

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

All along the way, on his long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus had arguments with the scribes and the pharisees. Again and again he pointed out that their learning and careful reasoning is worthless if they do not recognise the kingdom of God when it comes among them. The common people, the great crowds, are better at recognising this, unlearned though they be.

But now Jesus turns to warn them, and to give them a fairly brutal lesson in realism, in what the kingdom of God is going to require. They are following Jesus to Jerusalem in the hope that he is going to win a war on behalf of their race, their laws, their nation, its structures of family, blood and clan. But Jesus tells them that if they follow him, they must hate their own family. This stark way of speaking, characteristic of Jesus's language and times, tells the crowds that, when the time comes to choose, we must put God and his Christ before everything we hold dear, even the very things we expect God and Jesus to preserve.

And so Jesus advises us all to think over the cost of discipleship. If the crowds were actually going to war, the only intelligent thing to do would be to assess the odds of winning before risking everything. Don't start building a tower until you know you can get it finished, or you'll only deserve mockery! So it is good to consider what the task really is, and what price we are prepared to pay.

Because Jesus isn't going to Jerusalem to fight the Romans. He is going there to defeat sin and death, evil itself. And he will not do this with a sword, but with the cross. He, who is the Lord of the universe, is going to empty himself, humble himself, even to death, death on a cross. He will place nothing above the love of his Father, above his love for his Father's will.

And he calls each of us, his disciples, to follow him. That is what taking up our cross really means. It means truly putting God first. There are many things we encounter in our lives that are good. They are to be valued, even treasured. But they can never stand in the place of God for us. Because we know the realities of this world first, it is easy for us sinners to put these created realities, including other people who are so precious, especially those nearest to us, first. But if we are to follow the road to God through Christ, we must put him before father, mother, and all else that is of value to us.

But this isn't harshness from God. Because Jesus's journey doesn't end in Jerusalem. The other side of the cross lies the Resurrection. God only asks us to put him above these other things that he might give them back to us, made perfect and glorious – as we ourselves shall be if we only take up our cross and follow.

Fr Chris Denham

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Wis 9:13-18) Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God.

Second Reading (Philemon 9-10.12-17) Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother.

Gospel (Lk 14:25-33) Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation—we must be prepared to accept the cost.

Next weeks readings: Ex 32:7-11.13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The RISE UP! FESTIVAL! SAVE THE DATE |1-2 October 2022| SANCTA MARIA GROUNDS | FLATBUSH The Ethnic Chaplaincy faith communities of Auckland invites YOU to the Catholic Diocese Festival of Communities.

Let's RISE UP! and gather to celebrate as ONE-in-CHRIST. To know who we are | To strengthen our communities |To build up our spirituality |To be visible to serve the poor. This festival is an opportunity to celebrate in our Catholic faith as we live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be sure to invite friends, family, and all those in your parishes, schools, and ethnic faith communities. YOU will be entertained and enjoy ZUMBA | International Cuisine | Fun Sport | Cultural Shows | Music Festival | Prayer. Bring your sun hats, picnic blankets, and chairs. We hope to see you there! Arise! Shine! For He is Risen! – Isaiah 60:1 The RISE UP! FESTIVAL!

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 [here](#) at the tab for “Environment and Sustainability”

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

For more info/dates and to book

visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 20 Sep | Tue 18 Oct

24Hr Quietude – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accomm + food) 16 - 17 Sep | 18 - 19 Nov

St Francis Open Day - Come for an afternoon to learn about St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology & explore the grounds. Sun 2 Oct 2pm - 4pm.

The Upper Room – Young Adults Evening

Catholic young adults, join us for an evening of live music, nibbles and a fantastic guest speaker, Efeso Collins! Wednesday 7 September, 7pm, at The Shakespeare Hotel, 61 Albert Street. \$10 tickets. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) to find out more.

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 September

For our Fathers

“God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers, around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. In all this we ask 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 Borgueta.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Irene O'Keefe, Elisapeta Asi, Douglas Flemming, Edward Roycroft, Thomas Metcalfe, Patrick Treacy, Maitland Williams, Catherine Reardon, Robert Curran, Mark Cassidy, Grace Ann Power, Finlay Bass, Antonietta Murroni, Peter Buffett, Verona Edwards, Ida Aiga Fialele Swann, Luigi Landerigo, Nukuhia Palmer, Denis Murphy, Anna Prescott, Erin Lister, Maimoa Garren, Desmond O'Donohue, Lawrence Netto, Manel Ambiptyaia.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord