

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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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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**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

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 28 AUGUST 2022**

Who Invited Him?

Meals that you invite guests to take a lot of time and effort to prepare, so I would not have blamed the person who invited Jesus to a meal and put in a lot of work preparing that meal, if they had asked him to leave.

Jesus challenges the Lawyers and the Pharisees among the guests, he criticises those jockeying for positions at the table and then instructs the host about whom to invite to the next meal. By both ancient and modern standards Jesus might be called a rude guest.

The meal that Jesus attends is of social importance, to which people of one class are invited and where there is an implied sharing of values and ideas. The status and rank of individuals are legitimised by their inclusion in the guest list and their location on the seating chart. This is all neat and tidy in the sphere of human interaction; however, the Meal that Jesus invites them and us to is something greater, more radical, and disturbing.

The meal Jesus invites us to represents the inbreaking and anticipated rule of God where humanity's "neat and tidy" spheres of interaction i.e. circles of power, are shown up for what they are: self-perpetuating systems of bias and prejudice that exclude rather than include.

The hospitality Jesus offers takes on those self-serving interests by proposing invitations to different groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. These groups fall beyond (a) the usual categories of family, friends, and neighbour and (b) Jewish law – where they would have been treated as unclean.

As it was then, so it is today that Jesus challenges us to show hospitality that cannot be repaid in this life. He urges a social system without reciprocity; where the marginalised become members of society again and are no longer outside the circle of power.

Christ's presence and his words open the way for the transformed structures of Te Rangatiratanga: the Kingdom of God.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (Sir 3:17-20.28-29) There is praise for the person who is humble.

*Second Reading* (Heb 12:18-19.22-24) This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.

*Gospel* (Lk 14:1.7-14) Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out unselfish motives.

Next weeks readings: Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Lk 14:25-33.

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

1st September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is also the start of the Season of Creation, which is celebrated until 4th October. Pope Francis has officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home". Further information and resources for the Season of Creation can be found at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/> at the tab for "Environment and Sustainability"

### World Youth Day 2023

This Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Our pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal. Interested in being part of it? Email [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz).

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland needs new members. If you are interested in doing work that promotes dialogue and talks, to foster unity with other Christian Churches or Religions in your community, this is the opportunity for you to become missionary disciples of Christ. If you have the courage to do actions that promotes unity, don't be afraid, we would like to hear from you, please contact us immediately on email [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)  
"That they may all be one." – John 17:21

### Job Vacancy – Officer Manager – Holy Cross Seminary

Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby; Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hours minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community. Applications to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by 22 August. More details available at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58017032>

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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.

### 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 Borqueta.

**We remember those who have died recently:** Peter Courtney

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

Herbert Keenan, Peggy Bell-Booth, Ula Loader, Joan Burton-Bradley, Isefo Ulugia, Elizabeth Irvine, Viocenta Sievert, Coralie Purdom, Clive Paver, Andree Lynch, Patrick Smith, Telmo Fernandez, Marcellina de Souza, Ida Swann, Peggy Jury, Moses Il-Mook Choi, Nellie Stowers.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**