

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

Opening the Shades?

In recent weeks the Sunday readings have focussed on the deceptiveness of wealth enticing the rich to presume they can ensure a secure future, the potential idolatry of processions, the importance of attending to the poor, and the critical importance of the manner in which we give alms.

The story of Lazarus and Dives is aimed at Luke's community which composed of either predominantly rich people needing to be reminded of their obligations to the poor or a community with tension between the rich and poor. The parable has all 'lovers of money' in its sights and invites us to reflect two kinds of generosity – the generosity of God's mercy toward sinners and our generosity toward the poor in the use of possessions.

In this Gospel, the poor man is given the name Lazarus (meaning "my God helps") to remind us that the "anonymous poor" are known by God and that wealth carries with it a different and more tragic kind of anonymity, for Dives is a Latin word for 'a rich person'.

Luke emphasises the social difference that separates them: the poor beggar is covered with sores and lacks the energy or the will to chase away the scavenger dogs while the rich man is described by the manner of his extravagant dress and diet.

At the heart of the Gospel is the great reversal in which the rich and powerful, who in life perceive no need for divine grace, and are cut off from the people of God while the poor, the lowly, and the outcasts are given a proper place in the community of faith.

It is only after the death of both characters and their reversed positions in the afterlife that we see the real problem with the rich man. The difficulty in their relationship all those years on earth was that the rich man never saw Lazarus. It is only after death that for the first time the rich man sees Lazarus.

For the rich man, and even for ourselves, prosperity has a way of limiting our perception, of closing the shades of the distasteful, so as not to disturb our enjoyment.

We must ask ourselves, how many issues in the world today do we continue to ignore? It can be the simple things in a relationship that separate people or there can be the largescale and complex issues like climate change, global warming, pandemics, etc. Regardless of the issue, without awareness and action we are warned that when we do take notice it might be too late!

So, time to open the shades perhaps?

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Amos 6:1.4-7) Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel.

Second Reading (1 Tim 6:11-16) As Jesus was faithful to his call in face of an hostility that led to his death, so Christians facing persecution should be faithful to God's call.

Gospel (Lk 16:19-31) We hear the story of a very rich man who ignored the plight of a beggar sitting at his gate.

Next weeks readings: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10.

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](#):

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!

LET'S PRAY ROSARIES

A display of affordable prayer aids and small gifts for adults and children is available for viewing and purchase in the parish office including a specially chosen selection of St Benedict rosary beads. All are welcome to visit during office hours.

Situations Vacant – Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer We are seeking to recruit a proactive and committed Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer. This role is full time and provides an exciting opportunity to manage and utilise our Archive Collection by providing appraisal, recording and direct safekeeping of permanent records and historically valuable Church documents and Museum Artifacts. The role also has co-responsibility as Privacy Officer for ensuring the Diocese complies with the Privacy Act 2020. Please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies to view the full advert and position description.

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:**

Elizabeth Hurley, Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hassan, Martin Rossiter, Harriet Campion,
Margaret Penman, Jovito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, James Mitchell, Catherine Long,
Laurence McCarthy, Laurence Leydon, Fine Tamaso Latu, Gerald George, John Stanish,
Sinione Anae, Melita Schwalger, Sonny Schwalger, Teancum Schwalger, Abish Schwalger,
Villa de Guerio, Fr John Daly, Patrick Traylen, Fr Peter Dunn.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord