

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.

Public Holidays 9 am Mass.

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

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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 & dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, & in which all our parish whānau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia & kaumātua, feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Nathaniel Hood & you can contact him by phone 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 III.

Upcoming safeguarding workshops: Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a workshop at Glen Innes St Pius X, Sun 10 Nov, 4 pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. Contact the parish office for more info: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz.

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

To find out more about what's going on for Catholic tertiary students in Auckland, please contact Daniel Story at daniels@cda.org.nz & check out [instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

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^o: 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."

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

DUPLICITY VERSUS AUTHENTICITY

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa

The gospel of today is once again a hard-hitting episode that takes place in the Temple. The scribes and Pharisee embodied a religious elite that were fashioned for hypocrisy. They were dressed in long robes, loved being greeted respectfully in public places, and sat in places of honour in synagogues and banquets. Their holier-than-thou attitude was often condemned by Jesus. They were people-pleasers, and ego-centric. Their prayer was ritualistic and superficial. The Temple became a place for business. God was a commodity that could be bought with a ritual fee.

On the other hand, the Temple is also a place for authenticity. Many pilgrims came to encounter God, to find peace, solace and true forgiveness. The presence of the poor widow cannot be ignored. God's preferential love is so personal that the Lord himself executes justice for the widows, the orphans, and the stranger providing for them food and clothing (Deut 10:18). There were thirteen 'trumpet shaped' boxes to collect Temple tax from Jewish males. Other boxes were placed in the Court of the Women to collect freewill offerings. While the rich literally trumpeted their generous contribution, Jesus singled out the poor widow for her generosity. Two small coins the worth of a penny (approximately 1/16th of a day's wage) was all that she could live on. She gave it all generously to the treasury. God considered her gift more noble and valuable than that of the rich.

The Temple frauds abused their religious status by devouring the property of widows. The gospel challenges us to give with love. Donating from our abundance to seek public approval is no gift at all. It's LOVE that qualifies the gift and the giver! In God's economy, the poor widow's offering was more than all the other contributions put together. She was authentic in her giving.

The reckless generosity of the widow in the Temple foretells the generosity of another widow Mary who gave her only son Jesus on Calvary! The greatest offering given generously in LOVE. - Fr Glenford Lowe

Remembering our Dead this November

We remember in prayer our deceased friends & family. Please write their names on the cards provided & place them in the wooden box designated for this purpose. The box will be placed before the altar during Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

~ 1/3 Kings 17:10–16 The widow made a little cake and brought it to Elijah.

~ Psalm 145/146:6c–10 R 1 Praise the Lord, my soul!

~ Hebrews 9:24–28 Christ appeared once for all to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

~ Mark 12:38–44 The poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

Next weekend: Daniel 12:1–3; Psalm 15/16:5, 8–11 R 1; Hebrews 10:11–14, 18; Mark 13:24–32.

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

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

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.

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.

A Spectacular Concert—7pm, Sat 16 Nov

Join us at St Michael's Catholic Church for a memorable evening. Hosted by James Ioelu, Bass Baritone, with special guest Edward Laurenson, Operatic Baritone, & musician friends. Uplifting classical songs from shows, opera, instrumental pieces & traditional Christmas music. Prices \$60–\$95, includes intermission refreshments. Buy tickets at trybooking.com. Proceeds to support the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation.

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.

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.

Champagnat Marist Education

is looking to appoint a Group General Manager to lead a new venture focusing on the Catholic & Marist Brothers' education mission. Alignment with Catholic education values & direction, stakeholder management, strategic planning, property operations, education & finance management are important elements. Further information is on SEEK where confidential applications can be made. Closing date November 15, 2024.

Anniversary Mass 2025

Registrations now open for Coach Trip 12 Jan 2025. We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this 1-off day-trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Tōtara Point. Leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am & expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6:30–7pm. Hydration & lunch will be provided. Cost per person \$15. All welcome! For more info, contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.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 \$80/night/person will be shared living, experience & eating on the Marae. Own transport required. Contact Dcn Steve above.

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.

NZ Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA)

provides community support & chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, & anyone in allied roles to join us. Retreat & Seminar 15–16 November 2024, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Details & registration: newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/2024-retreat-wellington. Accommodation: There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref BGRP-21024). Email/phone the Home of Compassion directly. For updates regarding events, email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com.

St Leo's Catholic School Xmas Fair Sun 10 Nov

11am–3pm. 102 Victoria Road, Devonport. Food, games, clothes, white elephant, books, toys, preserves, plants, raffles and more.

Catholic Women's League, Ōrākei

invites men & women to our Xmas Party on Wed 27 Nov, St. Joseph's Church. Mass 10.30am followed by morning tea in the hall, Xmas Carols, Xmas crackers, hats & Xmas Trivia Quiz, festive lunch, Xmas cake, Pavlova, mince tarts & more. Cost: \$40. A lucky no. on entry. 3 raffle tickets for \$5. Support CWL's charities. For details & confirmation, ring Tina Raines 021 940 950/5212499. Email tinairaines@orcon.net.nz. RSVP by 19 Nov.

North Shore Dove Fellowship invites EVERYONE

to our 1-day retreat to be held at S. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Sat 16 Nov, 9 am–4:30pm. Speaker: Bev McDonald; topic: Mary: Woman of the Spirit. \$10 or koha. Morning & afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch.

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 Coughney, 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:

Rita MacDonald, Sir Ian Barker, Manus Gallagher, Robert Whiting, Anne Mendrano, Mark Farac, Melkiaua Thavethoo, Toni Johnston, Vili Filo, Richard Tapley, Johnny McCarthy, Lilianna Monteiro, Peter Alvez, Robert Whiting, Marie Keeling, Ross Webb, Betty Dorothy Robinson, Ethel Kelly, Ruby Viskovich, Sr June Kirksmith RSCJ, Tereza Baricevich, Alex Pinfold, Vinka Marinovich, Donna Collins, Soane Filitonga, Shaun McKay, Francisco Rigour, Fr Bryan Winders, Jan Coleman, Essie Jones, Norman O'Sullivan, Anna Farac, Evelyn McGilly, Brian Dunkley, Clare Panther, Ligaya Reyna, Ian Snellgrove, Kieran Hegarty, Francie O'Sullivan, Rosemary Mohi, Dallys Horne, John Gordon, Trevor Miles, Helen Mclaughlin, Bishop John Cunneen. *Eternal rest grant to them.*

Welcoming NZSL users to Mass

In this workshop we will explore simple ways to make NZSL use 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/>.

Never Look Away: The Margaret Moth Story

Documentary Preview Screening Tuesday 12 Nov 6.30pm Event Cinema St Luke's. Contact Felicity O'Driscoll (Marist College Mt Albert Ex-Students' Association): maristexstudents@gmail.com.

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: aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com. Afterwards, we will wander around the exhibits until the museum closes at 8:30pm.

x3 vacancies: Join Caritas

Head of Justice & Peace; Pouwhakahaere—Chief Operating Officer (COO); & Marketing & Communications Advisor. Visit caritas.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.