

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

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

No weekday Masses until further notice except public holidays.

Saturday 9 am Mass & 9.30 am Reconciliation.

9AM MASS & 9.30 RECONCILIATION CANCELLED SATURDAY 12 OCT

Public Holidays 9 am Mass.

Parish Priest ~ Father Stephen Berecz ~ Email: sberecz@gmail.com

Parish Secretary ~ Nathaniel Hood: phone (09) 373 3132 ~ Email: office@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/
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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](https://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."

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 13TH OCTOBER 2024

Mark's Gospel this week is a powerful passage that speaks to the heart of discipleship and the radical demands of following Jesus. This story, often referred to as the encounter with the rich young man, challenges us to reflect deeply on what it means to truly follow Christ and the eternal rewards that come with it.

The passage begins with a man running up to Jesus, asking, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" This question reflects a sincere desire for eternal life, but it also reveals a common misunderstanding: that eternal life can be earned through good deeds. Jesus' response redirects the man's focus from merely following commandments to something much deeper. He lists several commandments, which the man claims to have kept since his youth. Jesus then, looking at him with love, challenges him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him.

The young man's reaction—one of sadness and retreat—reveals the depth of his attachment to his wealth. Jesus uses this moment to teach His disciples about the dangers of riches. "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" This statement astonishes the disciples, prompting Jesus to explain that entering the kingdom of God is not about human achievement but about divine possibility: "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible".

Peter, speaking for the disciples, points out that they have left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus responds with a promise that encapsulates the essence of discipleship: "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life".

This passage emphasizes that the rewards of discipleship far exceed the sacrifices. The call to follow Jesus is demanding and requires a willingness to let go of earthly attachments. However, Jesus assures that the sacrifices made for His sake will be abundantly rewarded. The promise of receiving "a hundredfold" highlights the generosity of God's provision and the profound sense of community and support found within the body of Christ.

Ultimately, this passage calls us to evaluate our priorities and attachments. It challenges us to trust in God's provision and to embrace the sacrifices of discipleship with the assurance that the rewards—both in this life and the next—are infinitely greater than anything we give up. It is a call to radical trust and wholehearted commitment to the way of Jesus, knowing that true fulfilment and eternal life lie in following Him. - *Fr Stephen*

Next Sunday 20 October is World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is celebrating our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus. We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world. Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here: <http://missio.nz/>

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Wisdom 7:7–11** I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison to wisdom.

~ **Psalms 89/90:12–17** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

~ **Hebrews 4:12–13** The word of God can judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

~ **Mark 10:17–30** Go, sell what you own; then follow me.

Next weekend: Isaiah 53:4, 10–11; Psalm 32/33:4–5, 18–20, 22; Hebrews 4:14–16; Mark 10:35–45.

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 7 am Fr Stephen Berecz
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

Saturday 9 am (resumes 19 Oct)

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

Saturday morning Mass/Reconciliation cancelled

9 am Mass and 9.30 Reconciliation cancelled this weekend. Normal Mass timetable at St John's resumes next weekend Saturday 19 October.

Carpark fines 14 September

Anyone attending the mass at midday on Holy Cross Day who may have been issued a fine for parking in the St John's carpark, please do not pay the fine. Contact the parish office with your registration number plate to have the fine waived.

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 parish 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. 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 Tue 22 Oct, 7pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. Contact the office for more info: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

Food Truck Night (Parnell Business Association)

Wed 16 Oct 5–7.30pm, Holy Trinity Cathedral, St Stephens Ave/Parnell Rd. Live music, pop-up bar, covered seating, free, pet-friendly (leash required)

Welcoming NZSL users to Mass

In this workshop we will explore simple ways to make NZSL users welcome & comfortable, practise some basic signs & have opportunities to gain insight into deaf culture. Saturday 16 November 9.30am–1pm Mary MacKillop Chapel 56–66 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. Cost: koha. Please register: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/welcoming-nzsl-users-at-mass-registration/>

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](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

The Baradene Alumnae Association Committee

is delighted to invite you to the 2024 Alumnae High Tea to honour this year's Cor Unum Alumnae Meritae Award recipient. We have great pleasure in announcing Victoria Carter ONZM (Class 1981) as the recipient of this year's Meritae Award. Join us for a lovely afternoon tea on Sun 20 Oct 2–4pm in the Baradene Atrium with your fellow alumnae & members of the wider Baradene community.

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage

26–29 October 2024. Hokianga. Walk 100km over 4 days. Daily Mass & Confession. Meals & accommodation included. Visit fopp.nz to register.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

visit stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651 for more info. **Time Out Days**—For those who seek a day retreat—9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 15 Oct/Tue 5 Nov/Thu 5 Dec. **24Hr Quietude**—For those who seek a short retreat—Fri 7pm–Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl. accommodation+food) 22–23 Nov.

Sacred Heart & Redwood College, Nelson

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

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, 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.

Annual North Shore Rosary Procession, Glenfield

St Thomas More Church, Sun 20 Oct, 2pm. Those unable to walk stay in church to pray. The procession culminates with Benediction & shared cuppa.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, North Shore

invites women to come together on Tue 15 Oct, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church hall, Glenfield. Topic: Seek his gifts. Scripture: Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. Speaker: Ingrid D'souza.

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 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, Thiisi 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:

Ernesto Manacap Tubal, John Griffen, Clemence Crummer, Demetrio C. Bolante, Von Philipps, Cesar Budoy, Virginia Calamucha, Sylvia Worth, Josie Gillies, Alma Sands, Innes Colegrove, Kathleen Sharkey, Sharon Lim, Grant Hutchinson, Januaria Contreras, Mary Brittenden, Siaganoa Availepule, Ligaya Juarez, Cyril Breslin, Bernardo Gomez, Maureen Godon, Jojo Deguit, Pat Glamazina, Trinidad Antolin, Johnny Austin, Kevin Gould, Russell Nelson, Johannes Wijoko, Joe Coleman, Michael Hontiveros, Patricia Borg, Joseph Ang, Barbara Richardson, Florence Gomez, Victoria Cano, Consuelo Katigbak, Felizardo Gacad, Mary Fernandez, Sr Maria McDonald OP, Nancy Kelly, Eric Kolhase, James Hurley, Jet Carib, Des Rosser, Rosemary Griffen, Margaret McLean, Kath Clarke, Ann Foss, Lorie Ayao-Shields, Theresa Kemp, John Barret, Patricia Maher, Rose Blaicklok, Gwen McCarthy, Rodolfo De Asis, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Murphy, Kathleen Reardon, Fr Ernie Milne, Jimmy Nicoll, Reenie Fernandez.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.