



**St Benedict's**  
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 19 MARCH 2023**

In today's first reading we have the narration of the anointing of David as King. None of the seven sons whom Jesse presented to Samuel were worthy in the sight of God. But at last David was chosen to be the new King. He was the youngest and the unexpected one. Though he was a shepherd boy, he was good hearted. Prophet Samuel had different thoughts regarding the candidate for king but God makes known to him that David will be the new king.

“Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. 1 Sam 16:7” God does not choose His servants the way the world chooses them. It is important for us to know that God knows what is best. No matter how insignificant a chosen person might be, it is God's choice. His choices are always perfect. What matters is not one's age nor one's profession. The only thing that matters is one's heart is docile to carry out God's plan. And David had it.

Let us remember, whom the world labels as unintelligent, God qualifies them to be faithful. Whom the world looks at as insignificant; God sees them as someone beautiful. Whom the world considers to be the last and the least, God loves them and makes them first.

God revealed to Samuel that “Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart”. This makes it clear that a person's true character does not lie in appearance but in his heart. What is externally seen is ones BEAUTY but what lies inside the heart is one's GOODNESS. When it comes to choose a person as a life partner, or as an employee, or as a leader, our human tendency is to prefer persons with richness and beauty, skills and talents, experience and strength. But God has only one criterion for His choice: “Goodness of heart”. Let us invest more in this and enrich our personality. Only a good person can win God's heart. Let's make sure we are good hearted.

Fr Ranjit Ekka OFMCap

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*First Reading* (1 Sam 16:1-6-7.10-13) God chose David, the least of Jesse's son, to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.  
*Second Reading* (Eph 5:8-14) Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their new state.  
*Gospel* (Jn 9:1-41) Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.

Next weeks readings: Ezek 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45.

### Funeral Mass schedule for Fr Mario Dorado OFMCap

24 March, Friday, 7PM, St Benedict's Church, 1 St Benedict's St, Eden Terrace, (overnight).

**Requiem Mass**, 25 March, Saturday, 3pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 43 Wyndham St, Auckland.

The Hobson Street Car Park will be operating via Pay by Plate machines & ParkMate App.

#### Pay By Plate

· \$4.50 parking for Saturday, Sunday & weekday evening church services will only be available in the basement public parking areas. There will be signage directing you.  
· Terms & Conditions: \$4.50 is available for Nights and Weekend Parking and will be valid for 3 hours. Casual Rates Apply Thereafter.

#### ParkMate App

· If you use the App, \$4.50 parking for the church will be available on all public parking levels, however you will need to use a promo code to receive this discounted rate.  
· Terms & Conditions: \$4.50 is available for Nights and Weekend Parking and will be valid for 3 hours. Casual Rates Apply Thereafter.  
· Promo code: STPATS

#### Instructions

1. Download ParkMate App
2. Go to Menu / Promocode / Add Promocode
3. Input STPATS
4. Load a credit card and start session.

For help please email support@parkmate.co.nz

#### Other funeral masses are:

18 March, Saturday, 11am at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson.

19 March, Sunday, 6PM at St Dominic's Church, 34 Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay (overnight).

20 March, Monday, 11AM at Our Lady of Lourdes, 7 Glendale Road, Glen Eden.

## Welcome to St Benedict's

Keep up to date with parish news and download the "St Benedict's Auckland" App from the App store on your mobile device.

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

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent in the church at 6.30pm and followed by mass.

Rite II will be held at St Benedicts church at 7pm on Tuesday 21 March 2023.

Discounted Price 2023 Columban Art Calendars are now available at \$10 per calendar. Please email miranda@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz to request a copy.

Collection is from the parish office or during mass.

The latest edition of the NZ Catholic Newspapers available in the foyer for \$4

Please check the notice boards in the foyer for upcoming events

### Monthly Intention and Prayer for March

#### *For children*

Heavenly Father, hold our children in your loving arms and protect them from all danger and evil. Let them know right from wrong. May they show forgiveness and compassion for all living things. Fill their hearts with peace, love and happiness. When their days have passed take them with you to your everlasting kingdom.

In Jesus name we pray. 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: Fr Mario Dorado OFMCap  
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Michael Nash, Lena Lambert, Mary White, Michael McNamara, Giovanni Rigoni, Francis Connolly, Lawrence Linehan, Malae Peleti, Terry O'Sullivan, Emma Maguire, Violet Whyte-Hille, Ross Burton-Bradley, Arthur Beatram, Aileen Markey, Nora Beveridge, Joseph Auva'a, Julia Roden, Margaret McCormick, Michael Benson, Kate Matijasevich, Bernard McGrath, Annie Radich, Johanna Keaney, Andrew Worthington, Steve Walker, Vincent Ahkiau, Loretta Desa, Rita Frank.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**