

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 <u>24 hour</u> tow away. These parks are allocated to nearby residents not the Church



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 30 June 2024

In today's Gospel, we encounter two powerful miracle stories intertwined, each demonstrating the profound compassion and authority of Jesus. The first narrative unfolds as Jairus, a synagogue leader, desperately seeks Jesus' help for his dying daughter. Despite societal norms dictating the rigid separation between religious leaders like Jairus and a controversial figure like Jesus, Jairus disregards these barriers, acknowledging Jesus as the potential saviour of his beloved child. As Jesus embarks on this urgent journey to Jairus' home, a woman suffering from chronic bleeding courageously reaches out in faith, believing that even a mere touch of Jesus' garment could bring about her healing. This act challenges the prevailing taboos of the time, as her condition would have rendered her ritually unclean and socially ostracized. Yet, her faith transcends societal limitations, and Jesus not only heals her physically but also commends her for her faith, affirming her as a beloved daughter of God.

Meanwhile, Jairus' daughter succumbs to death, prompting mourners to dismiss Jesus' assertion that she is merely asleep. Undeterred, Jesus enters her room, takes her by the hand, and with a simple command, "Talitha koum" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up"), restores her to life. In both instances, whether through touch or word, Jesus' healing power is manifested, underscoring his divine authority over sickness and death.

These miracle stories resonate beyond their historical context, speaking to the enduring power of faith and the transformative nature of encountering Jesus. They invite reflection on our own willingness to break through societal taboos and barriers to pursue healing and restoration, whether for ourselves or others. Like Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage, do we have the courage to defy societal expectations and approach Jesus with unwavering faith, trusting in his ability to bring about transformation?

Moreover, these narratives challenge us to consider how we perceive and respond to those on the margins of society – the sick, the outcast, the marginalized. Jesus' willingness to engage with and heal those deemed untouchable or unworthy compels us to examine our own attitudes and actions toward the marginalized in our midst, prompting us to emulate his radical love and compassion.

Through these miracle stories, we encounter not merely isolated acts of healing, but profound revelations of Jesus' identity as the Son of God and his mission to bring about wholeness and restoration to all who approach him in faith.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24,) God did not make us for death but for life, here and hereafter.

Second Reading (2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15) St Paul is appealing to the Corinthians to contribute to a collection for the poor in the church at Jerusalem.

Gospel (Mk 5:21-43) Both of the miracles related here are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus.

Next weeks readings: Ezek 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mk 6:1-6.

World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay

Save the date for this incredible experience! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith. Get ready for praise & worship, a special guest speaker, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, free kai, time to connect with other young Catholics, and so much more! Registrations opening soon! Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for updates or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14th at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick!

Visit <u>heartsaflame.org.nz</u> to register or find out more.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 5th July 7:00pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Resources for families from the Auckland Diocese Video clips and activities are <u>updated weekly</u> 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: <u>Click here</u> Parent Ponderings: <u>Click here</u>

The parish has purchased 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@stbenedictsauckland.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

> <u>Reconciliation Rite I</u> is available before Mass on Saturday evenings from 5pm-5.45pm.

- <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> Friday 5 July 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.
- 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 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:

Frances Bryant, Francis Foy, Patrick Doyle, Alan Murray, Standly Perera, Harold O'Neill, Evelyn Clark, Ruby Sutcliffe, Mary Foley, Catherine Stapleton, Connie Hancox, Soter Michael, Sophia McVey, Eleanor Whitaker, Desmond Kruse, Mary Scansie, Thomas Shields, Olive Wishart, James McKnight, Francis Clinton, Oommen Kuriakose, Edward Quinn, Sheila Farnall, Mary Goldie, Jessie Mills, Thomas Benton, Mabel Otway, Neil O'Leary, Terrence L'Estrange, Nina McKay, John Wootton, Gladys Ryan, Dorothy Wilkie, Fr David Jillett, Frederick Coleman, Catherine Fenton, Eva Cathcart. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord