

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARNELL

Sunday Mass Times (Winter) ~ Saturday Vigil 5 pm, Sunday 9.30 am

No weekday Masses until further notice except public holidays.

9 am Mass & 9.30 am Reconciliation cancelled 14th, 20th, 22nd June.

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

Parish Secretary ~ Nathaniel Hood: phone (09) 373 3132 ~ Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz
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. 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 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 a workshop at Good Shepherd, 27 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, on Wednesday 11th June 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: 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 the Baptist Parnell
Ecclesiastical Goods Trust

Account №: 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."

PENTECOST ~ 8TH JUNE 2025

John 7:37-39 (Vigil Reading)

This week in John's Gospel Jesus stands and proclaims a powerful invitation: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." These words, spoken on the final and greatest day of the Feast of Tabernacles, hold deep spiritual and symbolic meaning. During this Jewish festival, a solemn ritual involved the pouring of water at the Temple altar—an act symbolising God's provision of water in the wilderness and a prayer for rain and blessings. In the Gospel, this ritual becomes a symbol of something far greater: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Messianic age.

Jesus reinterprets this ritual, declaring that He Himself is the true source of life-giving water. Those who come to Him in faith will not only be satisfied, but from within them will flow "rivers of living water." The evangelist makes it clear that Jesus is speaking about the Holy Spirit, who would later be given to believers after His glorification. This moment connects Jewish tradition with Christian hope, showing that the promise of the Spirit is not just for the few, but for all who believe.

The image of water is powerful and fitting. Just as water refreshes, cleanses, and sustains physical life, the Spirit renews, purifies, and empowers spiritual life. The outpouring of the Spirit, symbolised by the ritual, becomes real through Jesus, marking the beginning of the new Messianic era.

This passage invites us to recognise our own thirst—for meaning, truth, and God—and to come to Christ, the only source who can truly quench it. As believers today, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is not a distant gift, but a living presence within us, flowing outward in love, grace, and witness to the world.

- Fr Stephen Berecz

Sacred Heart College Vinnies Pyjama Drive

Thank you to all those who have donated to the annual Pyjama Drive. We are still accepting donations, and they can either be dropped off at Mass, or to the Secretary during office hours.

Liturgy of the Word

Act 2:1–11 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages.

Psa 103/104:1ab,24ac,29b–31,34 Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Rom 8:8–17 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Jn 14:15–16,23b–26 The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything.

Next weekend: Proverbs 8:22–31; Psalm 8:3–8 R. 1; Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15.

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.0com AND/OR www.livingtheword.org.nz

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Philip Sullivan
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Philip Sullivan

Mass Times this week in Parnell

Sat 9 am Mass cancelled 14 & 21 June.

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Sat 9.30 Reconciliation cancelled 14 & 21 June.

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St Michael's Remuera Mass times this week:

Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 5 pm
Mon–Friday 7 am, 12 noon
Saturday 8 am

St Michael's Remuera Reconciliation times:

Saturday 8.30 am
Sunday 4.30 pm

No 7 am Mass June, July, August and September

The last 7 am Mass this winter was held in May.
7 am Sunday Masses will resume 5th October.

No 9 am mass or 9.30 reconciliation 14 & 21 June

9 am Saturday mass and 9.30 reconciliation at St John's Parnell are cancelled 14th & 21st June.
There will also be no Mass scheduled for the public holiday of Matariki Friday 20th June.

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.

St Paul's college 70 year anniversary

Friday, June 13th 6:00pm. You are warmly invited to celebrate the 70 year anniversary of St Paul's College. We will be celebrating Mass in the school chapel Followed by drinks and nibbles in the school auditorium Registration is not essential but would be appreciated. To register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XCK>

The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude

Éamon Butler is offering a reflection day on Saturday 14 June from 9.30am–1pm. This topic will be appreciated given the encouragement we receive to live with gratitude. This reflective time apart offers a space to reflect on the wisdom & power of being grateful. Please see the flyer in foyer.

St Marys College Auckland 175th Jubilee

Labour Weekend (Friday 24th–Sunday 26th October) 2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ & founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers & friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours & displays, & a family picnic & Mass at the school. On Saturday 25th October, the Gala Jubilee Dinner will be held at the RNZ Yacht Squadron. For more information about the Jubilee events please contact

pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com

World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope

Saturday 2nd August 10am–8:30pm. Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)! Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025—a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, & HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise & worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, & a huge celebration of our Catholic faith. Follow the link for more details & to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

Administration Assistant—Auckland Common Fund Limited—Part Time 24 hrs per week

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, & highly efficient person for the role of Administration Assistant to the Operations Manager, Auckland Common Fund Limited to provide administration & operational support. This is a part-time role of 24 hours per week, Monday to Friday, with flexibility of hours between 9.30am & 3.30pm. Days/hours flexible for the right candidate. Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, knowledge/experience of Internal Database or CRM systems (Trello) & Document Management Tools i.e. SharePoint. It would be advantageous to have knowledge of Credit Rating Platforms. Can work under own initiative & have a can-do approach to work & is accurate and organised. For more details, & a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close on 20 June.

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. \$25.00 per person. 5 July 10am to 3:30pm. Details and registration at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/> Registrations essential. For further information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Masterclass | 3:00pm 28 June 2025

Join us for Masterclass, our quarterly event designed to equip, empower, and energize you for ministry. Whether you're a seasoned leader or just starting out, Masterclass offers practical tools, spiritual nourishment, and a supportive community to help you thrive in your ministry. And did we mention plenty of time to connect with other young leaders while enjoying a free barista coffee on us?! As always, Masterclass will feature two relevant workshops led by experienced guest speakers: Workshop presenters and topics to be announced soon! After the workshops, enjoy a delicious free dinner, followed by an evening of worship and adoration. This is a perfect event to build relationships, share experiences, and be spiritually re-filled for ministry. Note: Due to limited space, workshop spots will fill up quickly. Be sure to register early! Free parking available. For more info and to register follow the link: <https://events.humanitix.com/masterclass-25>

Taizé Prayer evening on Friday 13 June at 7pm

in the Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay. If you feel the need for some quiet, reflective time then come along and experience a time of peace & contemplation.

Part-time Caregiver: Baradene Convent, Remuera

A committed caregiver/HCA or Enrolled Nurse is needed for a Saturday shift from 7 am until 3 pm at the Convent & to support others' leave absences. Qualifications at Level 4 Health & Wellbeing NZ Certificate or as an Enrolled Nurse are important. This special position requires an entrusted person aligned with Catholic teachings including a commitment to safeguarding practices. Understanding of, & commitment to values of the RSCJ Sisters' values & their privacy is essential. Applications can be made on Seek. Closing date: 11 June.

Catholic Women's League

Women & men invited to our event on 25th June. Mass at 10.30am at St. Joseph's Church, Ōrākei & the talk by the General Manager, Linda Thompson on Women's Refuge. Her personal experience has shaped her commitment to breaking the cycle of violence for safer and healthier communities. Cost: \$20—includes morning tea & lunch. Please ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950 or email: tinaraines2703@gmail.com

Annual Winter Woollies Appeal

As the colder months approach, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust requests your support for our families in need through our annual Winter Woollies Appeal. We are seeking donations of new or near-new warm clothing & blankets to help keep everyone warm this winter. You can help by donating any new or gently used warm clothing, blankets or bedding. Please bring any donations to our main office: 30 Windrush Close, Māngere. Mon–Fri. If you'd rather make a financial contribution, you can do so through the website montececilia.org.nz Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support.

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 Coughay, Adelaide 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:

Br Kieran Fenn fms, Noeline Levick, Barry Smith, Gloria Gillespie, Ida Siposs, Murray Morgan, Jack de Goldi, Mary de Beer, Chris Salesa, Anthony Baker, Theresa Winiata, Bishop Len Boyle, Richard Turnbull, Peter Harriman, Sam Small, Joanna Radich, Teresa Mullin, Hillary Stewart-Keenan, Gail Benseman, Leopoldo Sobermisana, Traian Tilca, Bryan (Mako) Stone, Michael Preston, Ofa Santos, Caoimhe Galvin, Marina Cunanan, Sheila O'Brien, Garth Whittacker, John Watts, Br Miles fms, John McCabe, George Gianotti, Laurent Monnier, Christine Remont, Michael O'Donoghue, Wiki Karena, Vasile Cosma, Jenny Harrison, Fr V Courtney, Abelardo Comileng, John Plunket, Dominador Licayan, Mariano Lim, Ed Peterson. *Eternal rest grant to them.*