St John the Baptist Catholic Church Parnell

Sunday Mass Times (Winter timetable): Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 9.30 am.
Saturday 9 am Mass & 9.30 am Reconciliation. Public holidays 9 am.
No 7 am Mass May–August.

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www.parnellcatholic.org.nz

Parking in St John's Carpark

Many have noticed an increase in parking infringements since AT rolled out their no. plate recognition cameras. Those attending Sunday or weekday Mass do not need to pay if using St John's carpark. On a Sunday you may leave your car in the carpark for 1 hr after Mass without payment (till 11.30 am). Cars left longer could be towed away. On weekday/Saturday mornings, you have 15 mins after Mass.

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 workshop

Lisa-May, safeguarding co-ordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, is holding a workshop at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndam Street, on Wednesday 5th August at 7 pm. 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

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

supports whānau who are struggling with housing challenges, including those living in overcrowded or unhealthy conditions such as garages. Our Sustaining Tenancies team also helps families in private rentals who are at risk of losing their homes, working with landlords & tenants to find solutions that keep whānau housed & supported. To learn more, visit www.montececilia.org.nz or call 0800 624 848.

St Vincent de Paul Society Foodbank

Our parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods & 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 & generosity. Contact the SVDP Food Support team: Phone: 0800 680 090/815 6122. Email: foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

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/

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."

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th June 2026

In this week's Gospel, we are offered a profound glimpse into the heart of Jesus. Looking out over the crowds, He is moved with deep, visceral compassion because the people are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus does not remain a distant observer to human suffering. Instead, His immediate response is to empower His disciples to become labourers in a plentiful harvest, sending them out to heal, comfort, and proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.

This calling was not just for the original Twelve; it is a direct blueprint for our own daily discipleship. Jesus reminds them, "Freely you have received; freely give." Yet, before we can freely give to others, we must first recognize what we have received. Our ability to bind the wounds of a fractured world is entirely dependent on our willingness to draw close to the Good Shepherd and allow ourselves to be loved and sustained by Him.

> *"At this point, let us ask a few questions: we, who believe in God who is close, I wonder: do we confide in him? Do we know how to look forward trustfully, like a child who knows he is held in his father's arms? Do we know how to sit in the Father's lap with prayer, by listening to the Word, partaking of the Sacraments? And finally, close to him, do we know how to instil courage in others, to make ourselves close to those who suffer and are alone, to those who are distant and even those who are hostile? This is the substance of faith. This is what counts."*
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> —Pope Francis

The call to be labourers in the harvest begins with profound intimacy. When we cultivate a trusting, childlike closeness with our Heavenly Father, we are naturally propelled outward. Let us pray this week for the grace to rest deeply in God's presence, so that we may have the strength and courage to bring His restorative compassion to everyone we encounter.

—Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 19:1–6a You shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.
Psalm 99 (100) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.
Romans 5:6–11 If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely will we be saved by his life.
Matthew 9:36–10:8 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out to proclaim the good news.

Next weekend: Jeremiah 20:7, 10–13; Psalm 68 (69):7–9, 13, 16, 32–33, 35ab, 36; Romans 5:12–15; Matthew 10:26–33.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Sat 5 pm	Fr Stephen Berecz
Sun 9.30	Fr Stephen Berecz

Mass Times this week in Parnell

No 9 am Mass Saturdays 20th & 27th June

Reconciliation Times this week in Parnell

No 9.30 Reconciliation 20th & 27th June

St Michael's Remuera Parish 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.

Save the Date: Parnell Parish Sunday Roast

Sunday 2nd August, 1.30 pm, at Notting Hill café, Parnell. Ticketed entry. Pricing to be advised.

Sacred Heart College Vinnies Pyjama Drive

This is our last weekend collecting pyjamas. Parishioners may donate warm, brand new children's pyjamas. These can be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours. They are distributed through Starship Hospital's Ronald McDonald House.

For Sale: Unit 8, 28 Smythe Rd, Henderson

Price by negotiation. Own private gate to the property providing exclusive private space in the front of the property. Beautiful view from master bedroom. Garden access to open grounds. Waitākere hospital 6 mins away. Waitākere city shopping mall 8 mins away. Henderson school walking distance. Henderson train station 7 mins walk. Henderson Park 7 mins walk. Last house № 8 on the block. For more details contact Shibu 0223738900, Sharon 0223707900.

Former St John the Baptist Scout Group

A Catholic scout leader is wanting help to obtain a scarf & name badge of this former scout group in our parish. This is part of a project to record the history of Catholic-sponsored scout groups in NZ. Sewn on the scarf would have been the badge used by Catholic scout groups—see image alongside. If you can help, please contact Edmund le Grelle, ph 021 2619369 or edmund@legrelle.co.nz



University Ministry Assistant

Are you looking for a role where you can make a meaningful impact in the lives of tertiary students? The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for someone to become our part-time University Ministry Assistant, supporting ministry to tertiary students across six campuses. You'll help deliver events, support student leaders, & expand the vibrant Catholic communities on campuses across the Auckland Diocese. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

ACYM: The Upper Room

Good George Mission Bay, 71 Tāmaki Dr, Wed 17 Jun, 6:30–9 pm. This month, you'll have the chance to ask those "asking for a friend" questions, answered live by a panel including a married couple, a single man, a single woman, & a priest. Tickets at events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-june-2026

The Open Table NZ: 2026 National Gathering

On 19–20 June, The Open Table NZ will host its 1st national gathering—a weekend designed to bring people together around thoughtful faith, shared humanity, & generous conversation. This conference is for people drawn to an open, inclusive, & progressive expression of Christian faith, & who are seeking connection rather than certainty. Somervell Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera. https://theopentable.nz/gathering/

Events at Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings

104 The Drive, Epsom. To register for any events, email Rebecca: office@mercywellsprings.org.nz **Mandala: Prayer Through Art**—Sat 20 Jun. 9.30 am–3.30 pm. $35/koha. Facilitated by Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. **Conversations of the Soul**—Sat 4 Jul. 9.30 am–3.30 pm. $35/koha. Facilitated by Adriana Janus.

Events at the Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre

Taizé Prayer, Fri 3 Jul, 7–8 pm. Venue: Chapel. **Card-Crafting Workshop** of Fun, Fellowship & Creativity, Sat 11 Jul; 9.30 am–3 pm. Venue: Meeting Room. Facilitator: Meg Hills rsj. This workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design & create a variety of handcrafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied. A maximum of 8 people can attend this workshop. **Reflection Day**: The Humanity of Jesus, Sat 18 Jul; 10 am–1 pm. Venue: Meeting Room. Facilitator: Ann Neven rsj. This is an opportunity to reflect with Fr Daniel O'Leary on a further Chapter of his book—An Astonishing Secret. "Son of God, Jesus, you were formed in the womb of Mary, your mother, & you became part of this earth, gazing at it with Human eyes." —Pope Francis.

Monte Cecilia 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, seeking donations of new warm Clothing & Blankets to help keep everyone warm this winter. If you can help, please bring your donations to the main office: 30 Windrush Cl, Māngere. Mon–Fri 9 am–4 pm. If you'd rather make a financial contribution, you can do so through montececilia.org.nz Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families they support.

Events at St. Francis Retreat Centre

www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or 625 6651. **24-Hour Quietude**—This is for anyone seeking peace, clarity, or a spiritual reset for one full day. It begins on Friday at 7 pm with prayer & rest, & continues until Saturday at 7 pm. Our spiritual directors will be facilitating the sessions. Jul 3–4; 28–29 Aug; 20–21 Nov. **Reflect & Renew Weekend Retreat**—A gentle, spacious weekend designed for rest, prayer & renewal. Led by our spiritual directors, this event offers time to step away from the noise of daily life & reconnect with God in the beauty & stillness at the friary. Fri 24 Jul, 7 pm–Sun 26 July, 3 pm.

Joshua Cath Men's Fellowship 40-yr celebration

Fri 14th afternoon–Sun 16th Aug noon. Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua. $247pp incl accommodation & meals. Contact Mike Lobo 021 2809285 or Greg Sullivan 021 437747 https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua

Fr Paul Turner Ars Celebrandi Workshop

The NZCBC warmly invites clergy, parish liturgy teams, school staff, deacons, & all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy to a special workshop with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Inspired by Pp Francis's Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, this workshop will explore the *ars celebrandi*, the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, & fidelity to the mind & heart of the Church. Fr Turner will lead practical & enriching sessions aimed at deepening our understanding of the Eucharist & strengthening the celebration of Mass in our parishes & schools. Fr Turner is pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri & director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome. He is a consultor for the Dicastery for Divine Worship & the Discipline of the Sacraments. His numerous publications include "Guide for..." The Liturgical Ministry series of books & dozens of other titles. As pastor of diverse parishes, he spent many years ministering in a state prison, serving an Hispanic & multiethnic community, & providing assistance to the homeless. Sat 25 Jul, Christ the King Church, Ōwairaka, 260 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill. Parish Mass @ 9 am, sessions 10 am–2.30 pm. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch please. Register at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/

Marist College: 2027 enrolment—Yr 7 & Yr 9

Marist is opening another round of applications for the 2027 student intake for Yrs 7 & 9.

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

Jim Brown, Matthew Newman, Teresa Gabriola, Lynnette Salvador, 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 Coughey, 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:

Ma. Sol Jimenea, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Denis Ryan, Jane Mary Menzies, Bishop Basil Meeking, John Smith, Bob Bovelaander, Paulie Lundon, Mary Pye, Margaret Fischman, Palma Doyle, Tom Gregory, Dorice Curtis, Hernando R. Zornosa, Paul Ah Van, Joe Dargaville, Fr Craig Larkin SM, Adji Dojohartoono, Rogelio Electona, Nelia Sangaro, Mate Selak, Richard Turnbull, Pilar Asuar Puiggros, Pat Gillen, Jose Baetiong, Milagros Santillan, Domy Sevillono, John Daley, David Nobbs, Ted Doolin, Nancy Grey, Mariano Lim, Hoani Hotene, Fr Brian O'Neill, Ronie Villegas Marinog, 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 Loughlnan OP, Eileen Belcher, Patrick Maguire, Marie Gifford. Eternal rest grant to them.