

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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 23 JUNE 2024

Caring in the Storm: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is always on the move! He makes another journey to the 'other side'. The 'other side' often represents a place of scarcity, fear, sickness, rebellion, sinfulness and ignorance. Jesus, on the other hand, represents abundance, faith, wholeness, peace, grace and the wisdom of God. The gospel of today begins with Jesus dispersing the crowds who have been nourished by his teaching, preaching and healing. It's prime time now to be with his disciples. There is a new assurance that is in store for them. Most of his disciples were men of the sea. They knew how turbulent the Lake of Galilee could be. Being about seven hundred feet below sea level, the quiet lake could be whipped up within minutes due to the sudden windstorms which would sweep down the hills of Galilee. Every fisherman knows how fragile they were in such moments.

Jesus is Emmanuel! His name means 'God-with-us'. When disaster strikes, we all get down on our bended knees. We pull all our lifelines together. The watery grave is no place to sink in! They wake up Jesus, with a prayer rooted in doubt and exasperation, "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" Amid turbulence, Jesus is at peace. He is not storm tossed. The disciples were just returning from listening to Jesus' teachings on God's love and providence. But now, the storm has washed away all that. The imminent danger of death splits their minds from God's love and care.

We often fall into the same trap. At every moment, even a small wave can erupt into a potential storm. Unable to save ourselves with our own resources and strength, we too cry out, "Master, do you not care?" It is easy to believe that God is with us when all is calm and peaceful. But, when we are perishing in the storms of life, we conclude that God doesn't care! It takes faith to believe that Jesus is 'on board' with us all through life. He is closest to us specially in our crisis moments.

Ps 34:17 says, "The Lord hears the cries of his people. He will save them from all their distress." To journey with Jesus is to journey through storms, not around it! Storms makes good disciples too. We will be able to recognize a new identity of Jesus as the 'Lord of all chaos'. He rebukes the wind and calms the sea. Get ready! There is a new storm around the bend. Let Jesus be your only life line.

Fr Glenford Lowe

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Job 38:1.8-11) God alone has mastery over the sea.

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:14-17) Christ showed his love for us by dying for us.
We are to imitate that love.

Gospel (Mk 4:35-41) By calming a storm Jesus shows his divine power and his care for his disciples.

Next weeks readings: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15, Mk 5:21-43.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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"...

There was once a man who lived with his three sons. His sons were hard workers, but they constantly fought with each other. Even though the man continuously tried to help his sons make peace with each other, he was never successful. In fact, their fighting got to a point where their neighbours would make fun of them.

Eventually, the father became ill. He begged his sons to learn how to work together because of his impending death, but they didn't listen. The father then decided to teach his sons a practical lesson to help his sons forget their differences and become a united team. The father called his sons and said, "I'll give you each an equal collection of sticks to break in half. Whoever breaks the sticks the fastest will be rewarded."

After agreeing to the task, the father gave each of his sons 10 sticks and instructed them to break each stick in half. This task took the sons mere minutes to complete, but once they were finished, they started to fight about who finished first.

The father said, "Dear sons, the task isn't finished. Now I'll give each of you 10 more sticks, however, you must break the sticks in half as a bundle rather than snapping each one separately." His sons agreed and attempted to do what he had asked. They each tried their best, but none could break the bundle in half. They told their father that they had failed.

In response, their father said, "See, it was easy to break the sticks in half individually, but you couldn't break all 10 of them at the same time. Similarly, if the three of you stay united as a team, nobody will be able to harm you. However, if you fight all the time, anyone will be able to defeat you. Please come together as a united team." This lesson helped the man's sons understand the power of being a team and promised their father that, moving forward, they would work together as a team, no matter what the situation was.

The parish will be purchasing a defibrillator for the church and have contacted St Johns to come to the parish to demonstrate its use and provide a general first aid course. This will be held in the crypt at a time to be advised. If you are interested in attending the course please email miranda@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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. Like and follow "St Benedict's Church, Auckland" on Facebook for regular updates and links to the newsletters.

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

The church and parish office will be CLOSED for Matariki Day on Friday 28 June

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 Borgueta, 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:

Patrick Carroll, Freda Francis, Mary O'Brien, John Barrett, Rita Bunting, Maria Callinan, Samantha Catalan, Hannah Treacy, Leo Dunn, Dominic Slocum, Onolina Auva'a, Analena Veufilo, KT Thomas, Mary Hynes, Louise Kreig, Nancy Storck, Flora Gower, Vittorina Iti, Antoinette Moon, Jessie Handleby, May Dunne, Maureen Tuckerman, Thelma Crimmins, Zeena Pereira, CG Thomas, Barbara Dalley, Hannah Smyth, Oscar Lolohea, Tausaga Iolama, Patrick Coleman, Charles McKnight, Martin Leith, Respicio Adato, Maria Stanish, Chris Yallop, Madge Tracey, Ken White, Margaret McCoach, Rosina Bradecina, Murray Gibson, Jill Page.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord