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. ***Sat morn Mass & Reconciliation resume 4th July.***

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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."

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th June 2026

The Grace of Hospitality

In this week's Gospel, Jesus presents us with both the profound demands and the beautiful rewards of true discipleship. He begins with challenging words, asking us to place our love for Him above all other earthly attachments—even our closest family ties—and to take up our cross willingly. Yet this call to radical dedication quickly shifts to a comforting teaching on the power of hospitality: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." Jesus assures us that even a gesture as small as offering a "cup of cold water" to a disciple carries eternal significance.

This focus on welcoming reminds us that evangelization is a deeply relational exchange of grace. However loudly and clearly the Gospel is proclaimed it will be effective only if and when it is well received. When we step out in faith to share Christ's love, we must remember that we are not introducing God to a vacuum. That people do perceive, listen to and welcome God's envoys indicates that they already know God, however vaguely.

The desire for the Divine is woven into the very fabric of the human heart. Their acceptance is a recognition, a realisation of God's innate call, which is stimulated and encouraged by the apostolic testimony. This truth should give us profound hope and relieve us of the burden of feeling like we must do all the heavy lifting ourselves. Wherever the Gospel is preached, God's Spirit is already working. Our task is simply to cooperate with the grace that is already actively moving in our communities.

Yet to be effective cooperators, we must first examine our own interior lives. We should, first of all, reflect today on how we, successors of the first apostles, receive God into our lives, because if we are to represent him to others we must ensure that we are receiving and welcoming him. We cannot share a hospitality of spirit that we have not first cultivated ourselves. Let us use this time to clear away the spiritual clutter in our own hearts, making a welcoming space for Christ, so that we might authentically recognize and draw out His presence in everyone we meet. —*Fr Stephen Berecz*

Liturgy of the Word

2 (4) Kgs 4:8–12a, 14–17 This man is a holy man of God. He can stay here whenever he comes to us.
Psa 88 (89):1–2, 15–18 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11 We have been buried with Christ Jesus by baptism into death, so we too might walk in newness of life.
Matt 10:37–42 Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.

Next weekend: Zec 9:9–10; Ps 144 (145):1–2, 8–11, 13cd–14; Rm 8:9, 11–13; Mt 11:25–30.

Presiding Priest this Sunday

Sat 5 p.m.	Fr Philip Sullivan
Sun 9.30	Fr Philip Sullivan

Mass Times this week in Parnell

9 a.m. Mass resumes Saturday 4th July

Reconciliation Times this week in Parnell

9.30 Reconciliation resumes Sat 4th July

St Michael's Remuera Parish Mass Times this week

Sun	8 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Mon–Fri	7 a.m., 12 noon
Sat	8 a.m.

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

Clergy Jubilee Mass

Parishioners are invited join the priests for the Clergy Jubilee Mass on Tue 30 Jun at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Parish, Ōwairaka.

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 & Family Life:

Invite & welcome all whānau with babies & children 0–5 years to a newly established monthly Catholic Coffee group, starting Sat 4 Jul 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.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass Fri 3 July 7 pm

St Mary's Parish, 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.

World Youth Day Auckland 2026

10 am–8:30 pm Sat 1 Aug, Victory Convention Ctr. More info & registration: events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026

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 Jul, 3 pm.

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.

The Beginning Experience—ALONE AGAIN ?

A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce or Widowhood on 21–23 Aug. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, & offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials & follow up event is $350 w early bird cost $325 if paid by 8 Jul. For further information please phone Karena evenings on 021802-352. www.beginningexperience.org.nz

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.

Retreat: St John of the Cross, Cath Saint & Mystic

The Auckland Community for Christian Meditation is running a retreat at the St Francis Retreat Centre (the Friary) over the weekend of July 17 to 19. Led by Fr Frank Bird SM, the retreat will explore important themes around prayer, the experience of growing in union with God, & the journey of transformation drawn from St John's writings. To register go to christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats

P/T Catholic Chaplain for Whangārei Hospital

A part-time (15 hrs/week) Catholic Chaplain position is available at Whangārei Hospital. Applicants should have (or be willing to undertake) Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or have relevant ministry experience, along with a foundation in Catholic sacramental theology. The role involves providing pastoral, spiritual, & emotional support to patients, families & staff from diverse backgrounds, while working collaboratively within a multidisciplinary healthcare team in line w the Treaty of Waitangi principles. The successful candidate will join an ecumenical chaplaincy team through Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa. Ongoing professional development, training & support are provided. To view the full ad & position description, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services & Staff Vacancies. Appl close 17 Jul.

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/

Delargey Awards 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant & outstanding ministry w young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens & young adults. The awards are named after Reginald Card Delargey, former Abp of Wellington & Bp of Auckland. Nominations cl on 31 Jul. Find out more at: bit.ly/Delargey2026

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:

Michael Murray, John Novak, Sosefo Mataele, Julius Andre Taroja, Gloria Sabio, Gertrude Ng, Fifita Ramanlal Vallabh, Thomas Vakkel, Kumari Limbu Christiansen, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Giacon, Josie Mclean, Benny Rehéder, 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 Frelengou, 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 Yelavich, Nicholas Portegys, Ray Gould, Jesse De Castro, Flocerfina Lucas, Patricia McHugh, Pete Tiscornia, 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.