

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 11 DECEMBER 2022

This Gaudete Sunday we are called to rejoice, to remind ourselves of the joy that Jesus brings into the world. The name Gaudete translates from the Latin as rejoice, we also shift gears and adopt the joyful liturgical colour of rose for this Sunday. It is the Sunday where we light the rose-coloured candle on our advent wreaths. We are called to truly rejoice in the coming of our saviour as a child. It reminds me of that contemporary Christmas song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" written in 1963 by Edward Pola and George Wyle. Sometimes we can get too caught up in the necessary chores of life and forget to take a moment to just contemplate the joy associated with the coming of Christ as a child.

This Sunday we are called to rejoice and joyfully reflect on the great celebration that is ahead of us. It is enjoyable to reflect on great occasions in the past, those enjoyed with family or friends or great holiday moments, occasions where we have experienced great joy. The birth of the incarnate Son of God is one of these occasions for us as Christians. We as Christians are part of a great family and this celebration of Christmas is something that truly unites us in joy.

In the hustle and bustle of life moments of prayer can often be given a lower priority than we might give it in our regular routine. This Sunday is a moment to stop reflect and rejoice. Reflecting and meditating on the birth of Jesus doesn't have to be a complicated activity. We could place ourselves before a manger scene and reflect on the birth of Jesus, or we could use an image of the Christmas nativity to assist our reflection. When we reflect on Jesus it is a form of prayer, we are uniting our hearts with his and consciously giving him our time. This doesn't have to be a grand or exhaustive exercise; it can start with 5-10minutes quietly thinking about the scene of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Things that can be included in the reflection are, who was there? What were they doing? What was the environment like? and where are you in this scene? Always remembering the key spiritual anchor for this time of meditation is the gift of joyful rejoicing that Jesus wants to place in our heart. Truly rejoice this Gaudete Sunday for "it is the most wonderful time of the year."

Fr Tony King-Archer



LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading (Is 35:1-6.10) God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.

Second Reading (Jam 5:7-10) St James urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

Gospel (Mt 11:2-11) We see Jesus at work, and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.

Next weeks readings: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-25.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The Diocesan Pastoral Council met on Saturday 26 November. Their newsletter is available for everyone to read on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

CARING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Caring Foundation. Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable.

www.caringfoundation.org.nz

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.

Resources for families from the Auckland Diocese

Video clips and activities are updated weekly to follow the liturgical year and enrich the learning experience and enhance understanding for young and old. Open this newsletter in the St Benedict's website or app and follow the links...

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.

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 the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph at 7pm on Tuesday 13 December and 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 you 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
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Edith Wade, Betty Fodermayer, William Wikitera, Brian Gulson, Catherine Belcher,
Mary Collman, Cissie Mason, Patrick McGill, Julian Sargon, Pat Langdon, Joseph Hancock,
Kathleen Ryan, Richard Petricevich, John Hills, Joe Benson, Mimi Livingstone,
Kasanita Bell-Booth, Shirley Nausbaum, Theresa Stowers, Wenzl Schollum.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord