

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

**ETHNIC MASS TIMES**

**Filipino:** Every Sunday at 11.30am

**Tongan:** 3rd Sunday of the month  
1.30pm

**Indonesian:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
1:30pm

**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**

Contact the 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

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 31 JULY 2022**

Qoheleth the preacher, the author of Ecclesiastes, is famously blunt. “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” It is a rather pessimistic view of the world, but he does have a point. Rather a lot of the things we spend our days doing are not, if we are honest, all that important in the great scheme of things. We are all aware of the distinction between urgent and important. There are many tasks that occupy us that someone says needs to be done now, or even yesterday, which are not, in fact, important. Reports that no one will really read, repairs made to something that will break again, consultation for decisions that have already been made.

Even those things which are important are only our concern for a limited time. As he says, and as Our Lord points out with equal bluntness in the Gospel our lives are finite. And prospect of death “concentrates the mind wonderfully” as Dr Samuel Johnson famously said. Most of the things we spend so much effort on are not going to be any concern of ours, or benefit, at our death. Which of us would not have a change in priorities if a doctor were to tell us tomorrow that we only had a short time to live. Those concerns which have dominated our lives, be they writing reports or building barns, would no longer matter all that much.

But, in a sense, we have already been told that. We are mortal, and though most of us have no idea of the day of our death, it is coming. That fact isn't something, however, that should cause us fear. Our death is not, after all, the end of our life. As we say in the requiem mass, for the Lord's faithful people life is changed, not ended. But it should cause us to reflect on what really matters, what really lasts. Because we are eternal, truly immortal, the things that should matter to us are not things that have only an earthly existence. When we consider matters properly we realise that the only things we encounter and deal with in our lives that are eternal are human souls, our own and those of the people we meet. Our effect on them is the only thing we achieve which has any truly lasting value. And it is on those effects that we will be judged.

Qoheleth may be blunt, but his message is worth considering well. Much of what we spend our time on is, sooner or later, not going to matter to us at all. But Our Lord makes clear that some things always will. And, as his disciples, those should always be our chief concern. So I need to ask how different would my life be if my first concern was not, “how will this report be received?” or “what return will this investment produce?” but “what have I done today that is eternal?”

Fr Chris Denham

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (Eccles 1:2; 2:21-23) The things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them.

*Second Reading* (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) Through Baptism we share in the life of Christ. We hear some of the conclusions that follow from this.

*Gospel* (Luke 12:13-21) Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God.

Next weeks readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48.

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

• You are invited as pilgrim people of God to a day of prayer, formation, information, and collaboration around our call to missionary discipleship. The day will begin at 10.30 and conclude at 2.15. The diocese will provide lunch. During this time, we will explore what we consider the hallmarks are of a welcoming, vibrant faith community, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship, explore the different resources available, and reflect on what we can do together. We hope that it will be a warm, welcoming, time together where we can learn from each other, be encouraged and nourished. Due to the nature of the sessions and the space available we are limited to 80 participants. Please register through the website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/>

• Saturday 24 September      Onehunga Church Hall      RSVP 19 September

*Theology of the Body NZ* is running a symposium in Auckland to celebrate Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful catechesis on human love and dignity.

Date: Saturday 8th October 2022

Early Bird registration \$80 (ends 1<sup>st</sup> Aug). Full Registration \$95.

Early Bird participants go into a draw to win one of three prizes.

Register at: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23-25 Sept. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. The total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials, and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 8 Aug. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or (09) 4789742 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui 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

## 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 and vaccine passes are no longer required.

If unwell, please stay home.

Have you Installed "St Benedict's Auckland" App yet?

It is regularly updated to keep our parish community informed.

Download the St Benedict's App from the App store on your mobile phone or tablet.

### NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the foyer for \$4.

### CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL – CARING SUNDAY

Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal on **Caring Sunday – July 31st**

The need in our community is even greater this year!

A donation to our annual appeal will help families in need throughout the diocese!

For ways to donate, go to [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or please take home our latest newsletter.

### Monthly Intention and Prayer for July

*For our Grandparents*

*God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents.*

*They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.*

*Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.*

*Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.*

*May they know your goodness and love always.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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

Alice Swann, Teresa Rajaratnam, Phil Bawden, David Master, Peter Courtney, Jason Oxenham, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borqueta.

**We remember those who have died recently:** Sesilia Auva'a, Jackie Gibson.

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Thomas Kelly, Sr Joan Timpany, Jim Scanlan, Don Cederwell, Anurag Jose, Jean Newlands, Teresa Van Dam, Bishop Stuart O'Connell, Tony Pereppadan, Fr Francis Sheerin.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**