

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 18 DECEMBER 2022

Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus shows it as the perfect fulfilment of the Prophet Isaiah's words to King Ahaz in the first reading (Isa 7: 10 – 14). Matthew is putting before us a vital theme of Christian faith: that Jesus is the living presence of God in the human world.

Today's Gospel is concerned with the circumstances surrounding the conception of Jesus and the names given to this special baby. The passage focuses on the divine origin of Jesus, explained in the saying "child conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" and with his role as saviour of all humankind, proclaimed in the name Joseph is to give him.

This child is distinct and unique. He is more than the accumulated best of his ancestors. The developing story tells how this child will act distinctly as the agent of the divine Spirit and manifest in a unique way the power of God.

Matthew puts forward Joseph as a representative figure who welcomes the coming of Emmanuel. He is struck with profound humility at the mystery of what God's action may require of him and he doubts himself. Joseph's thoughts of "dismissing her privately" were not prompted by suspicion that Mary had been unfaithful – he already knew that 'she was with child from the Holy Spirit'. The dream brings with it the reassurance that he too could stand in the presence of the divine mystery, that he was not outside the providence of what God was doing; that God's grace will support him in fulfilling his mission.

If the conception calls attention to Jesus' special place in history, so also does his name. Joseph, acting the part of the legal father, is directed by the messenger to call the child "Jesus". For non-Jewish readers like us, the narrator adds an interpretation "for he will save his people from their sins".

The name, together with the title "Messiah" alerts us to the peculiar role the infant is to play throughout his ministry. He is the one who does what only God can do. Where Jesus is, God is there, present with the people of faith and the reassurance of Divine forgiveness.

For ourselves there is the opportunity to reflect on the name given to us by our parents, acknowledging the hope and joy they saw in our births and the expectations they nurtured in us to be bearers of God's love to all. When we feel we are not living up to a life lived in Christ we can call on the intercession of St Joseph, that we too can stand in the presence of the divine mystery once again celebrated in Christ's nativity and cry out "Come Emmanuel" – God is with us!"

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading (Is 7:10-14) This reading foretells the birth of a very special child—a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

Second Reading (Rom 1:1-7) These opening lines from Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus.

Gospel (Mt 1:18-25) This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

Next weeks readings: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The NZ-FILIPINO SANTO NINO DEVOTEES - SINULOG NZ invites you: 9-days Novena-Masses for Senor Santo Nino (the Holy Child Jesus) at St Patrick's Cathedral Date: From Jan 6 - 14, 2023. Daily start is 6:40pm Except Sunday 6:00pm PARKING: The Hobson Street Car Park will be operating via Pay by Plate machines & ParkMate App. For more information and detailed instructions, please go to <https://parkmate.co.nz/>. For help please email support@parkmate.co.nz Please note that \$2 Validated parking will still be available at the Wilson's car park on Durham Lane (enter from off Queen Street). You still will need to bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

Fiesta Day Celebration: Jan 15, 2023 at EventFindA Stadium (prev North Shore Events Centre). Procession at 10:00AM; Mass at 11:00AM; Sinulog & Multi-cultural presentations 1:45pm. EVERYONE WELCOME. For more details, contact Oscar 027 570 1139 or Miriam 027 4875 428 OR check the website: www.santo-nino.org.

Monthly Intention and Prayer for December

For Families

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace. May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example. Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence. May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm) and from 6pm-7pm.

Rite II Reconciliation

Will be held at Sacred Heart Ponsonby (16 Vermont Street) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 December.

"Let us Reflect for Nine Dawns"

Christmas Novena Dawn Mass at St Benedicts
December 16-24 at 5am

Christmas Mass Times at St Benedicts

Saturday 24 December at 6pm and 9pm

Sunday 25 December at 9.30am



2023 Columban Art Calendars are available at \$12 per calendar.
Please email miranda@stbenedictsuckland.org.nz to request a copy. Collection is from the parish office once your order has been received and paid for.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the foyer for \$4.

Please check the notice boards in the foyer for upcoming events

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: Steven Van Veen

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Michael O'Neill, Matilda Davis, James Davis, Mary Davis, Kenneth Mahoney, Philomena Wong,
Mons Paul Cronin, James Maher, Christopher Hopkins, John Johnson, John Johansen, Annie Shields, Arthur Swain, Fr McKendry, Mary Maruura, John Corboy, Patrick Downey, Leo O'Neill, Winifred Keenan, Lilian Mitchell, Anne Seta, Michael Atkinson, Phyllis Gall, David Grant, Justin Williams, Francis Nixon, James Treacy, Jill Coleman, Annie Fernandez.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord