

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ 7 APRIL 2024

In John's Gospel today, we witness a profound narrative that encapsulates the essence of Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the transformative power it brings to believers. At its core, this passage illustrates Jesus' compassionate return to his disciples, offering them peace, forgiveness, and a renewed sense of purpose.

The scene opens with the disciples gathered together in a room, experiencing a mix of fear and uncertainty following Jesus' crucifixion. Yet, in the midst of their apprehension, Jesus appears among them, embodying the embodiment of peace and reassurance. This moment signifies not only the physical presence of Jesus but also the spiritual reality of his resurrection, which brings hope and restoration to his followers. Central to this narrative is the figure of Thomas, whose doubt serves as a pivotal element in the story. Thomas's scepticism underscores the importance of encountering the risen Christ firsthand—a theme that resonates throughout Christian theology. His journey from doubt to belief highlights the transformative nature of faith and the profound impact of encountering the living Christ.

Moreover, Thomas's doubt sets the stage for the subsequent encounter with Jesus, which occurs a week later. This deliberate sequencing emphasizes the significance of the Christian assembly, where believers come together to worship and commune with the risen Lord. In the context of the Church's liturgy, Thomas's experience serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing presence of Christ among his people, especially during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through these encounters, John's Gospel invites readers to reflect on the enduring relevance of Christ's resurrection in their own lives. Just as the disciples experienced new life and empowerment through their encounters with the risen Lord, so too are believers invited to embrace the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in their spiritual journey.

Ultimately, John's Gospel challenges us to move beyond doubt and embrace faith in the resurrected Christ. It reminds us that, like the disciples, we are called to gather together in community, to encounter Christ in the breaking of bread, and to bear witness to his transformative presence in the world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 4:32-35) This reading gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in a community.

Second Reading (1 Jn 5:1-6) Christians are children of God, and show their love for God by keeping his commandments.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-31) When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.

Next weeks readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, Lk 24:35-48.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

REGINA COELI

Priest: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

All. For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Priest: Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

All. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world. Grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same 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](#)

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."

Framed Divine Mercy Images are available to purchase from the parish office. Only \$20 each. Three different images to choose from with option of black or white frame. Please contact Miranda in the parish office for further information miranda@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz or (09)3790624

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.

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*****

April Prayer for the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination women face in various parts of the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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:

Catherine Shields, Jeremy Freedman, Ivy Cowsill, Bert Walker, Daniel Doran, Fr J Shore, Lawrence Cunningham, Hilton Taylor, Thomas Karl, Jan de Haast, Owen McSwiney, Kit Ledsingham, Kathleen Brady, Fr Andrew Faith, Liz Kelly, Thomas Donaghy, Paulo Auva'a, Sarah Mallon, Mary Whitener, Margaret Van Veen, Terence Cunningham, Tess Dowling, Caleb Bailey, Bonnie McCafferty, Frank Shortcliffe, Mercedes Chung.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord