

## 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 20th, 21st, and 28th June.\*

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:foodbank@svdpak.org.nz)

### **Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

[www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)  
Contact Sam Brebner [samb@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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."*

TRINITY SUNDAY ~ 15TH JUNE 2025

In our Gospel this week, Jesus speaks to His disciples about the coming of the Spirit of truth, promising that this Spirit will guide them into all truth. These verses are rich in meaning, pointing not only to the immediate future of the disciples but also to the ongoing mission of the Church. Jesus, knowing the limitations of His disciples at that moment, tells them, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear." Yet He assures them that the Holy Spirit will continue His work, teaching and guiding them after His departure.

This passage reveals the dynamic relationship within the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Spirit does not speak independently but communicates what He hears, glorifying Christ and declaring what belongs to the Father. This unity and distinction among the three Persons of the Trinity form the foundation of the Church's understanding of God and are central to the celebration of Trinity Sunday. On this feast, the Church rejoices in the mystery of one God in three Persons, a truth that Jesus unveils here in a profound and intimate way.

Moreover, Jesus' promise of the Spirit's guidance is not limited to the apostolic age. The "Spirit of truth" continues to lead the Church today. Through Scripture, the teachings of the Church (Magisterium), and the lived experience of the faithful, the Holy Spirit ensures that Christ's message remains alive and relevant. The Church, animated by the Spirit, continues Christ's mission of truth, love, and salvation in the world. This is especially evident in the sacraments, acts of charity, preaching of the Gospel, and the Church's teachings throughout history.

Thus, our Gospel this week offers hope and assurance. It reminds us that we are not alone—God is present and active. The Spirit who glorifies Christ continues to work through the Church, drawing all people into the life and love of the Trinity. Trinity Sunday, therefore, is not merely a celebration of doctrine but of divine relationship and mission—a celebration of God with us, guiding us into all truth. ~ *Fr Stephen Berecz*

## Liturgy of the Word

**Proverbs 8:22–31** Before the beginning of the earth, wisdom had already been brought forth.

**Psalms 8:3–8** **Ps. 1** O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.

**Romans 5:1–5** God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

**John 16:12–15** All that the Father has is mine, and the Spirit will take what is mine & declare it to you.

**Next weekend:** Genesis 14:18–20; Psalm 109/110:1–4; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; Luke 9:11b–17.

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.0com](http://mobilegabriel.0com) AND/OR [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://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

9 am Mass cancelled 20, 21 & 28 June.

### Mass Times this week in Parnell

Sat 9.30 Reconciliation cancelled 21 & 28 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 21 & 28 June

9 am Saturday mass and 9.30 reconciliation at St John's Parnell are cancelled 21st & 28th June.

There will also be no Mass scheduled for the public holiday of Matariki Friday 20th June.

### 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](mailto:pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com)

### Engaged / Planning a wedding?

Catholic Diocese of Auckland–Approved Marriage Preparation Course. Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ & 18 months for overseas weddings. Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> For more information contact: Gerry at [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 02247442

### 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.

### 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/wydk25>

### 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>

### The New Zealand Sacred Music Association

presents *Ave Verum Corpus*, 22nd June, 6.30 pm, St Paul's College Chapel, Richmond Road, Ponsonby. Come join us for a night of prayer, music and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of the Corpus Christi. Free Admission. All Welcome. Featuring choral works by Allegri, Bentivoglio, Byrd, Elgar, Fauré, Liszt, Mozart, Stopford and more.

### 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](mailto: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](http://montececilia.org.nz) Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support.

### The Shroud of Turin: A Fundraising Dinner

Don't miss this special evening of faith, fellowship, and discovery. Join us for a special Fundraising Dinner with renowned speaker Fr Andrew Dalton, international expert on the Shroud of Turin, the most studied artefact in history! Tickets are limited—Don't miss out! 7 pm, Friday 4th July, 2025. Fairview Events Centre, Wairau Valley, Auckland. Tickets \$120pp or \$1000 for table of 10. For more info & to buy tickets visit [evangelion.co.nz](http://evangelion.co.nz)

### 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](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)



*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, Thilisi 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:* Ma. Sol Jimenea, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Denis Ryan, Jane Mary Menzies, Bishop Basil Meeking, John Smith, Bob Bovelaander, Paulie London, Mary Pye, Margaret Fischman, Palma Doyle, Tom Gregory, Dorice Curtis, Hernando R. Zornosa, Paul Ah Van, Joe Dargaville, Fr Craig Larkin SM, Adjí Dojohartoono, Rogelio Electona, Nelia Sangaro, Mate Selak, Richard Turnbull, Pilar Asuar Puiggros, Pat Gillen, Jose Baetiong, Milagros Santillan, Domy Sevillano, John Daley, David Nobbs, Ted Doolin, Nancy Grey, Mariano Lim, Hoani Hotene, Fr Brian O'Neill, Ronie Villegas Maringon, June Gaines, David Buist, Joshua Feehan, Fr Alex Taylor, Abelardo Comileng, Antonio Caro, Frances Kinney, Archbishop Thomas William Croke DD, Joan Wilde, Jenny Harrison, John Cleary, Allwyn Fernandes, Eileen Smith, Bernadette Prenty, Jim Laurenson, Simon Heer, Erlinda Alcantara, Sean Cautwell, Peter Cheyne, Br Edmund Kyne fms, Br Gregory Ryan fms, Fr Jose Gosano, Sr Mary Ignatius sm, Ambrose Loughlinan OP, Eileen Belcher, Patrick Maguire, Marie Gifford.