

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

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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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 16 JUNE 2024

I feel sorry for my sister who recently lost five dogs to distemper. She did her best to keep them as comfortable as possible. She told all of them to go and have rest if they already feel tired. She never gave up on them. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away," according to Job.

The Lord said in the book of the prophet Ezekiel, "I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom." Everything depends on God for life and sustenance. God used the image of a tender shoot that grew into a mighty cedar to describe the restoration of the exiled Israelites. This happened because God said He would do it. And it did not happen overnight. The Israelites went through a lot first. But God was with them all throughout their journey. Our life's journey can be long and winding too. We have to trust in God, have faith in Him. He has our best interests at heart.

St Paul sought to encourage the Corinthians, inspiring them amidst challenges to be courageous. "We walk by faith, and not by sight." Our senses, sometimes, may fail us. Life can be hard and tough. We cannot be sure of what the future holds. We have to believe that God always has better plans for us. It is very tempting to choose the easy way, to do short cuts to get ahead faster. But if we persevere to remain in Christ, we are assured of His reward.

The Gospel affirms the themes of the first and second reading. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how." It is God's doing. God wants to do it. Everything depends on Him. Faith is such a beautiful thing. It is a tiny seed that can grow into the largest of plants. A friend of mine, who is a doctor, once said to me, "I can't imagine life without faith." One may immediately say, of course, he is a doctor, he must be living a good and comfortable life. Ironically, he has his own share of life's struggles, even more serious ones. I believe, it is genuine faith that sees through things and experiences. He, indeed, walks by faith and not by sight.

Jesus used parables and to His own disciples, he explained everything in private. We sometimes struggle with our understanding of the faith. The faith is definitely there, God planted the seeds in our hearts. But understanding faith entails reading the scriptures, listening to the teachings of Christ, prayer and communion with Him. This faith is so beautiful, such that, one cannot help but practice it.

Blessings! Fr Gilbert

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Ezek 17:22-24) The prophet foretells the fall of Jerusalem. At the same time he tells of the establishment of a universal kingdom (by the Messiah).

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:6-10) Since Paul's priority at all times is to please the Lord, he has no fears of appearing before him.

Gospel (Mk 4:26-34) Two parables about the steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings, a growth brought about by God.

Next weeks readings: Job 38:1.8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41.

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 the young and not so young.

Includes puzzles, colouring in pages, links to other activities and yummy recipes!

Open this newsletter in the St Benedict's website or app and follow the links...

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

This week's "Parent Ponderings"...

The Duck & the Devil:

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid its dead body in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen. Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So, Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So, Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help!

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's... he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window, and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you." - Original author unknown

The Lesson:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.), ..whatever it is...You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing.... He has seen your whole life; He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets.... It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved. God is at the window.

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.

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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.

When visiting St Benedicts please DO NOT park illegally or block cars in.

Please see over page for free parking details

June Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: Look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

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 Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham, Judi Oxenham, Mary Jacobson, Anne Brent.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Vera Williams, Fr Lavelle, Mr Lew, Phillip Cusens, Fritz Schaumkell, Harold McSweeney, John Rankin, Tess Grant, Edward O'Keeffe, Tony Willis, Jean O'Neill, Thomas Cotter, Francis Otway, John Pain, Patrick Mahoney, Pat McGreal, Paddy Clark, Joan Molloy, Joseph Anderson, Nicholas Cain, John Brady, Van Der Griend, Veronica Fox, Michael & Leo Whelan, Ludo Antinovich, Alice and Harold O'Neill, Hanna Smyth, Fr Ambrose Loughnan OP, Norma Samontina, William Shelly, Stuart Brown, Zita Smith, William Carson, Juliette Rousseau.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord