

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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 3 MARCH 2024

CONSTRUCTIVE AGGRESSION

Who among us can deny that at times, more frequent than ever, our 'aggressive' nature shows up in most unexpected ways? Aggression can either be destructive or constructive. Our society is surrounded by aggressive policies and deals. We distance ourselves from people who have highly aggressive behaviour or attitudes. But not all aggression is destructive. Our anger, if well channelled, can turn to be constructive and well accepted. Slavery, Colonization, Dictatorship and many more vices were defeated by people who used aggression constructively. The need of the hour is to have more aggressive people and movements who can constructively topple today's vices.

In today's gospel, we see Jesus through a new prism. Gentleness gives way to aggression. His words are reflected in his actions – makes a whip, drives the traders and cattle, overturns the money tables. The disciples remember Psalm 69:9, 'Zeal for your house will devour me!' The cleansing of the Temple signified more than just broken tables, spilled coins or displaced cattle. Jesus was reclaiming the Temple for sincere worship of God. Purity codes and excessive animal sacrifices had devalued their beliefs in a God of love and forgiveness. Temple business went out of hand and became a breeding ground for thieves. Jesus was ready to go the distance to reclaim the Temple as a 'house of God'. He strongly reiterated, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a den of thieves."

Sadly, some see this gospel passage to downplay Jesus and his mission and label him as 'violent'. Jesus did not use force for his own advancement. He was at the service of his Father house and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God! In the Gospel of John, Jesus will soon become the new sanctuary where people can encounter God, in the person of the Risen Jesus!

We are defined as the 'people of God'. We are the Church. And, if we were to take an honest look within, there is a lot of cleansing to be done. Aggressive forces within and without are all out to reclaim the 'den of thieves.' It takes courage to be part of the constructive aggression to reclaim the Kingdom of God for the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim.

This Lenten season is an opportune moment to start with our 'own internal cleansing' and to weed out our habitual tendencies and sinfulness. Let our prayer be, "Lord, make me pure within."

Fr Glenford Lowe

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading (Ex 20:1-17) The ten commandments are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship with God.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:22-25) Paul preached a crucified Christ. To some the idea made no sense. To others it was a sign of the wisdom and power of God.

Gospel (Jn 2:13-25) By chasing the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple, Jesus passed judgement on the Jewish system of worship.

Next weeks readings: 2 Chron 36:14-16.19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession On Good Friday 29th March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz.

March Prayer for New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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](#)



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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nellie McLean, Sara Murphy, Katherine McKnight, James Cannon, James Monaghan,
Ellen McLean, Raymond Connolly, Michael Magnussen, Br John Predergast, Roy Cho,
Fr Leo Doyle, Michael Coleman, Barry Mitchell, Vising Marababol, Robert Carroll,
Margaret Murphy, Stephen Fox, Roy Holley, Elizabeth Madigan, Fr S Carney,
Thomas Grant, Mathew Fernandez, Mary Kelly, Josephine Morris, Helena Johnston,
William Duggan, Heather Kearns, Dianne Hill, .

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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.

Lent and Holy Week at St Benedict's:

Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm every Friday during Lent

Anniversary Mass for Fr Mario Dorado on Thursday 14th March at 7pm

Palm Sunday 24th March

Parish Mass at 9.30am and Filipino Mass at 11.30am

Holy Thursday 28th March. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

The Altar of Repose will be open until 10.30pm

Good Friday 29th March. Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

The Passion of Our Lord Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday 30th March

Easter Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday 31st March

Parish Mass at 9.30am and Filipino Mass at 11.30am

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

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

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