

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER~ 21 APRIL 2024

"I am the good shepherd. a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
I remember our seminary professor telling us that in Israel, during the time of Jesus, many sheepfolds had fences but there were no gates. The shepherd, himself, was also the gate for the sheep. It is scary and daunting to be a shepherd, a good one. He will be the gate who stops thieves, bandits, wolves and other wild animals from hurting, abusing and killing the sheep. Is it all worth it? That is how the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Anyone can be a shepherd but only a good shepherd will lay down his life for the sheep.



We live in a very difficult and challenging time. Doubts, fears, uncertainties and insecurities can be overwhelming. There may be bad shepherds looking for opportunities to take advantage of the vulnerable sheep. We have to be vigilant. We have to be proactive in protecting one another from all types of harms. We need to encourage more empathy and mutual responsibility. Sometimes, we may be called to make the supreme sacrifice of putting our lives at risk in protecting the sheep. As for the sheep who are on the verge of losing faith and hope, let us constantly remind them of Jesus' reassuring and comforting words, "I will lay down my life for the sheep."

"I know mine and mine know me." We are Jesus' sheep if we know Him. If we know Him, we will recognise His voice and will follow Him. And in following Him, we, too, will become good shepherds to one another. How can we know Jesus? We can know Jesus through the scriptures, prayers, sacraments and liturgy, the church and through one another for we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Today we especially pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray for men who will lay down their lives for the sheep. May they have enough courage and strength to embark on this journey of becoming good shepherds. May they inspire the sheep to smell like Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Blessings, Fr Gilbert Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 4:8-12) Peter tells the Jewish leaders that Jesus is the one and only Saviour.

Second Reading (1 Jn 3:1-2) In his love for us God has made us his children. In the next life we shall see him as he is.

Gospel (Jn 10:11-18) Unlike the hireling, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is ready to give his life for his sheep.

Next weeks readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8.

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.

Today is **Vocations Sunday**. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary.

Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

This QR code provides a direct link to the appeal website.



Wilson's Parking Issue

A number of parishioners have received parking tickets for parking in the Wilsons carpark during the time when it is free for visitors to St Benedicts. Evidently Wilsons have updated their system which has caused a communications glitch.

If you have received a ticket for parking during the free parking hours (12pm Saturday to late Sunday evening) or over Easter, please **DO NOT PAY**.

Forward a copy of your ticket to catherine@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz and Catherine will arrange for your ticket to be cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TOURNAMENT PARKING TICKETS.

St Benedicts Church **DOES NOT** have a parking arrangement with Tournament.

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.

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:

Noel Darby, Pat Smith, Br John Swinkels O.P, Margaret Wright, Marcelle Ryland, Joan Fouhy, Molly Boey, Mary Morcom, Pita Valu, Allan Whittaker, Paul Leetberg, Joe Williams, George Mooney, John McKay, Anne Webster, Roseta Rothery, Bridget Carroll, Tom Morcom, Deborah Tutty, Lucy Kelly, Frank O'Neill, Fr Hay, Pieter Swinkels, Mariano Aberlardo, Lloyd Bannister, Jacob Ugochukwu, Mrs H. Ugochukwu and family, Nwachukwu family, Niumoefa Fakalata.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord