



**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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### **PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ 28 MAY 2023**

Today's Gospel depicts a crucial moment in the life of the disciples after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is a scene where the risen Christ appears to them, and the Holy Spirit is breathed upon them. The passage marks the beginning of the Christian community, and it lays the foundation for the disciples' future mission. In John 20:19, the disciples are gathered in a locked room, fearful and uncertain about what the future holds. Suddenly, Jesus appears among them and greets them with the words, "Peace be with you." He then shows them his hands and his side, and the disciples rejoice at seeing their Lord alive. Jesus then breathes upon them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This moment is significant because it marks the beginning of the Christian community and the empowerment of the disciples to fulfill their mission.

The reference to the feast of Pentecost is important because it is the festival of the harvest and the giving of the law at Sinai. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles during the feast of Pentecost, empowering them to proclaim the gospel to all nations. This event links the Old Testament and the New Testament and demonstrates that the Spirit is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Moreover, the reference to the forgiveness of sins in John 20:23 evokes Jeremiah 31:31-33, where the prophet speaks of a new covenant that God will make with his people. This covenant will be written on their hearts, and God will forgive their sins and remember them no more. This promise of forgiveness is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who through his death and resurrection, reconciles us to God and offers us forgiveness and eternal life.

The disciples' role as a community in which the new covenant is realized and actualized is significant because it highlights the communal nature of the Christian faith. In John 17:21, Jesus prays that his disciples may be one, just as he and the Father are one. This unity is not just a superficial unity but a deep, spiritual unity that comes from being one in Christ. As a community, the disciples are to be a witness to the world of the power of the gospel to transform lives and reconcile us to God.

In conclusion, John Chapter 20 verses 19 to 23 is a pivotal moment in the life of the disciples and the beginning of the Christian community. The feast of Pentecost and the promise of the new covenant highlight the continuity between the Old Testament and the New Testament and the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus Christ. The disciples' role as a community in which the new covenant is realized and actualized underscores the communal nature of the Christian faith and the importance of unity in Christ. As we reflect on this passage, may we be inspired to live out our faith in community and be a witness to the world of the power of the gospel to transform lives and bring reconciliation to a broken world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

*First Reading* (Acts 2:1-11) Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the effect it had on them.

*Second Reading* (1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13) The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the church, the Body of Christ.

*Gospel* (Jn 20:19-23) The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.

Next Weeks Readings: Ex 34:4-6.8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18.

As the cold winds start to blow Monte Cecilia is launching its annual Winter Woolies appeal, calling on our supporters to help our families with warm new socks, clean blankets, warm PJs, and vouchers for supermarkets, the Warehouse, K-Mart etc to help make sure our families are warm and healthy this Winter. If you'd like to donate, you can drop items like these off at our 30 Windrush Close office during business hours (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am to 4pm), or let us know if you need a pick-up for larger collections.

Climate Action webinars in the spirit of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and 'Letter: A Message for our Earth' are to be held from 14 June to 5 July. They have been organised by the Religious Diversity Centre (RDC) Climate Action Group with the theme, 'E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope' especially from a view of the Pacific region to mitigate the challenges of climate change and to adapt against future disasters. For further information including registration details please go to: <https://rdc.org.nz/rdc-webinar-series-2023/>

### Monthly Intention and Prayer for May

#### *For Mothers*

All-loving God, we give you thanks for mothers young and old.

We pray for all mothers of every kind.

Those who have loved us and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and godmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever.

In all this we ask through Christ our Lord,  
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: [Pentecost Sunday](#)

Parent Ponderings: [Shay's Story](#)



## 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.

If you use Facebook you can also follow the official page "St Benedict's Church, Auckland"  
<https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsAuckland>

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

We are seeking Altar Servers for 9.30am mass.  
Full training will be provided by Fr Gilbert.  
Please email the office for further information.

If you have ever thought about becoming a reader at St Benedicts, now is the time! Please email the office to find out how you can join this Ministry.

• Please check the notice boards in the foyer  
for upcoming events

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd June 7:00pm

at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass,  
followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.

All Welcome.

### **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:**

Anna Mitchell, Janet Maxwell, Alan Dougherty, Jackie McDonald, Raymond Courtney,  
Sue Martin, Frederick Woodworth, Madeleine Regan, Annie Fleming, Prucilla Qusted,  
Edward Handleby, Norah Canning, Mary Caffery, Sereana Samson, Phillip Zambucka,  
Molly Sullivan, Elsie Sketchley, Andrew Durrant, Mona Caffery, Annie Niumata, Letty Andrews,  
Joseph Desa, Bishop Len Boyle, Leondra Healey, Michael Doyle, Fr O'Carroll, Peter Battersby,  
Michael Bourke, Fr Tom Hogan, Jericho Hagai, Bernard Macedo, Thomas Netto, Thomas Daly,  
Hugh Cooney, Prudence Whitaker, Peter Lehrker, Mary Doyle, Humberto Master,  
Claire Slocum, Maria Out.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**