

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: 4th 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

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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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 21 AUGUST 2022

Why do we listen to the Bible at Mass week by week? Why do we have to hear about Put and Lud and Moshech, which were flyspecks even in Old Testament times, and certainly don't make the headlines – or even footnotes – in our day? Is the Bible a textbook for studying ancient history? The Church would not be commending it to us if it were just that: it's our belief that God speaks to us now through the Bible, in which we hear his Word. Our readings are not history lessons, they are real teaching for us here and now.

In the gospel for today Jesus is travelling, as so often is the case. Jesus doesn't just sit in one place and wait for people to come and listen to his teaching: he moves forward in obedience to his destiny; those who want to hear him must travel with him, and for us that means being willing to change and to learn. We can never say of the Gospel, 'I've got it.' If we do, we haven't got it. We can't be complacent; but nor can we condemn ourselves; neither of those attitudes helps us.

The Bible is full of movement – away from Egypt, to the Promised Land, away into exile, back to the promised land; and not only do God's chosen people get moved: the people of all these foreign places like Put and Lud and Moshech are invited to move, to come to Jerusalem, the place of God's glory. (They are even promised to be priests in God's sanctuary; a pretty shocking idea to the Jewish purists). The call is to move – away from our smaller world into God's bigger world.

So Jesus challenged his hearers not to imagine that just because they had had contact with God through the scriptures read in the synagogue, or had been visited by Jesus as he went round preaching, they were assured of a place in the kingdom: the question was, had they responded to God, had they truly desired a place in the kingdom? Had they really **wanted** him, like the people from east and west and north and south, the outsiders who would be welcomed into the feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob simply because they wanted to be there?

That is the only real price of admission to the heavenly banquet: if we are truly hungry to be there. Those who think they have a right to be there will get a shock; they have not tried their best to enter by the narrow door, which paradoxically welcomes countless unexpected guests through it; it is the door of humility, of need, of poverty in spirit. Those who have had a good, well-behaved upbringing may think that that is all they require; somehow they're already in the club, and they needn't bother to apply. But the fact is that we can only come into God's presence if we come as needy people who know we have nothing to offer but everything to receive. If we are people who passionately want to be with God, if that is our heart's desire.

Fr Chris Denham

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Is 66:18-21) Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings.

Second Reading (Heb 12:5-7.11-13) As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering.

Gospel (Lk 13:22-30) The Kingdom of God is offered, not just to the Jews, but to people from the four corners of the world.

Next weeks readings: Sir 3:17-20.28-29; Heb 12:18-19.22-24; Lk 14:1.7-14.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: 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
Saturday 15 October Takapuna Church Hall RSVP 10 October

CDA CONNECT: August Issue is out now: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom – Parish and School Centennial

Due to the Covid pandemic, we have delayed our Centennial events. **The new dates are 9th – 11th September 2022.** We look forward to celebrating the Centennial Events with our Community from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom Parish, School and Mercy Centre. Registrations are open on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish website: <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

Men's One Day Retreat 01 October 22 Speaker Bishop Colin Campbell St Thomas More Church Glenfield. Registration: <https://nsjoshua.wufoo.com/forms/one-day-auckland-catholic-mens-retreat> Further info. Greg Sullivan 021 437 747 or Russell Sobotker 022 034 5678

Mercy Hospice - Palliative Medicine Employment Opportunity

Mercy Hospice Auckland is recruiting for an experienced Counsellor and Social worker to join the psychosocial support team. The current openings are part-time positions, and submissions are open through SEEK.

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.

Monthly Intention and Prayer for August

For our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

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 Borgueta.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Donald Lawson, Edward Hurtubise, Kathleen Smith, Christine Kolio, Hugh Granger, Sean Reynolds, Stan Sargon, Amber Stewart, John Hogan, Fr Colgan, Ivka Managh, Henry Reid, Muriel Prendergast, Alfred Stowers, Joan Watt, Patricia Jones, Kevin Dowling, John Gallagher, Maurice Boland, Catherine Long, Julia King, Clement Edwards, Patrick Lennane, Alfred Healey, Mary Patchett, Ralph de Berry, Henry Smith, Winifred Gell.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord