

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

**ETHNIC MASS TIMES**

**Spanish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
12:00 Noon

**Tongan:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
12:00 Noon

**Indonesian:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm  
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

**Third Friday of the month**

Holy Child Jesus, Senor Santo Niño  
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm  
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

**Every Wednesday**

Mother of Perpetual Help  
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm  
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

**Saturdays**

Rosary 10am - 20 Decade Rosary  
Temporarily moved online  
<https://www.facebook.com/20decaderosary>

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES**

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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

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ 24 APRIL 2022**

We have now been celebrating Easter and the resurrection of Jesus for eight days, this is because Easter is such a joyful feast that we need more than one day in order to celebrate it properly. We call this time of celebration the Easter Octave, the eight days of Easter, which runs from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday. The Last Sunday of the Easter Octave is formally called “Low Sunday”, but since St. John Pall II promulgated the feast of Divine Mercy, the eighth day of Easter is now known as “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

The feast of Divine Mercy fits well within the great celebration of Easter, as it acts like a capstone, rounding off the octave celebration. It draws our attention to the true magnitude of God's love for us. Everything that Jesus went through, and the great victory that Jesus won for us over death, so that we might have access to the great font of God's merciful love. Jesus who is our “Victor King”, has opened the door to God's mercy by offering himself to the Father in our stead. Jesus took on what we deserved so that we might receive something that we could never earn, for the charity of God's mercy is his free charity gift that he lavishes upon those who ask for this great gift.

As I was contemplating this great feast of God's merciful love it dawned on me that the gift of God's mercy is often accompanied with a multitude of other graces. The devotion of Divine Mercy has a prayerful phrase of which it is well known, “Jesus I Trust In You”. This prayerful phrase when prayed is a sign of the cardinal virtue of Hope at work in our life, and when we are immersed in this gift of Hope we automatically share in the gift of peace that God offers to those who love him. When we truly trust we are at peace. Each time we come to Mass we affirm this trust in God on multiple occasions, the peace of God is offered on many occasions, and we respond with “and with your spirit”. When we participate in this prayerful dialogue, we accept the gift of peace, and in doing so actively demonstrate our trust in God. In doing so we make ourselves open to receive all the good things that God wants to give us. Therefore, we are more able to receive the love that God wants to pour into our lives. Divine Mercy Sunday is the spiritual cherry on the cake, a celebration of the superabundance of God's love for us, and a celebration of joy for all the mercy that God has given and will pour out upon those who approach with open hearts.

Fr Tony King-Archer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*First Reading* (Acts 5:12-16) This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people, and of the cures they worked for the sick.

*Second Reading* (Rev 1:9-13.17-19) John is bidden to write a message—one which has meaning for the church until the end of time.

*Gospel* (Jn 20:19-31) By seeing and touching the wounds of his risen Lord, Thomas the doubter is cured of his unbelief.

Next weeks readings: Acts 5:27-32.40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19.

*For Sunday /weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)*

A reading from the gospel according to John.....adapted for children

On the Sunday evening after Jesus had died on the cross, all his friends were scared and hiding in the house with the doors and windows shut tight. Suddenly, Jesus was there, standing among them. "Peace be with you" he said, and showed them his hands and his side.

Thomas was out when Jesus came, so when the others told him they had seen Jesus, he refused to believe them. "Unless I see it for myself, and put my fingers into the holes in his hands, and my hand in the hole in his side, I will not believe."

A week later, they were all in the house again, including Thomas, when once more Jesus stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said.

Then he turned to Thomas:  
"Thomas, here are my hands; come, put your fingers in the holes. See my side; come, put your hands in.  
Doubt no longer, but believe."

Thomas said, "My Lord and my God."

Jesus said, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not yet seen and yet believe."



## Welcome to St Benedict's

At the **Orange Light** level of the Covid Alert traffic light system there is no limit for indoor or outdoor gatherings.  
You do not need to wear a face mask inside the church, but it is encouraged.  
Scanning QR codes is no longer required  
and vaccine passes are no longer required.

**Resources in times of COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights)** The diocese has a page dedicated to the key information for places of worship at this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/> A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast **Sunday Mass**.

It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOWImJSzfow> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 5:30pm  
Good Shepherd Parish,  
27 Telford Ave, Mt. Eden.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic.

Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed  
Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day"

**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, Gladys Borgueta.

**We remember those who have died recently  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Joe Williams, Tom Morcom, Deborah Tutty, Mariano Aberlardo,  
Nuimoefa Fakalata, Mavis Bendall, Liam Cogan, Laupama Paleti.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**