

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

One way of looking at our Gospel today is rather than emphasising how wicked it is to be a slave to Mammon, we should begin with the joys of being a slave to God. After all, if no servant can have two masters, it is equally true that no servant can have no master. In inviting us to free ourselves from slavery to Mammon, Christ today urges us instead to enslave ourselves to God. But isn't this a contradiction? Didn't Christ come to set us free? If we are slaves to God, how can we be free?

We can solve this apparent contradiction by remembering that God and Mammon are not, in fact, opposites. We do not believe that the material goods of the world are wicked, in which Mammon is a sort of anti-God. We believe that God created these goods, and that they are indeed good. We believe that God created everything and saw that it was very good, that God so loved this created world that he took flesh, entering into our world of flesh and blood and bread and oil and wine and water...

God invites us to participate in his work of creation, not – as for Adam – with toil and tears but with joy and laughter and singing, as the created world is not overthrown, evaporating into nothingness, but transformed and redeemed.

And money is an important part of this. Its purpose is the allocation of goods – not of 'bads'. Our ability to devise an economic system, to reason out the right way to allocate resources, is a sign of how God confides in us, allows us to participate in his providence. He gives us an opportunity to be faithful in little things, to be faithful in the stewardship of his creation.

So it is not a case of 'God is good, money is bad'; in fact, not even of 'money is good, but God is better'. Rather, money is good, and God is the source of that goodness, the meaning and perfection of all goodness. It makes no more sense to talk about God as if he were competing with Mammon, like captains of opposing teams, than it would to talk about the pot competing with the potter.

Yet money is tainted. Not in itself, but because of what we human beings have made of our good created world. We have made a world in which people can so easily become enslaved to money – to greed. Those who have enslaved themselves to money have thereby failed to put it to the good work for which it is intended, and instead drawn others into that terrible slavery. Mammon is unrighteous because we have made it so. So it was with the steward in today's Gospel. He is described literally as 'servant of unrighteousness' – but now his master has set him free. Perhaps we could say that he is now set free, albeit unwillingly, from service to riches, and by the end of the Gospel is just starting to make money serve him by using it to make friends. He has realised just in time, maybe, that friendship and love are more important than the false security of wealth.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Amos 8:4-7) The prophet Amos condemns the exploitation of the poor.

Second Reading (1 Tim 2:1-8) Since God wants everyone to be saved, we should pray for everyone, but especially those who bear the responsibility of public office.

Gospel (Lk 16:1-13) Jesus shows how greed for money can ruin a person, and insists that we can't serve both God and money.

Next weeks readings: Amos 6:1.4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

All are welcome | Exploring Missionary Discipleship At our mission momentum sessions we will have time to reflect on our discipleship as individuals and faith communities, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship and explore some hot topics that arose in the Synod process.

- school/ parish engagement
- inviting and welcoming young people
- growing faith in families

Please register through the [website](#):

There are still two opportunities for participation:

Saturday 24 September	Onehunga Church Hall	RSVP 19 September
Saturday 15 October	Takapuna Church Hall	RSVP 10 October

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!

New for families (from the Auckland Diocese)

Jump on to the St Benedicts website or app, download this newsletter and click on the links below to learn more about the Sunday Gospel and find fun video clips that help children to understand. There is also Saints days information, recipes and activities for children young and old. Word puzzles and colouring in!

Kids Korner: [click here](#)

Parent Ponderings: [click here](#)

Welcome to St Benedict's

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.

Please check the notice boards in the foyer for upcoming events

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,
Jason Oxenham, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borgueta.

**We remember those who have died recently
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Thomas Treacy, David Saifiti, Harry Burton-Bradley, Alice Gordon, Bert Grinter, Cherie Simeti,
Anthony Murray, Elizabeth Hymes, James Mitchell, Thomas Flanagan, Francis Lambert,
Violet Coppel, Fr Eugene O'Connor, Monsignor Moore, Merlyn Mount-Earle, Gwen Murnane,
Mark Gleeson, Bill O'Connor, Henrietta Schaumkell, Ernie Leano, Jackie Doorman,
Samuel Bushby, Peter Wakim, Ivy Barton, Charles McMenamin, Patricia Drysdale,
Rangi Palmer, Teresa Lindstrom, Archibald Boermel, Claire Geddes

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord