

**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 St Paul's Parish, 162 Waimumu Road, Massey, on Wednesday 3rd June 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 SVDP 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."*

TRINITY SUNDAY ~ 31ST MAY 2026

On Trinity Sunday, we are invited to contemplate the profound mystery of God's inner life. In the third chapter of John's Gospel, we encounter the beautiful truth that God's response to the world is rooted in overwhelming, self-giving love: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.' This passage challenges us to recognize how we relate to this Triune God.

Often, we are tempted to search for the Divine as if looking for a distant object or a lofty concept. Yet our God is not one whom we 'find' by our human efforts outside ourselves, but one whom we 'find', as Pascal put it, only because 'he found us first'. The mystery of the Trinity is not merely a theological puzzle to be solved, but a living reality taking root in our own hearts. This God is within us, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit or—reciprocally—we are as children of the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

St. Augustine of Hippo beautifully captured this profound inner presence when he stated that this God is 'more intimate to me than I am to myself'. The early Fathers of the Church understood the magnitude of this gift, describing this transformative relationship as our 'divinisation'—our gracious invitation to share in the very life of God.

We might mistakenly fear that yielding to such an overwhelming divine presence could erase our individuality. However, far from diminishing our humanity or infringing on our rights and responsibilities, God truly liberates us and fulfils our human dignity. Recognizing the Trinity dwelling within us impels us to respect ourselves for what we are and to serve our fellow humans. When we truly see God within ourselves, we inevitably see Him in others, recognizing that all of them are called to be children of God, our brothers and sisters, through Jesus in the Spirit. Ultimately, this divine love flows outward, calling us to serve also the rest of God's creation, tending to the world the Father so deeply loves. *- Fr Stephen Berecz*

### King's Birthday Mass

The regular 9 am Mass for public holidays is scheduled this Monday 1st June at St John the Baptist.

## Liturgy of the Word

Exod 34:4b–6, 8–9 The Lord, a God merciful and gracious.

Dan 3:52–56 (Song of the 3 Children) Glory and praise, glory and praise, glory and praise for ever!

2 Cor 13:11–13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Jn 3:16–18 God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.

Next weekend: Deut 8:2–3, 14–16; Psa 147:12–15, 19–20; 2 Cor 10:16–17; Jn 6:51–59.

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

### Presiding Priest this Sunday

Sat 5 pm Fr Stephen Berecz  
Sun 9.30 Fr Stephen Berecz

### Mass Times this week in Parnell

Mon 1 Jun (King's Bday) 9 am  
Sat 9 am

### Reconciliation Times this week in Parnell

Saturday 9.30 am  
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### St Michael's Remuera 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.

### Sacred Heart College Vinnies Pyjama Drive

We are once again asking parishioners to donate warm, brand new children's pyjamas. These can be dropped off at mass or to the Secretary during office hours. These are distributed through Starship Hospital's Ronald McDonald House.

### No 7 am Mass at St John the Baptist May–August

7 am Sunday Mass is scheduled to resume on 6th September.

### 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)

### Diocesan Youth Mass

St Pat's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham St, Sun 31 May, 4:30–5:30 pm. Join ACYM for the April Diocesan Youth Mass! All are welcome! Please invite your whanau, your friends, & your wider faith community to join us as well. Join for fellowship after Mass at the Shakespeare. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/share/18U8qGu97o/>

### 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)  
**SoulCollage®**—Thu 4 Jun. 1–4 or 6.30–9 pm. Facilitated by Shannon Mawdsley. \$35/koha. **Mandala: Prayer Through Art**—Sat 20 Jun. 9.30 am–3.30 pm. \$35/koha. Facilitated by Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm.

### Welcome to Wings.Ngā Parirua

We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith & to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of this Catholic Faith Formation Programme gives space & time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, & the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer. *Wings* is open to all & could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA & Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. Next gathering will be at Eastern Bays Pastoral Area, hosted at Mother of Perpetual Help parish (510 Riddell St, Glendowie), Thurs 4 June, 7–8.30 pm. Please contact Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass Fri 5 June 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.

### 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. their foundation. Sat, 6 Jun, 2.30–6 pm. See poster in foyer or [theccm.org.nz/events/](http://theccm.org.nz/events/) for details.

### Events at the Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre

**Reflection Day: A Day with Thomas Merton**, Sat 6 Jun; 10 am–1 pm. Meeting Room, Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre. Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj. "We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through at all times." (Thomas Merton). A day to savour the inspirations of Thomas Merton through some of his writings using contemplative practices, music, & silence.

**Taizé Prayer**, Fri 12 Jun at 7 pm.

### 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 Bishop Steve Lowe. Registrations are essential!

Secure your spot here: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-2027-launch>

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### 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.

### 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 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/>

*Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, or needing our prayers, especially: Jim Brown, Matthew Newman, Teresa Gabriola, Niwethma Herath, Lynnette Salvador, Luke Sebastian Catiben, Scott Hickey, Maureen Adsett, Bernadette Tan, Chonisi William, Teana Jones, Maria Martho, Lynus 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, Noline Levick, Ian Collier, Des Sayegh, Benjamin Delute, Jean Edgecombe, Pat Canning, Doreen Lewis, Waihuka Wiki, Patrick Jerez, Sr Mary Thomas OP, Fr Anton Timmermaus MHM, Anthony Devich, Gerald Ryan, Mary Considine, Mark Hill, Marcella Delute, Patricia McCarty, Frank Vilich, Fr Steve Hansey, Fr Terry Fitzpatrick, Maria Lenart, Vao Hunt, Mark Tadicco, Marikit Luzaga, Nora Owens, Maria Soledad de la Torre, Merton Malloy, Chris Kohlase, Ofa Santos, Neil Sherlock, Christine Reid, Wiki Karena, Br Miles fms, Michael Henderson, Naida Brown, Winsome Cody, Brian Curtis, Stella Jarka, Michelle Petford, Teresita Badua, Nicolas Abalos Davantes, Josie O'Neill, Joe Purvan, Ed Peterson, Frances Kinney, Jenny Harrison, Pia Giacon, Mary Fitzwilliam, Milagros Abera-Parato, Joan Wilde, Msgr Henry Fynes VG, Abelardo Comileng, John Plunket, Mariano Lim, Joshua Feehan, Jose Baldia, Hugh Dunn, Sr John Bosco rsm, Sr Julie Lawrey rsm, Navtej Singh, Nancy Moylan, Isabel Hartshrone, Lucila Martinez, Eutale Leilua, Marin Farac, Pat O'Meagher, Laura Mackenzie, Fr V Courtney, Kathleen Brown, Francisco Monorias, Harnam Singh, Joanna Radich, Anthony Baker. Eternal rest grant to them.*