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. No 9 am Mass 20th & 27th June.
Public holidays 9 am. No 7 am Mass May–August.

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Parish Secretary: Nathaniel Hood. Phone (09) 373 3132. Email: office@parnellcatholic.org.nz
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."

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time—21st June 2026

Jesus speaks words of both challenge and reassurance to his disciples in this week's Gospel. He urges them not to be afraid, even in the face of opposition and hostility. What is hidden will be revealed; what is whispered will be proclaimed. The mission of the disciple is not one of silence, but of courageous witness. Faith is not meant to remain private or concealed, but to be lived openly and truthfully before others.

Yet Jesus recognises the reality of fear. He speaks directly to it: "Do not be afraid." Human threats, though real, are not ultimate. The deeper truth is that each person is known and valued by God. Even the hairs of our head are counted. This intimate knowledge reflects a profound care—God's loving attention to every detail of our lives. The disciple's courage, therefore, is not rooted in self-confidence, but in trust in God's enduring presence.

This passage also calls for a public acknowledgment of faith. "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father." Discipleship involves a visible commitment, a willingness to stand with Christ even when it is difficult. It is a relationship that shapes both belief and action.

So the task of the community is to act together to bear witness to the love and care of God before our fellow human beings. This witness is not merely expressed in words, but in the way the community lives. If we seek forgiveness from God, we must forgive others, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. If we seek love and care from God, we are called to extend that same love and care to those around us.

This raises a deeper challenge: can the Christian community organise itself so that it visibly reflects God's compassion? Can it be seen caring for those suffering from injustice, hatred, sickness, and the exploitation of the environment? These are not optional concerns; they are at the heart of authentic witness.

If the community lives in this way, it becomes more than a collection of individuals. It becomes the body of Christ in the world. And as it faithfully embodies his love before others, it can stand with confidence as the body of Christ in the presence of the Father.

—Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word

Jer 20:7, 10–13 The Lord has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.
Psa 68 (69):7–9, 13, 16, 32–33, 35ab, 36 Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Rom 5:12–15 The free gift is not like the trespass.
Matt 10:26–33 Do not fear those who kill the body.

Next weekend: 2 (4) Kings 4:8–12a, 14–17; Psalm 88 (89):1–2, 15–18; Romans 6:3–4, 8–11; Matthew 10:37–42.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Sat 5 pm	Fr Tony Dunn
Sun 9.30	Fr Phil Bennenbroek SM

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.

Parnell Parish Sunday Roast

Sun 2 Aug, 1.30 pm, at Notting Hill café, Parnell. Roast pork, lamb & potatoes w sautéed broccoli, mint & apple sauces, horseradish cream & rich, dark, gravy. Apple crumble w custard & cream. Tea, coffee & filtered water. 50 seats @ $80. Buy tickets at the parish office or email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz

St Michael's Remuera Parish Social Media

Our neighbours at Remuera are on social media. Facebook is: St Michael's Parish – Remuera
Instagram is: stmichaels.remuera

Marriage & Family Life:

Invite & welcome all whanau with babies and children 0–5 years to a newly established monthly Catholic Coffee group, starting Sat 4 July at 11 am –12 pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Come along & meet other like-minded whānau where God resides. There is lots of parking. Further info call Gerry (Leader of Marriage & Family Life Ministries) on 021 02247442.

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/

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.

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 & multi-ethnic 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/

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.

Delargey Awards 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant & outstanding ministry with young people. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: bit.ly/Delargey2026

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.

Conversations of the Soul

Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings, 104 The Drive, Epsom. Sat 4 Jul. 9.30 am–3.30 pm. $35/koha. Facilitated by Adriana Janus. To register for any events, email Rebecca: office@mercywellsprings.org.nz

Marriage Preparation Programme:

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for volunteers to facilitate the Marriage Preparation Programme; the training is starting soon. If you have been married for 5+ years & feel drawn to helping engaged couples please call Gerry on 021 02247442.

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:

Tony Dinnan, Manuka Widdowson, Warlie Zuniga, Peter Watt, Br Bill Lawson, Patricia Loughlin, Jim Dowd, Tom Sellmeyer, Francisco T Lopez, Sophie Tipene, Ross Lipscombe, Primo Pascual, Tony McGlennon, Patricia Nola, Chona Brilantes-Bartolome, Pauline Lanigan, Nola Wolfgramm, Leslie Fester, Russell Gardiner, P Sylvester, Alexander Lee, Domy Sevillano, Maurice Pohlen, Karst Slykerman, Fr Jack Ward, Cecilia Mojica, Sr Grace Thompson RSCJ, William Charles, Rose Mortimer, Cathy Jaegar, Henry Amble, Patricia Tapp, Michael Soter, Vern Anamallay, Madurama Perumal, Zorka Boric, Ian Cowley, Owen Franklin, Jack Whooley, M Lobo, Esma Sissons, Theresa Smith, Mrs Joseph Lourdmary, Rita Carroll, Murray Gibson, Gary Leong, Thomas Vakkel, Ignacio Deiparine, John Arahill, Mary Joan Pratt, Marie Gifford, Fr Barney Bourke sm, Eileen Smith, E Ralph Cullen, M Paul Marinovich, John Novak, Avelino Tibudan, Beth Brewster, Michael Soter, Elizabeth Kote, Sławomir Wujkowski, Steven Daniels, Brian Dunphy, Jim Lewis, Greg Marnoch, Br Ray Kelleher, Greg M, David Anderson, Moira Doogan, Bridie Doogan, Patricia Gianotti, Peter Hook, Pauline Slater, Pamela Jenke, Margaret Duggan, Eileen Walker, Susan Walker, Augusto Pamintuan, Frank Smith, Maureen Teggart, Michael Foley, Pedro De Silva, Lucita De Silva, Teadolfo Fetalino, Cora Kamp, Gary Leong, Sr Rosalie Flannery SJC, Luz Morales, Russell Guy, Cheryl Holloway, Most Rev James Liston, Trish McCarthey, Nell O'Shaughnessy, Sr Teresa Brophy RSCJ, John Bolland, Audrey Page, Peter McKay, Rita Carroll, Ray Murray, Corinne Bieshaar, Oommen Kuriakose, Fr Jan Nielan, Joseph Pinto, David Cheyne, Mary Lynch, Marin Farac, Rosario Migalbin, Theresa Smith, Marie Wilson, Thomas Aldridge, John McNicholl, Frank Sylvester, Ian Cowley, Rudy de Asis, Terrence L'Estrange, Emma Coleman-Donald, Paula Erazo, Kim Bangigur, Lee Bedro Illa, Alan Murray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Barry King, Henry Ambler, Nancy Wright, Brian Dutton, Esma Sissons, Ned Matijasevich, Owen Franklin, Jack Whooley, Mrs J Lourdmary, Neville Judson, Murray Gibson, Thomas Vakkel, Ignacio Deiparine, Eileen Walker, Msgr Matthew Curran VG. . Eternal rest grant to them.