

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ 24 MARCH 2024

Today's Gospel offers profound insights that deeply resonate with the themes of humility and service, which are pivotal to understanding Palm Sunday's significance. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed as a king with palm branches strewn before him. However, this moment of glory is deeply interwoven with themes of humility and impending sacrifice.

In the reading, Jesus, fully aware of His imminent betrayal and crucifixion, chooses to perform a servant's task by washing His disciples' feet. This act, typically performed by servants or slaves, was a radical display of humility and service. Jesus, the teacher, and Lord, kneels before His disciples, including Judas, who would betray Him, and Peter, who would deny Him, to perform this lowly service.

This act contrasts sharply with the image of Jesus on Palm Sunday, where He is celebrated as a king. It serves as a powerful reminder that His kingship is not of pomp and worldly power, but of humility, service, and sacrificial love. Jesus' actions in washing the disciples' feet foreshadow the ultimate act of love and service – His sacrifice on the cross.

For Christians, reflecting on this passage in the context of Palm Sunday offers a profound lesson. It reminds us that true leadership and discipleship in the way of Jesus are marked not by authority and power but by humility, service, and love for others. Jesus' example challenges believers to embrace humility, to serve one another selflessly, and to remember that the path to glory is often paved with acts of humble service and sacrificial love. This reflection fosters a deeper understanding of the paradoxical nature of Jesus' kingship and the true essence of the celebration of Palm Sunday.

Fr Stephen Berecz



LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ PALM SUNDAY

Gospel for Procession (Mk 11:1-10) Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king and gentle Messiah, and is greeted joyfully by his disciples.

First Reading (Is 50:4-7) The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him. We think of Jesus as we listen to this reading.

Second Reading (Phil 2:6-11) Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel (Mk 14:1-15:47) St Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking detail of Jesus' suffering.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Feast here at St Benedict's Parish Sunday 7th April 5:30pm. Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. **You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.** Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day."

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](#)

Training session for Children's Sacramental Programme Catechists
Wednesday 3 April 6pm – 7.30pm
Crypt or meeting room, depending on numbers. For anyone interested in being a part of this ministry. No cost, but please register with the office.
Phone 09 379 0624 or email office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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:

Bernard McGrath, Annie Radich, Johanna Kearney, Andrew Worthington, Herbert Walker, Vincent Ahkiau, Loretta Desa, Rita Frank, Hilda Howard, Sarah McGinley, Cecily Kenrick, Thomas Craney, Hilda Church, Michael Hughes, Fr Norbert Berridge, Jean Pattillo, Bertha Noonan, Blair Rankin, Win McNamara, William Hynes, Cecily Kenrick, Terry Welch, Anne O'Sullivan, Ivan Resetar, Leo Bell, Peter Tieng, Jacob O'Grady, Charles Walsh, Fr McMahon, Wilfred Hancox, Roman Bonderenko, Sr Marie Anne Arnulphy.

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 for Lent at 6.30pm Friday 22nd March

Palm Sunday 24th March

Parish Mass at 6pm on Saturday and 9.30am on Sunday with blessing of palms outside 10 minutes before mass (weather permitting).

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

Please note there will be NO 12.10pm mass on Holy Thursday

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

Reflection on the Seven Last Words at 1.30pm

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*****