

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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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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

C.O.F.F.E.E.

Greetings of peace, joy and love!

God is merciful and compassionate. He is always ready to find the lost, the least and the last. God has revealed this form of love through His Son, Jesus Christ. And so the title of this reflection:

Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere!

God is pure mercy! One of the expressions of mercy is forgiveness. Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy, has given us this Sunday three parables speaking about the effects of forgiveness!

Commenting on these parables, Pope Francis writes "In these parables God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon..." (Miserecordiae Vultus, 9,

Now you can ask yourself, which is easier or difficult; "to forgive" or "to ask forgiveness"???

In the three parables presented in the Gospel this Sunday, let us focus on the third, about the lost son. For sure, as you are reading this article of mine, you are expecting new ideas from me. But now, I just would like you to answer these questions and make your own reflection and conclusion.

+ Where is the mother in the parable? What do you think will happen if the mother was there?

+ Why did the father allow his son to get the share of his inheritance and let him leave?

+ The elder son upon knowing what the father has done in welcoming his younger brother, got furious. Did the father convince him to come inside and welcome his brother?

+ Did the elder son forgive his younger brother?

My friends who are reading this article, the parable is open ended - no conclusion. If you are in the story as mother, or father, or younger son or the elder son, how will you conclude the story?

Our God is a God of surprises! He enjoys listening to us! What do you want to tell Him now? Close your eyes and say a little prayer....! He is also listening to you!

May the Eucharist then, enable us to listen and experience the loving embrace of God, our Father! May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us, the church, to act as the Good Shepherd acts, to risk everything to be loving and compassionate as we actively seek out those who most need to experience God's saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Quote: "God never get tired of forgiving us... often times we are the one who get tired of asking forgiveness from Him." (Evangeli Gaudium)

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LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Ex 32:7-11,13-14) Moses intercedes with God for the people because they have fallen into idolatry.

Second Reading (1 Tim 1:12-17) In his conversion Paul is a witness to the fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Gospel (Lk 15:1-32) Through telling three parables Jesus justifies his concern for sinners.

Next weeks readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

St Vincent de Paul Shop: Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, Auckland.

We are urgently seeking Volunteers for our very busy Vinnies Shop in Onehunga. You will be part of a caring and committed team involved in shop-front service, customer relationships, sorting and preparation of donated goods. We are also looking for a generous Volunteer driver to assist with the collection and delivery of furniture and goods. If YOU are wanting an opportunity to support this work for our Auckland communities, and sharing the love of Christ, please phone / text Claire 021 733 694. May God bless you.

NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation"

Full details online [here](#)

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:

Nicola Stanaway, Sr Margaret Heath O.P, Siulua Kisina, Trevor Watts, Rita Holland, David Lewis O.P, Elizabeth Morris, Fr William Ormond (4th parish priest of St Benedicts), Kathryn Jennings, Frederick Sayegh, Fr Bidieux, Dick Slatter, Margaret Leetberg, Alphonso Hynes, Pauline Young, Socorro Gallego, Monsignor Brian, Arahill, Martin Dempsey, Benjamin Monaghan, Hilary Shackleton, Mary Netto, Camillo Lopez.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord