

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 and 9.30 am Reconciliation resume 5th July.

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 Our Lady of the Assumption, 97 Galway Street, Onehunga, on Monday 21st July 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."

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ~ 29TH JUNE 2025

Matthew 16:13–19 is a pivotal moment in the Gospel narrative, where Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter responds with bold faith, declaring, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." This confession marks a turning point, not only for Peter personally but also for the mission of the Church. Jesus blesses Peter, calling him the rock upon which He will build His Church, and entrusts him with the "keys of the kingdom of heaven."

This passage reveals the foundational role of Peter in the Church's structure and mission. Peter's faith and his recognition of Jesus' true identity are not from human insight, but a revelation from the Father. It shows that the Church is not merely a human institution, but one built on divine guidance and spiritual truth. The "keys" symbolize authority—specifically, the authority to teach, to guide, and to bind or loose in the name of Christ.

This scripture takes on deeper meaning when considered within the context of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 29th. This feast honours two of the most influential apostles in the early Church—Peter, the steadfast shepherd and first pope, and Paul, the passionate missionary to the Gentiles. Though very different in background and personality, both shared a deep love for Christ and a fearless commitment to spreading the Gospel, even to the point of martyrdom.

The unity of Peter and Paul reminds us of the diversity within the Church and the call for unity in mission. Peter represents structure and stability, Paul, zeal and outreach. Together, they embody the fullness of the Church's vocation: to be both rooted in Christ and dynamic in evangelization.

This week we are invited to echo Peter's confession in our own lives. Who do we say Jesus is? Like Peter and Paul, we are called to recognize Christ, follow Him boldly, and become living stones in the Church He continues to build. Their feast reminds us that our faith must be both professed and lived with courage, humility, and love.

- Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 12:1–11 Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel & rescued me from the hands of Herod.

Psalms 33/34:1–8 The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness.

Matthew 16:13–19 You are Peter; and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Next weekend: Isaiah 66:10–14; Psalm 65/66:1–3a, 4–7a, 16, 20;

Galatians 6:14–18; Luke 10:1–12, 17–20.

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

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Saturday 5 pm Fr Stephen Berecz

Sunday 9.30 am Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

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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

Saturday 9 am Mass and 9.30 Reconciliation

resume 5th July at St John the Baptist Parnell.

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.

The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

29th June is the day when the annual Peter's Pence collection is taken. The collection is to support the Holy Father in his ministry and his charitable activities in response to emergencies & needs around the world. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion & participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace & spread Christian charity. You are encouraged to consider how you can contribute through your local community or online at ObolodiSanPietro.va

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, & those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy & Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. \$25 per person. 5th July 10 am–3:30 pm. 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

Safeguarding Programme Parish Feedback

The aim of the New Zealand Dioceses is to provide a consistent vision to create & foster a secure physical, emotional, & spiritual culture in our faith communities, enabling everyone to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. Creating safe environments involves active participation & responsibility taken by all parishes. It requires collaboration, vigilance & a proactive approach through policies, procedures, & practices. Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is asking for feedback on the Safeguarding programme in your parish. The form is available from your parish safeguarding co-ordinator Nathaniel Hood at the parish office (email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz or phone 09 373 3132). Online responses go straight to Lisa-May: <https://forms.office.com/r/a0uNT5g5it>

MUSIC DIRECTOR required

Are you passionate about sacred music and building vibrant, faith-filled communities through music? St Patrick and St Joseph's Cathedral is looking for a dynamic and visionary Music Director to help grow and shape our music ministry. This is a unique opportunity to work with our talented cantors & organists, choirs, & music groups. Whether your background is in choral direction, liturgical music, or music coordination and leadership, we want to hear from you! For more information or to have a friendly, informal conversation about the role, please contact Fr Craig: frcraig@stpatricks.org.nz Deadline for applications—Friday 11th July.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School

is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer & authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18–35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ & meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Ngā Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 2–11 January 2026! Registrations open 6th July at 1 pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

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>

St Mary's 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

St Michael's Bishop Robert Barron Video Series

Join us as Bishop Robert Barron takes us on a journey of the lives of four pivotal saints who have helped shape our Church & advance civilization by challenging the status quo. Live the stories with the assistance of Dr Dan Stollenwerk, Catherine Lipski & Vernon Tava. 4xWednesday evenings from 30th July. 7–8:30pm in the crypt at St Michael's Parish. For further information & to register: <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/winter-programme>

Word & Eucharist Liturgical Ministry Workshop

The Liturgy Centre is presenting two combined lectures for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, focusing on the theology of these liturgical ministries and an emphasis on the practicalities. All deaneries are invited to attend one of the workshops, which will be hosted at these parishes: Saturday 19th July, 1pm–4pm | Holy Cross Papatoetoe (21 Carruth Road) Sunday 20th July, 1pm–4pm | St John's Mairangi Bay (87 Hastings Road) Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

The Little Sisters of the Poor

at the St Joseph's Home & Hospital in Tweed Street, Herne Bay are looking for some volunteers to take their residents out on a weekly drive around Auckland. They would like to have a no. of drivers so the commitment is not every week. The bus is a Ford Transit manual gear, 11-seater & has a hoist at the back for embarking & disembarking of residents. Our residents look forward with anticipation to the outing each week & enjoy interaction with the driver. Please phone us if you feel you could volunteer for this activity. Currently we operate on a midweek afternoon, between 1–4 pm, making a stop for a cup of tea along the journey. Please contact Sr Maureen 09 361 4600.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th July

7 pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All welcome.

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:

Michael Murray, John Novak, Sosefo Mataale, Julius Andre Taroja, Gloria Sabio, Gertrude Ng, Fifita Ramanlal Valabh, Thomas Vakkal, Kumari Limbu Christiansen, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Giam, Josie Mclean, Benny Rehder, Alma Schiscka, Nancy Pye, Mary Instone, Eileen Healy, Rose Hunt, Raewyn Grevatt, Ken Clarke, Etua Leilua, Keith Kahi, Bernie Summich, Hugh Green, Wendy Weir, Una Ryan, Mate Dean, Patrick Dowell, Bernie King, Kathleen Frellengou, Michael Turnbull, Michael Mullarkey, Molly Carty, Noel McGuire, Peceli Vocea, Norman Mole, Noel Anthony, Frank Fahy, Teofila V Aguirre, Pauline Blackett, Rona Lovell, Marie Spillane, Wally Velavich, Nicholas Portegys, Ray Gould, Jesse De Castro, Flocefina Lucas, Patricia McHugh, Pete Tiscorina, Qalo Bulatiko, Harnam Singh, Claude Hickey, Sr Anne Murray SJC, Frank Smith, Alexander Lee, Noel Maninang, Flavia Bautista, Sharon Wilson, Aubrey Johnstone, Manuel Ronquillo, Hilary Erwin-Silva, Evelyn Fonseca, Gilbert Purdom, Theresa Collins.