

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(with children's liturgy)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (see below)



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Weekdays at the Cathedral
11.30am - 12.10pm

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 Niño 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.

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

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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 are marked
reserved for tenant parking and are 24
hour tow away.** These parks are allocated
to nearby residents not the Church!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 29 NOVEMBER 2020

ADVENT, A TIME OF RENEWAL, A TIME FOR CHANGE

It is once more the New liturgical Year of the Church, let it be for us a new year of our lives too, one more year, one more opportunity for a renewal and for a change for the better.

The season of Advent as always, is an invitation to look in two directions. Looking at all that's happened in the past year and asking for forgiveness for all that went wrong in our lives and remembering the things to thank God for.

We also look forward with hope to a new beginning and thank God for the opportunity to begin anew on the path of discipleship with Christ.

Advent is a time for a level of heightened awareness, it's a time to see ourselves as God sees us. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. In the Gospel of today, Mark warns us against complacency, to be alert and to look at the positive side of life. To consider the new day that is dawning in our lives and the new opportunities that God gives us for renewal and for Change.

Advent would be a good time to take the message for renewal and a change of heart keenly, and to open our hearts and invite the Lord to come more fully into our lives and in our families.

We pray with fervor as we begin this Advent season: "Come, Lord Jesus, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." We pray with great hope and trust in the Lord remembering the fact that the Lord never abandons His people.

In the gospel of today Jesus asks us to be alert, "Be on your guard, stay awake". He wants us to have a clear purpose in life, to mature in our relationship with him and with others, to give some time to prayer, and to live our lives with his message in our hearts. That's what the season of Advent is all about.

This Advent let us retract our steps once more and prepare a way in our lives for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who will give us a meaning and a depth to all our encounters with him and with our neighbour.

This Advent let us call on the Lord to heal us both physically and spiritually, let us also pray for the good circle of friends we have around us, as we pray for ourselves and for our near and dear ones, let us thank God for the food that we receive at the Eucharistic table, the food that nourishes us constantly and cures us both Physically and Spiritually.

Fr George Carlos Sdb.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

First Reading (Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8) The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people, and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:3-9) As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

Gospel (Mk 13:33-37) We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

Next Week's readings: Is 40:1-5.9-11, 2 Pet 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Important message for Parishioners at St Benedict's

The Covid Lockdowns have re-inforced the need for an easy way of communicating with our parishioners. Parish data bases relying on email are very difficult to keep updated, particularly in an inner city parish such as ours where demographics are constantly changing.

The introduction last year of the "St Benedict's App" has been revolutionary, offering such features as General Communications, Selective messaging and Pushpay.

Many parishioners have already downloaded the App, but it has become clear, that under lockdown conditions, the parish office can be much more effective if we are all using this modern electronic method of communication. We are now urging all parishioners to download the St Benedict's App from the App store on your mobile phone or tablet.

Install "St Benedicts Auckland" App Keeping our Parish Community informed

Today the first Sunday of Advent sees the new liturgical year and the launch of the **Diocesan Mission Map** – the framework for how we are Church together into the future. This is accompanied by the launch of a **refreshed diocesan website** same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site.

Advent Carols and Readings Join us for our annual service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Saturday, 5 December at 7 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent. Please note there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street and Durham Lane.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 6th December, 4pm at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. An invitation to all Catholics with disabilities, their families and support workers. A light meal is provided after Mass in the G.I.F.T. Centre. Everyone is most welcome. Ph: 629 0445



MIHA MĀORI AT HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL

Miha Māori (Mass in Te Reo Māori) will once again be celebrated in the Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote. The Miha will be celebrated on Sunday 13th December 2020, at 9.30am. You are welcome to join us as we celebrate our return to the Chapel. For more information please call Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori on (09) 360 3058. *Nau mai, haere mai.*

Titipounamu Study and Joy

Online session (evening): Christmas "Self Care Nibbles" with Clare Barnett
Tuesday 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30/session ZOOM.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th December 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass,
followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.
All Welcome

Quo Vadis, Where are you going? Breakfast meeting for single men ages 17+ who are interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. 5 December 9am for Mass followed by fellowship – St Patrick's Panmure

Food for Faith for Advent – Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

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

Alice Swann, Teresa Rajaratnam,
Peter Courtney, Jason Oxenham, Rus Quinn.

We remember those who have died: Michael Swann, Brian Mercer.

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Fouhy, Maureen Murphy, Augustine Smith, Tony Blaskovich, Albert Lisala,
Edward Dunne, James Ropata, B.J.Nathan, Albert Reardon, Fr. Alfred Huia Hyde.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord