

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 12.10pm

Tuesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 pm - 5.45 pm

Weekdays 11.30 am - 12.10pm (at Cathedral)

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office

Phone 09 379 0624

Email: office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

ALSO AT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

First Friday of the month

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 6.30pm
then Mass in devotion to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30 pm

Third Friday of the month

Rosary 6.45pm followed by
Novena & Mass
in devotion to the Holy Child Jesus,
Senor Santo Nino at 7.30pm

Every Wednesday

Novena & Mass
to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 6.45pm
Saturdays

Rosary 10am - 20 Decade Rosary
held downstairs in meeting room,
access through parish carpark
at back of church.

ETHNIC MASS TIMES

Spanish 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month
12:00 Noon

Tongan 3rd Sunday of the Month
12:00 Noon

Indonesian 4th Sunday of the Month
1:30 pm

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

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PARKING FOR ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Free parking is available from Saturday midday
to Sunday evening in the
Wilson carpark on corner of
St Benedict's & Alex Evans Street.

Please NOTE: A few parks in top park are
marked reserved for tenant parking.



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE 25 NOVEMBER 2018

The Solemnity Of Christ The King

On this thirty fourth Sunday of Ordinary time the curtain falls and brings to closure our current liturgical cycle with the great Solemnity of Christ the King. It is a popular feast as it celebrates Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. It is a joyful celebration as we confess that Jesus is Lord of all times and seasons, all nations and peoples. Today we're reminded that the Lord rules over all creation. Jesus is Lord of all creation!

To understand God as King, we need to understand God as God, not as being within the universe; God is an absolute being who stands independently as the creator and source of the whole universe. There are misunderstandings about what it means to call Jesus King. Christ didn't come to displace Pilate and remove the Roman Emperor from his throne, or even King Herod.

When Pope Pius XI gave this feast to the Church in 1925 it was to oppose the claims of totalitarian regimes, not because God wanted to replace human authority. The Pope of the day was teaching that totalitarianism is a kind of idolatry that endeavours to displace God and as a consequence ignores justice and truth.

In our own time, we see a rise in nationalism. Nationalism if its balanced is good and natural but if unbalanced and fanatical it can have disastrous consequences for humanity.

Today we need to be reminded in our divided times of shifting global climates that Christ is the true Sovereign of all. It is ultimately in Christ as Sovereign Lord of the Universe that true peace and justice reign.

Let us pray today in the words of the preface for today's Solemnity;

We pray that he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

May you bask in the joys and blessings of Christ the King of the Universe.

Monsignor Paul Farmer

Liturgy of the Word

Dan 7:13-14 : The prophet Daniel foresees the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King.

Rev 1:5-8 : Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time.

Jn 18:33-37 : Jesus declares before Pilate that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of the world.

Next Week's readings: **Jer 1:4-9 :** **Acts 13:46-49 :** **Lk 10:1-12,17-20**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

St Benedicts App Free Download



The number of downloads of our St Benedict's App continues to grow weekly. We are encouraging all our parishioners to become involved.

Next Week Giving Sunday 2 December 2018

To further promote the St Benedicts App in our parish we will be asking all our users to make a donation via the PushPay facility within the App next Sunday.

(Steps to follow)

Remember it's very easy to download

Steps to follow

1. Go to Play Store (For Android Mobiles) or App Store (For Apple Mobiles)
2. Type " St Benedicts Auckland " (Font not case sensitive)
3. You can see our App with the St Benedict's logo.
4. Press Install.

Now you have our St Benedict's App.

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

Zeena Edgar, Mary Kitson, John Selby-Wootton, Bernice Edwards, Simon Khan, Vic Stoddard, Donald Jenkins, Peter Hindle, Hugh McAllum, Joshua Suisala, Ian McLeish, Annette Jenkins, Margaret Macky, Bridie Abley.

We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time :

John Cheetham, Dennis Murray, Bill Shanly, Ellen Malcom, Kevin Ryan, Robert Merger, Joe Reagan, Ruth Hogner, Brian Joseph Henderson, Dorothy Fleming, Patrick Keenan, Joan Scanlan, Vicky Kennedy

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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Programme booklet for 2019 has arrived! If you would like to have one sent to you please let the office know. **Advent Series: Encountering the Holy Spirit in Advent** with HELEN BERGIN op. Tues 27 Nov, 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm. \$15 each or \$40 for all three sessions. Advent is alive with the Holy Spirit's presence. In Advent 2018 (Year C), the Spirit is not always named 'Holy Spirit' so we will explore Sunday readings for signs of the Spirit!

Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California with BEATE MATTHIES. Fri 7 Dec, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. If you missed this talk in Nov, Beate will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California. **RETREAT: Who are You O God and Who am I?** with CHRISTINA CATHRO mdm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm. \$65 per 3-day Retreat. We fall into a particular way of seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil. This is a silent morning retreat with input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group.

Daily Bread

This Sunday we have Maria and her team from the Young Vinnies here to invite us to take part in their Daily Bread programme which provides Christmas food parcels for those in need. This initiative is carried out at each of the Central City Churches. Please donate generously.

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast - since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends.

Musicians required: we are in need of more musicians particularly for the 5.30pm Mass and the 9.30am Mass. If you are able to play the organ, piano, guitar or appropriate accompaniment and would like to commit to a regular Sunday, please contact the parish office. It is hoped we will have enough musicians so that you would only be rostered once or twice a month at the most. Cantors also welcome.

Help required :

We need assistance to put our large nativity set together in the Church in time for the first Sunday of Advent (2 Dec). We require some able bodied people that can lift heavy items. This project could be done during the last week of November or First week December.

If you are able to assist, please contact Catherine in the Parish Office on 09 379 0624 or office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz Thank you

St Benedict's Parish is looking to employ a sacristan part-time for approximately 10-12 hours per week. This position involves overseeing sacristy and church requirements including setting up for weekend masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and occasionally weekday services. Some flexibility of hours required & occasionally evenings. In particular extra hours required at Easter and Christmas.

Applicants must be eligible to work in New Zealand.

To apply please send your CV and cover letter to:

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