

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 RESUME SATURDAY 19 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

Catholic University Ministry

FB: www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
IG: www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
Email: thechaplains@cda.org.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

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."

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 20TH OCTOBER 2024

Participation – Communion – Mission

Privilege, Favouritism, Special places...these are traps we often love to be in! In today's gospel, James and John—the sons of thunder—eye supremacy over the others. Jesus had foretold his passion, death and resurrection. The path to glory is through suffering. The Cross comes before the Crown. But they never really understood it. For them suffering was temporary while glory would be eternal. They only knew of a potential 'power vacuum' in Jesus' Kingdom and it had to be captured at all costs. They considered themselves superior over the others.

Jesus reverses their desire to rise above the rest. Jesus takes them a step back to focus on his 'suffering' before his glory. There is no short cut to glory. The disciples will have to follow the same path. There is no power for one who relinquishes the cross! Jesus invited them to align themselves with 'drinking from the cup' rather than choosing to 'sit in places of honour'. For Jesus, the apostles had to be servants of all. There was no place for self-enthronement.

The gospel of today comes as an answer to anyone seeking to be above others! Jesus began to promote SYNODALITY right through his public ministry. The Church today has taken that call to Synodality: Participation – Communion – Mission.

Pope Francis speaking to the participants of the Synod gathered in Rome recently said, "We Christians are all responsible for the Church's mission. Every priest, everyone. We priests are not bosses of the laity but their pastors! Jesus called us, one and others too, not one above the others but complimenting each other. We are community! That is why we need to walk together taking the path of Synodality. All of us are called to witness with our lives and be co-responsible for the Church's mission. We participate and we live in the Communion of the Church and called to sustain a 'Synodal Lifestyle' in every way through our 'Participation – Communion – Mission' shared by all priests, religious and laity.

Any attempt by anyone to fall into the trap of 'privileged positions' will only make this Synod on Synodality a futile exercise. Our only privilege is to be like Jesus, to bear the cross and be servants of all. - *Fr Glenford Lowe*

Today is World Mission Sunday

The bishops are asking everyone to donate to Missio Aotearoa, which represents the Pontifical Mission Societies in New Zealand with generating spiritual, material, and financial support for those working in mission and Third World territories.

World Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Everything you give to Missio Aotearoa helps missionaries continue their work. Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here: <http://missio.nz/>

Liturgy of the Word

~ **Isaiah 53:4, 10–11** When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days.

~ **Psalm 32/33:4–5, 18–20, 22** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

~ **Hebrews 4:14–16** Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness.

~ **Mark 10:35–45** The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

Next weekend: Jeremiah 31:7–9; Psalm 125/126; Hebrews 5:1–6; Mark 10:46–52.

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 Tony Dunn
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

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

9 am Mass resumed Saturday 19 October

9 am Mass & 9.30 Reconciliation resumed this weekend. There will also be the usual 9 am Mass scheduled for public holidays on Labour Day (Monday 28 October).

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.

2025 Columban Calendars now available

and can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$17 each. Please bring cash or email the parish office for details if you'd like to pay online.

Family Survey

Do you have children & want to connect with other families? Help us work out what families need & want so that we can support & grow faith in families. Please take a moment to complete our short survey. Thank you for your time!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN5YNX2



Safeguarding workshop

Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding safeguarding workshops in Ellerslie Immaculate Conception parish on Tue 22 Oct, 7 pm; & in Glenfield St Thomas More on Wed 6 Nov, 7 pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join either of these. Contact the office for more info: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

Ngā Tapuwāe 10th to 12th January 2025

Come & join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, & the Poyntons with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic & Māori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80 per night per person will be shared living, experience & eating on the Marae. Own transport will be required. For more info contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Anniversary Mass 2025

Registrations now open for Coach Trip on 12 Jan 2025. We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this one-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Tōtara Point. We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am & expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6:30–7pm. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz Hydration & Lunch will be provided—Cost per person is \$15.

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/>

Catholic 30s & 40s Meetup @ Auckland Museum

on 12 November for their late night, Twilight Tuesdays. The Tuitui Museum Bistro & Café has been booked for tapas at 6pm—please let Marie-Claire know if you would like to attend as space is limited: akcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com Afterwards, we will wander around the exhibits until the museum closes at 8:30pm.

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.

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.

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a 4th- or 5th-year med 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 for both scholarships 15 Nov 2024. For more info email scholarships@cda.org.nz.

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.

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, Roy 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:

Tom Keane, Eileen Keane, Tony Wu, Mabel Thomson, Von Phillips, Conrad Saldanha, Brian Phillips, Jose Tlentino, Henryk Wolk, Isabel Rodriguez, John Pakistan, Fr John Airey CSsR, Fr John Berry, Dan McCarthy, Denham Shale, Paul Austin, Eulalio Daguman, Rosa Romualdez, Mario Samala, Billy Plumb, John Gordon, Faustino Calvelo, Bill Mudgway, James O'Grady, Violet Sinkovich, Trinidad Antolin, Eileen O'Brien, John Geddes, Jo Walsh, June Courtney, Luke Tipene, Brian Clancy, Tarun Asantha, Campbell Adams, Paul Gallagher, Janis Coleman, Carolina Nonionha, Ann Marian, Carmel McCarthey, Cheekeong, Pat Inisley, Mary Conning, Shirley Loretz, Shaun McKay, Terence Abreo, Rosann Laird, I Antoniraj, Rosemary Mohi, Jim Waldron, Dallys Horne, Helen McLaughlin, Bishop John Cunene, Jim Butterworth, Fr Michael O'Hara, Ester Rian, Leonard Lanigan, Monthi Fernandes, Margaret Chapman, Jillian Pater-son, Steve Noonan, Margaret McLean, Maria do Carmo Noronha, Dorothy Bowerman, Phyllis Bloomfield.

The Send, Saturday 23 November!

Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well as worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at: <https://cdathesend.eventbrite.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.

Bible Diary 2025 for daily Prayers, Readings

& Reflections, Saint of the Day. \$20 each. See flyer in the church notice board for details. To order your copies, contact Fr Prakash 0225852875 email prakashreddycmf@gmail.com.

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 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.

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 Samoa, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands & Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry—cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.