

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY~ 26 MAY 2024

Celebrating the Mystery of God – TRINITY

The Solemnity of Trinity that we celebrate today is the centre of the mystery of God in his everlasting love and fidelity. We celebrate today God's closeness to us – God is Three Persons in His way of acting – but remains ONE in His love for us! God's love overpowered our infidelity. God's love survived the death of Jesus and sent the Holy Spirit so that we share in the very life and love of God. Today's solemnity, in honoring the Trinity, celebrates the 'stubbornness of God's extravagant love' for our world and church.

The Trinity is not about wrong mathematics $1+1+1 = 1$, it is more about the 'mystery' of God and the 'Power of One'. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all three persons reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. By 'mystery' we simply mean that we can never say the final word about God. A mystery, by definition, is something that cannot be defined or affirmed. There is always 'more' to know, share and experience God's love. In the person of Jesus, this 'mystery' of God is given a face, a voice, and a tangible language of life and love. Through Jesus, God becomes reachable. Jesus draws us into the communion of the Holy Trinity. Through Jesus, God and humanity meet.

St. Thomas Aquinas was right when he declared that in trying to define God we suffer from the 'misery of language'. God can be experienced only in the language of love – in creating, redeeming and sanctifying. None of the Trinity ever tires of loving the world and you!

In his fabulous book, *Contemplating the Trinity*, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa OFM, the papal preacher, says, "Every Christian presentation about God should have a 'Trinitarian' character; in this regard there is still much to be done." Pope Francis continues, "celebrating the Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life." He adds, "Every day in all that we are and do, we are called to be reflections of the Triune God – gifts of Love to one another!"

We daily sign ourselves in the powerful name of the Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit. In his letters, St Paul always greeted his people in these words; "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!" The main altar in the Cathedral is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. It is a daily reminder of God's extravagant love for you.

Fr Glenford Lowe

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 ~ TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading (Deut 4:32-34.39-40) Moses reminds the people of the close and loving relationship God established with them, and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship.

Second Reading (Rom 8:14-17) Through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit, we have become children of God and co-heirs with Christ his Son.

Gospel (Mt 28:16-20) In his last appearance to his apostles, Jesus commissions them to preach the Gospel to all peoples, and promises to be with them to the end of time.

Next weeks readings: Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16.22-26.

The Diocese has made the decision to transition NZ Catholic from a fortnightly printed publication to a monthly digital publication due to falling circulation numbers, subscribers and advertisers. The issue published on 30 June will be NZ Catholic's last printed fortnightly edition. Subscribers will receive a letter from Bishop Steve this week. We give thanks for the work of the NZ Catholic staff, past and present. They have told the stories of our Church and society. We ask for your prayerful support as we make this transition. More information: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/>

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

CDA Connect – The latest round up of what's been going on in the diocese and events to look forward to is now up. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect> or linked from the front page of the website

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its third lecture in the series, A Taste of Theology. Topic 3 is entitled "What is spirituality? The answer depends on what you value". Speaker is Dr Peter Ryan, fsc. This is on Tuesday, 04 June 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Friday 7 June at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).

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.

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.

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:

Mary Shanaghan, James Mahon, Mary Lane, Bernard Morahan, Ruperto Bembo, Florence Phillips, Catherine Loney, Desmond Maher, Fr Hennessey, Ellen Bates, Sonya Vessey, Anna Mitchell, Janet Maxwell, Alan Dougherty, Jackie McDonald, Raymond Courtney, Sue Martin, Frederick Woodworth, Madeleine Regan, Annie Fleming, Priscilla Quedsted, Norah Canning, Mary Caffery, Sereana Samson, Phillip Zambuka, Molly Sullivan, Elsie Sketchley, Andrew Durrant, Mona Caffery, Annie Niumata, Letty Andrews, Joseph Desa, Bishop Len Boyle.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord