@sistereretreat.com.

Sacred Heart & Redwood College, Nelson

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

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.



Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

accepting enrolments for 1st semester 2025
23 Sep–22 Nov 2024. Courses offered: Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma & Certificate in Christian Studies, & a new micro-credential 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.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Fri 4 Oct 7pm

at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.

Abundance Op Shop East Tāmaki

Opening 18th October @ 272 Tī Rākau Drive, East Tāmaki. For more information, contact Rebecca, 021 149 1320. Follow our progress & learn more: FB: [@abundanceopshopeasttamaki](https://www.facebook.com/abundanceopshopeasttamaki).

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 Coughley, 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 & whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Peter Healey, Ian MacAndrew, Howard Trenwith, Fr Phillip Handforth, Luming Dorado, Connie Garcia, Maurice Aldridge, Jocelyn Franklin, Stephen Nobilo, Fidel Dionisio, Albert Smits, Jill Perry, Joan Little, Sr Moira Feeney rsm, Sr Lorraine Challis OP, Tony Brown, Sr Margaret Maher RSCJ, Mary Ashton, Margaret Foster, Teresa Fisher, Florence Neven, Hugh Laracy, Neville Williams, Conchita Benitez, Msgr Vincent Hunt, Joan Gillies, Bobby Gee, Fr Lawrie Sakey, Ken Giblin, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Fitzpatrick, Mary McDiarmid, Matija Selak, John Rountree, Ruru Hotene Karnuth, Emmanuel Santos, Ann Melendes Tuazon, Senia Auva'a, Karen Cipriano, Donna Carreon, Walter Homan, Sue Neal, Cameron Murphy, Pat Hendry, Delfino Labay, Patrick Early Snr, Kaz Wisniewski, Maria Lette, Phyllis Revel, Kathleen Wiles-Pickard, Fr Peter Kay, Zita Kean, Edward Waldron, Kathleen Vanniesloy, Anna Mlekusch, Pamela Muffty, Marie Wratt, Anne Mayall, Rosemary Eller, Jim Walsh, Irene Roca, Austin Donegan, Kalala Fuimaono, Benjamin Mendoza, Josefina Abellana, Fr Leo Downey, Fr Philip Catchside IC.

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. 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.

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.

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—cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.