

**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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**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](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 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](mailto: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](http://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 SVPD Food Support team: Phone: 0800 680 090/815 6122. Email: [foodbank@svdpak.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@svdpak.org.nz)

**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 No: 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.”*

**Corpus Christi – 7th June 2026**

**The Dangerous Memory of Love**

In the deeply moving discourse of John’s Gospel (6:51–58), Jesus presents Himself with radical vulnerability, declaring, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” He boldly promises that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life, and He will raise them up on the last day. As we hear these words on this solemn feast, we are called to reflect deeply on the magnitude of the gift placed before us.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of the Christ, offered to us as symbols of his love and ritually celebrated so that he can be always present to us. When Jesus offers His flesh and blood, He is not speaking in mere abstractions. He is giving us His very self, inviting us into an intimacy so profound that His life literally sustains ours. Through the Eucharist, we are invited to abide in Him, just as He abides in us.

Gathering around the altar, we participate in something far greater than a solitary act of devotion. This renewal of his sacrifice is also the messianic banquet, a community meal, a pledge of life together in eternity. By sharing in the one loaf and the one cup, our parish is bound together, drawn out of isolation and into true communion with Christ and with one another. We are challenged to become what we receive.

Yet, to partake in this sacrament is not merely a passive comfort. It is also a memorial, a dangerous memory that shocks us into realizing that we could actually forget what God has done for us. It is a “dangerous” memory because it shatters our spiritual complacency. It forces us to confront the gritty reality of the cross—the immense, selfless price of our salvation—and jolts us awake from the everyday distractions that so easily crowd God out of our lives.

We must not let the familiar routine of our worship dull the impact of this extraordinary gift. Let us not forget. Rather may these memories call us to take a stand and rededicate ourselves to the Lord in gratitude for his love. Nourished and transformed by the Body and Blood of Christ, let us step out of our church doors ready to be His living, loving presence in a hungry world. —Fr Stephen Berecz

**Liturgy of the Word**

Deut 8:2–3, 14–16 God fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know.  
 Psa 147:12–15, 19–20 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
 2 Cor 10:16–17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.  
 Jn 6:51–59 My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.  
 Next weekend: Exod 19:2–6; Psa 99 (100):2–3, 5; Rom 5:6–11; Matt 9:36–10:8.

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Sat 5 pm Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sun 9.30 Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass Times this week in Parnell

Sat 9 am

### Reconciliation Times this week in Parnell

Saturday 9.30 am

### 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 week 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.

### 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](mailto:edmund@legrelle.co.nz)

### World Youth Day 2027 Launch Event

Join the official launch of the Auckland & Hamilton diocesan pilgrimage to WYD27 in Seoul, South Korea. This is your chance to get all the details! The Launch will take place at Holy Family Korean Parish (28–32 Bishop Dunn Pl, Flat Bush) on Sun 7 Jun, starting at 2:30 pm with Mass celebrated by Bp Steve Lowe. Registrations are essential! Secure your spot here: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-2027-launch>

### Events at St. Francis Retreat Centre

[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or 625 6651.

**Time Out Days**—For those who seek to take a day off. Cost is just \$35. It includes lunch, prayer times, mediation & reflection 9:30 am–2:30 pm. Tue 9 Jun; Thu 13 Aug; Tue 15 Sep; Wed 7 Oct. **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.

### Rebuild My Church —Dr Mary Healy

Join this internationally renowned Catholic theologian this June in Hamilton for a 3-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton (9–11 Jun). Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture & the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly & grow in confidence in the gifts he gives for the building up of the Church. Everyone is warmly invited to the 3-night series (9–11 Jun) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, & our call to live our faith today. Alongside the evening mission there will also be: a clergy workshop—Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful (Wed 10); a leadership formation day for clergy, diocesan staff, & parish leaders (Thurs 11). This is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, & anyone seeking to deepen their faith & grow in service to the Church. All are warmly invited. Full details & registration are available at <https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

### The Auckland Inter-Faith Council

AIFC is pleased to announce its next Anniversary Event. Mon 15 Jun, 7–9 pm. It is honoured to have Dr Melissa Derby as keynote speaker. Spaces are limited, so please register before 10 Jun.

### Events at Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings

104 The Drive, Epsom. To register for any events, email Rebecca: [office@mercywellsprings.org.nz](mailto: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.

### Marist College: 2027 enrolment—Yr 7 & Yr 9

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

### Events at the Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre

**Taizé Prayer**, Fri 12 Jun & 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 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. Somerville Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera.

<https://theopentable.nz/gathering/>

### 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>

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 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:

Cuihuan Han, Barry Smith, Br Kieran Fenn fms, Noeline Levick, Barry Smith, Gloria Gillespie, Ida Siposs, Murray Morgan, Jack de Goldi, Mary de Beer, Chris Salesa, Anthony Baker, Theresa Winiata, Bishop Len Boyle, Richard Turnbull, Peter Harriman, Sam Small, Joanna Radich, Teresa Mullin, Hillary Stewart-Keenan, Gail Benseman, Leopoldo Sobermisana, Traian Tilca, Bryan (Mako) Stone, Michael Preston, Ofa Santos, Caoimhe Galvin, Marina Cunanana, Sheila O'Brien, Garth Whittacker, John Watts, Br Miles fms, John McCabe, George Gianotti, Laurent Monnier, Christine Remont, Michael O'Donoghue, Wiki Karena, Vasile Cosma, Jenny Harrison, Fr V Courtney, Abelardo Comileng, John Plunket, Dominador Licayan, Mariano Lim, Ed Peterson. Eternal rest grant to them.

### 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 consultant 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/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/)

### St Joseph's Catholic School New Plymouth

Centenary Celebration 23–25 October. Past students, staff & families are warmly invited. Stay updated on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718)