

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 5.00pm - 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 6.15pm, Novena at 6.45pm
Mass at 7.15pm

Saturdays

Rosary 10am - 20 Decade Rosary
Temporarily moved online
<https://www.facebook.com/20decaderosary>

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
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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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 25 FEBRUARY 2024

From the land of Moriah to Calvary.

God asked Abraham to take Isaac, his only beloved son, to the land of Moriah and offer him up as a holocaust. God was testing him. And we know that Abraham passed the test. What we do not know is what was truly going on in the mind of God. Why did he have to do that to the poor, faithful old man? That is so cruel, and maybe, beyond any justification. Then, after toying with his emotions, God blessed Abraham in the end. Was that to compensate for all possible emotional, mental, moral, physical and spiritual damages God may have caused? Remember, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord." We will never really fully comprehend. But rest assured, in faith, God only wants what is best for us.

Here is the bigger puzzle. God spared Isaac but did not spare His own Son. God, willingly, handed over His only Begotten Son as a sign of His great love for us. And according to St Paul, "How will He not also give us everything else along with Him?" This God Who was so "cruel" to Abraham seems to be so obsessed with humanity that He is willing to sacrifice ALL, and He means ALL, for us. What have we done to deserve Him? Nothing. It is just that, it is God's nature.

Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. This is a glimpse, a foretaste of the glory that is to be revealed. This is an assurance to all of Jesus' followers that everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property for God's sake will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. Wait... Isn't this almost similar to the blessing and promise given to Abraham after God tested Abraham and he passed the test? So, too, Jesus' followers will have to go through the "test" and if they remain faithful, will also be blessed and rewarded.

It is only a glimpse, a foretaste. Jesus and the disciples had to come down from the mountain and Jesus had to tell them about his impending death and resurrection. This is something entirely new to the disciples. So as they carried on, they were to slowly understand what Jesus meant. And they had to be with Jesus and witness what he told them would happen. They, too, would go through it but not without faith and trust in Jesus. What He showed them would be their source of hope, strength and inspiration.

Blessings, Fr Gilbert Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading (Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18) This reading shows how complete was Abraham's obedience to God.

Second Reading (Rom 8:31-34) Since God is on our side, we can face anything.

Gospel (Mk 9:2-10) On Mount Tabor three apostles of Jesus got a glimpse of the glory that was his as the Son of God.

Next weeks readings: Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

St Benedict's Parish needs You!

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.

miranda@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz



A group of gentlemen meet each Friday at St Bens for the 12.10 pm mass and thereafter go to lunch. All are welcome and all you have to do is turn up or if you wish, or if you have got any enquiries please ring Brian 021 629 241 or George 027 472 5897.

February Prayer for the terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

We ask this 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: [Click here](#)

Parent Ponderings: [Click here](#)



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.

St Benedicts has the following options for planned giving and donations to our Parish:

- Collection at Sunday Mass
- Automatic bank payment
- St Benedicts App
- Tap and Go

Our new bank account number is 02 0108 0706611 000

If you need assistance or require more information, please contact the parish office on 09 379 0624

Reconciliation Rite I is available before Mass on Saturday evenings from 5pm-5.45pm.

Coming up at St Benedict's:

Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm
Every Friday during Lent

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

All are welcome to morning tea in the crypt every week after 9.30am mass.

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

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Remember to park in the spaces available for public use only.

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Alice Swann, Teresa Rajaratnam, Phil Bawden, David Master, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borgueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham, Judi Oxenham, Mary Jacobson.

We remember those who have died recently: Frances Macedo and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Higgins, John McIvor, LilyKutty Thomas, Heather Ryan, Joan Bannister, Bernard Kelly, Trish Daley, Charlotte Willis, Emmanuel Ntarmah, Daniel Prendergast, Rita Graham, Emily Rushworth, Quentin Kelly, Bernardo Flores, Bernard Hunt, Margaret Santos, Annie Sparks, Peter Chappell, Pat Gye, Dellwyn Whiteford, Margaret Petricevich, Ane Lisala, Monsignor Michael Browne, Georgina Ntarmah.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord