

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

Monday to Thursday 10am—4pm
Friday 10am—3pm

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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD~ 12 MAY 2024

To make sense of why Jesus goes to heaven, we have to ask *how* he goes. I don't mean whether he was whisked away on angels' wings or a cirro-cumulus cloud. I mean that he ascended in his risen and glorious body.

St Thomas Aquinas makes the point that Jesus ascended into heaven as man. As God, of course, Jesus had no need to do so, he was eternally there with the Father and the Holy Spirit! So, the point, if you like, of the Ascension is that the Lord takes his human body into the glory of heaven.

The humanity of Jesus, the humanity we share with him, is not shed or dropped aside. It was not a disguise, or a temporary adoption. The humanity of Jesus is eternal. The man, Jesus Christ, reigns forever in heaven. But no man is an island; and we who are his kin, by blood and by baptism, are united with him and are to share that kingdom.

The ascension of Jesus, the head of the body of which we are members, is the beginning of our future bodily life in heaven. The Ascension indicates that the life in Christ we begin on earth through the gift of the Spirit has its fulfillment in heaven. I have used the word "heaven" a lot in the previous paragraphs, because today is the feast that, more than any other, should drive home to us that heaven is where we are meant to be. Because of the Lord's Passion, Death, Resurrection, AND Ascension our eternal home is there. This is the feast that shows most powerfully that the great work of our redemption is not about taking us back to Eden before the Fall. It is, rather, about bringing us to a new and glorious life, sharing in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

This feast is where we really begin to understand why, in the Exsultet sung at the Easter Vigil, we speak of the Fall as the "happy fault." Because today we begin to really understand what God's response to our sin is, not punishment and destruction, but healing and transformation. Today we see a little more clearly, hopefully, truth of the words in the Preface for masses for the dead, for the Lord's faithful people life is changed not ended. Today we see how wondrous that change will be.



Fr Chris Denham

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading (Acts 1:1-11) This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Second Reading (Eph 1:17-23) Here Paul describes the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the church and Lord of creation.

Gospel (Mk 16:15-20) Before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

Next weeks readings: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13, Jn 20:19-23.

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.

May Prayer for the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. 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 not so young. Open this newsletter in the St Benedict's website or app and follow the links...

Kids Korner: [Click here](#) Parent Ponderings: [Click here](#)



Parking at St Benedicts

When visiting St Benedicts please
DO NOT park illegally or block cars in.
Please see over page for free parking details

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 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.

St Peter's College PN 50th Jubilee St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

Part time Executive Officer for the Society of the Sacred Heart at Baradene. This new executive management position is a mix of strategic, finance, governance, HR and legal responsibilities, with help to advance the purpose of the Society's mission. For more information, please refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles. EO part time SEEK

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.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 Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham, Judi Oxenham, Mary Jacobson.

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

Graham Wilson, Trudi Johnston, Charles Mullins, Patrick Gilroy, John Numa, Seamus Casey, Bill Mitchell, Frederick Davis, Chris Toye, Leonardus Kuypers, Robina Reardon, Lucina Dolon, Bernard Glynn, Thelma Radcliffe, Mary O'Connor, Jeannie Hyde, Eileen Brown, Barry Jones, Frank Gwynne, Thelma Casey, George Peculaitis.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord