

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.

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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 a.m.) 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 111.

Upcoming Safeguarding workshop: Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a workshop at St Mary's, 117 Onewa Road, Northcote, on Wednesday 30th April at 7 p.m. 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 No: 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."

PALM SUNDAY ~ 13TH APRIL 2025

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest." —Matthew 21:9

The official name of our celebration this Sunday is "Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord" (*Dominica in palmis de passione Domini*). It is dedicated to the commemoration and meditation of the suffering and death of Christ but leading up to Easter. According to Bernard Raas, SVD, in his book Liturgical Year, Palm Sunday is the grand opening of the Holy Week, commemorating the messianic entry of Jesus in Jerusalem and at the same time also recalling his passion. The liturgy of this day is a combination of joy and sorrow, glory and humility, recognition and rejection of Jesus.

We begin our celebration today with the blessing of palms and the procession to the altar praising Jesus, our Messiah and King. What we are doing is not mere imitation of the event that happened in Jerusalem two millennia ago but to show that we are always on a journey towards Jesus. We make it present today, realising the Jesus is always with us while we are on the way to Him. We proclaim the Gospel account of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. We welcome Jesus and accept Him as our Saviour. Here, Jesus accepts the people's acknowledgment of His messianic mission. There is no more secret and we celebrate with Jesus as we sing songs of praise.

The readings during the Mass for Palm Sunday show a well-balanced presentation of the incarnation, passion and glorification that comprise the mystery of Christ. The theme of the Suffering Servant in the first reading perfectly complements the passion narrative of the Gospel. The second reading on the other hand summarizes the whole life of Christ, from the incarnation to His resurrection and glory. We already know the life story of Christ. But every time it is proclaimed to us, especially during Palm Sunday, we are always moved and motivated to participate in His story. We may feel that Christ is revealing Himself to us anew and indeed there is something new that we can take.

As followers and believers, we ought to accept and declare that if Jesus' way to glory was the way of suffering and death, we too, must follow His way. We have to express in concrete ways our commitment to work with Jesus in saving our world through self-sacrifice. We go home today carrying the blessed palms. May they be a constant reminder for us, throughout the year, that on this day, we proclaim to the world that Jesus is our Messiah and Saviour and we acknowledge that He is present in our lives. We are a people of hope. We are not defeated by problems and sufferings but with Christ, we rise again and keep moving forward.

Blessings, - *Fr Gilbert Ramos*

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4–7 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.

Psalm 21/22:7–8, 16–19, 22–23 R. 1 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6–11 Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.

Luke 22:14–23:56 The passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Next weekend: Acts 10:34a, 36–43; Psalm 117/118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 R. 24;

Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–18.

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

Holy Thursday 7.30pm (Night Prayer at 9)
Good Friday 3pm
Holy Saturday 6pm
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St Michael's Remuera Mass times this week:

Palm Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm
Mon–Wednesday 7am, 12 noon
Holy Thursday 7.30pm
Good Friday 3pm
Holy Saturday 8pm

2025 Easter Timetable at St John the Baptist

19 April Holy Saturday *Easter Vigil at 6pm*

20 April Easter Sunday *Regular Sunday Mass times at 7am and 9.30*

21 April Easter Monday *Regular public holiday Mass time at 9am*

25 April ANZAC Day *Regular public holiday Mass time at 9am*

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.

Join us for the 17th Annual Good Friday Stations

of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD! Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9am at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11am at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. 18th of April 2025.

Flat mate wanted

To share a three bedroom house with one senior male guy. Royal Oak area next to a bus stop quiet and warm large bedroom available phone Ant 027-4191-300

Chrism Mass Tuesday 15 April

Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hāwera - 150 Years

St Joseph's Parish & School, Hāwera, will be celebrating 150 years over Labour Weekend, 24–26 October 2025. All past and present members of the parish & school community are invited to participate in the Jubilee celebrations. Registration Forms & Event Calendar are available at www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz

For further details email:

stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com

The Upper Room Wednesday 7th May 6:30pm

Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, you don't want to miss the first Upper Room of 2025! This event is an awesome opportunity to grab a drink, chat to other young adults, and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! And did we mention free bar snacks? We are excited to be joined by Fr Frank Bird as our guest speaker! Talk topic to be released soon. Stay tuned for more details on our socials! Join us for an unforgettable evening of fellowship and formation! Free on-street parking is available nearby. *Event is 18 years and over* Tickets: https://events.humanitix.com/upper_room

Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life. Friday 9th May 6pm to Sunday 11th May 3pm 2025—with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration till 18th April. Details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

The next Catholic singles 30s & 40s meet up

for the year will be held on 10 May. At 7:15pm, we will meet at the Stardome Observatory to take a closer look at the night sky through the Zeiss telescope. You will need to book your ticket via <https://www.stardome.org.nz/movie/zeiss-telescope>—do note that these sessions sell out super quick! RSVP using <https://www.icloud.com/invites/Ocbiq5QUVgK0j1Lb18OWzqzew> or to Marie-Claire aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

ANZAC – Let Us Remember Simpson's Donkey

Wed 23 April 2–3.30pm or 7.30–9.00pm
Presenter: Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. Fee: \$35 or koha. cathryn@mercywellsprings.org.nz

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 27th April 5:30 p.m.

at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's St, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

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 1.30–4 p.m., Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/retreat-workshop-with-tony-alonso/ **Concert with Tony Alonso**, Sat 31 May 6.30 p.m., Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10. Register at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/a-concert-with-tony-alonso/

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

Christine McBride, RosaAnne Marshall, 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 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, 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:

Cheryl Taylor, Dorothy Wagstaff, Elsie (Liz) McKinney, Bernard Glover, Angelica Licayan, Francesca Goodwin, Eva Goodwin, Pat Sizemore, Anita Malcon, Áine McInery, Susana Soncuya, Patrick Regan, Harry Nash, Sr Margaret Fahey OP, Peter Ryan, Kathleen Morris, Peter Hynes, Fr Paul Philbert OP, Dorothy Lee, Patsy Dwyer, Joan Evans, Teodora Uyttingco, Fr Brendan Sherry, Tom Hall, Ricardo Castro, Danny Shanahan, Araceli Cruz, Katherine Toland, Miguelito Son, Barbara McKinney, Larry Ross, Henry D'Souza, Tito Guleng, Brian Cronin, Leandro Gonzales, Hooi Peng Cheong, Denzil Menezes, Portia Robb, Br Kevin Hore, Gerard Reid, Apolonia Jumamoy, Glen Rigg, Caroline Mitchell, Sr Elizabeth Findlay, Ben Abrigo, Maurice Schischka, Marie Stanton, Bonnie McCafferty, Fr Pat Littlewood MHM, Fr Paul Duncan, Ans Vogels, Fr Tony Davies IC, Bruce Christmas, Eileen O'Connor, Kay Black, Cliff Johnson, Michael Veen, Marie Heffernan, Philippa Geaney, Consolacion Mangahas, Apparicion Santiago, Dominic Vaggioli OSB, Luz Dela Cruz, Yun-Ae Kim, Asuncion Lopez, Eileen Malone, John Fernandes, Philippa Geaney, Lester Ramos, Robert Beveridge, Clare Bennett, Frank Douglas, Cecilia Navarro, Ma. Lourdes Figueroa. *Eternal rest grant to them.*

Cathedral Parish Secretary

The Cathedral Parish of St Patrick & St Joseph is currently seeking a highly capable & motivated Parish Secretary for 36 hours per week, Tuesday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm & half a day on Sundays. Days & hours maybe negotiable for the right candidate. They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective & efficient day-to-day running of the Cathedral office & to support the Dean of the Cathedral. This is a varied & busy role, & responsibilities include: Reception; Secretarial services; Office administration, Accounts (MYOB); Cathedral, Wedding & hall bookings; Parish newsletter, Rosters, website/social media management & music ministry administration. Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit. To view the full advert, position description & how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies.

Bishops' Lent Appeal

The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is *Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te Tūmanako*. The appeal is crucial to our mission. It provides the resources necessary to continue our life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific & around the world. You can either use the single donation envelopes available in the foyer or visit www.caritas.org.nz for further ways to donate.

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect

for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on Sun 18 May. For more information kindly contact: Clytie: 021836705, Reena 0278387151