

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Mass Times (summer) ~ 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.

(No 9 am Mass or 9.30 am Reconciliation Saturday 1st March 2025).

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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 a.m.) without payment. Cars left beyond that time could be towed away.

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 111.

Upcoming Safeguarding workshops: Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding workshops at St Mary's, Papakura, on Sunday 23rd February 11.30am; & at St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport, on Thursday 27th February 7pm. Any parish volunteers who have yet to attend a workshop are encouraged to join. Contact the parish office for more info.

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 the Baptist Parnell
Ecclesiastical Goods Trust

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."

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

'The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things' (CCC, §1728). The Church does not teach that being wealthy is wrong—in fact, it enshrines the right to own private property. However, it does teach that wealth should be used properly. If acquiring wealth becomes an end in itself, then we have lost sight of what is truly important for our ultimate salvation—that is, our relationship with and fidelity to God. If we are fortunate enough to have more wealth than what we need (not want!), then we are obliged to share our good fortune with those who do not have enough to even meet their basic needs.

—Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. (2021). Exploring the Word: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. *The Summit*. <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/exploring-the-word/2025/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c-3/>

Perhaps you might take time this week to remember a difficulty or suffering in your life. Was there a blessing for you hidden in that experience?

- Fr Craig Dunford

Shine TV Mass Recording at Parnell

Thank you to all who participated in the recording last weekend of our 9.30 mass. This is being broadcast this weekend Sunday 16th February. Mass is broadcast every Sunday at 2 p.m. on Shine TV channel 25 or Sky channel 201. It is also uploaded at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday night to the Auckland Catholic Diocese Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic/videos>

Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah 17:5–8 Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals; blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Psalms 1:1–4, 6 R. Psalm 39/40:4 Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Luke 6:17, 20–26 Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!

Next weekend: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–25; Psalm 102/103:1–4, 8, 10, 12–13;
1 Corinthians 15:45–50; Luke 6:27–38.

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:

Sun 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.

No 9 am Mass & 9.30 Reconciliation Sat 1 March

There will be no 9 am Mass or 9.30 Reconciliation at Parnell on Saturday 1st March 2025.

Accommodation Needed

I am a health and wellness professional from the Catholic Parish of Hastings. I commence Biomedical studies at the University of Auckland in March. I urgently seek accommodation nearby or further afield, including long-term house-sits and rentals. Part-time work would also be welcome. Please contact Claudia, 0276ENERGY (0276363749).

Creek Cleanup

All are welcome, meeting at Whenuapai Creek, Auckland, on Sunday 23 Feb 2025 starting from 12:30pm. An organised event in support with the Auckland Interfaith Council. nzaifc@gmail.com.

The Diocese is seeking a talented & creative

Multimedia Journalist (part time—20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools & Agencies. These stories will also contribute to supporting the national CathNews platform which delivers news, analysis, & commentary of interest to the Catholic Church community. For full details, please visit our website aucklandcatholic.org.nz
—Diocesan Services—Staff Vacancies.

Caritas is seeking International Programmes Lead

Based in Wellington with flexible working arrangements, this role offers the chance to shape international development programmes in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The successful candidate will lead the design, development, and delivery of key programmes focused on justice, peace, and human dignity. This is a rewarding role for a senior development professional who is passionate about supporting marginalised communities and tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>.

Young Leaders Masterclass Sunday 23 February

2pm–6pm, 30 New Street Ponsonby. Masterclass is back in 2025! If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. Our first Masterclass for 2025 will feature two workshops focused on helping you make the best possible start to your ministry year! Keep an eye on our socials, where we will announce our workshop presenters & topics. As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food & plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, & be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry.

Go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more info & to register.

Commissioning Mass Sunday 23 February 7pm

St Patrick's Cathedral. Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this mass! We want to pray with you and for you, as you begin your ministry year. Please invite your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community to join us as well. We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry in the Diocese of Auckland!

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Ethnic Chaplaincy Officers and Leaders Formation

Day, Sat. 22 February 2025, Pompallier Centre, 9:30am–12:00pm. Inviting all officer bearers, leaders in ministry, pastoral associates, & all chaplains to your Formation Day as we provide you updates on the Migrant Chaplaincies Norms on Community Establishments, Finance, Safeguarding. Registration is essential—follow the link on the diocesan website event page

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/ethnic-chaplaincies-leaders-formation-day/ Email us at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz if you have any questions. We can email you the specific link.

Jubilee Sing Jubilee

Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music & a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song: **Evening with Tony Alonso**, Thu 29 May 6.30, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangārei. Suggested koha \$10. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/an-evening-with-tony-alonso/. **Conversation with Tony with drinks & nibbles**, Fri 30 May 6.30, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/retreat-workshop-with-tony-alonso-copy/. **Retreat Workshop with Tony**, Sat 31 May 1.30–4pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/retreat-workshop-with-tony-alonso/. **Concert with Tony Alonso**, Sat 31 May 6.30pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/a-concert-with-tony-alonso/.

February 25th Lenten Reflective Evening 7–8pm

in the Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Road, Mission Bay, led by Jill McLoughlin rsj.

Receptionist/Administrator

Catholic Social Services, Auckland, is looking for a part-time (20 hours—3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people & families. The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, & professional reception & administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services. For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Services & staff vacancies.

Enrolment Applications open for Year 7 & Year 9

A Sacred Heart education provides a foundation of faith & aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal & professional life. Places are available in Years 7 & 9 in 2026, with Boarding available from Year 9. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available. [Register for our Open Day](#) on Wednesday, 26 February 2025. Two sessions are being held, 10am & 1pm in our Auditorium, followed by tours of the College. Parking will be available at Gate 4, West Tāmaki Road, Glendowie. Applications for enrolment close Friday 4 April. [Apply online](#) & visit sacredheart.school.nz for more information.

St Paul's College Open Day Information

We look forward to welcoming you to St Paul's College at our Open Day on Thursday 6 March. Two sessions are available starting promptly at 9.30am or 1.45pm. Assembly in the College Chapel followed by a tour of the College by Senior Students. Parking will be available on-site via the Moira St entrance.

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Hannah Rossiter, Mary Jean Laffey, 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 Coughie, 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:

Pa Mikare Ryan MHM, Margaret Schipper, Roberto Jongco, Anna Foss, Fr Graeme Alexander, Mary Dunn, Maureen Channon, John Mahoney, Corazon Carido, Nimia Suero, Kathleen Hughes, Maggy Collinge, Regina Orr, Collin & Keri Coutts, Bishop Barry Jones, Kim Jung Ha, Margaret Magness, Claire Howley, Michael O'Flaherty, Odilia Amos, Russell McDowall, Alzira Fernandes, Vida Delegat, Kath Ulrich, Natividad Manalo-Abcede, Thomas Setyo, Romeo Abcede, Hannah de Beer, Philip Leishman, Patrick O'Byrne, Cathy Campbell, Sr M Joan Hopkinson rsm, Kathleen Grey, Sr Aileen Martin rsm, John O'Connor, Fr Ray Garchow OH, Alois Ayan, Monika Menartowicz, Justiniano Senior, Klara & Miha Pintaric. *Eternal rest grant to them.*