

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 Gospel this week presents John's version of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, a narrative rich in spiritual significance and profound teachings. This passage not only portrays Jesus' divine power but also underscores essential aspects of his ministry and the nature of faith.

The story begins with Jesus encountering a large crowd following him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Recognizing their physical need for sustenance, Jesus initiates a test for his disciples by asking Philip where they could buy bread to feed the multitude. Philip's response reveals a limited perspective, focusing solely on the practical impossibility of such a feat given the size of the crowd and the available resources. Andrew, another disciple, brings a boy forward with five barley loaves and two fish, but he, too, questions the insufficiency of these provisions in the face of such a great need.

Jesus responds by performing a miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish, feeding the entire multitude with an abundance of food, with twelve baskets of leftovers collected afterward. This extraordinary event demonstrates Jesus' power over the material world, foreshadowing the spiritual nourishment he provides to those who believe in him. It also echoes the provision of manna to the Israelites in the wilderness, emphasizing Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promises and the embodiment of divine sustenance.

Furthermore, the passage highlights themes of faith and discipleship. Jesus' question to Philip serves as a test of faith, challenging his disciples to trust in divine providence rather than relying solely on human understanding and resources. The response of the boy, offering his meagre provisions without hesitation, contrasts with the doubt of the disciples, illustrating the simplicity and sincerity of childlike faith.

Moreover, the role of the disciples in distributing the food underscores their participation in Jesus' ministry of compassion and service. As they obediently follow Jesus' instructions, they become conduits of his grace, witnessing firsthand the miraculous power of God at work in their midst.

John's Gospel presents a compelling narrative of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand, conveying profound spiritual truths about his identity as the bread of life, the significance of faith, and the call to discipleship. Through this miraculous sign, Jesus reveals himself as the source of true nourishment for both body and soul, inviting all who believe in him to partake of the abundant life he offers.

Fr Stephen Berecz

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*This weekend we welcome Fr Glenford Lowe from St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate our 6pm and 9.30am Masses*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (2 Kgs 4:42-44) The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.

*Second Reading* (Eph 4:1-6) St Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

*Gospel* (Jn 6:1-15) Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously, but does so even more astonishingly.

Next weeks readings: Ex 16:2-4.12-15, Eph 4:17.20-24, Jn 6:24-35.

Special Mass for Loss of a Child A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. The Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help facilitate healing through fully knowing God's love and mercy. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera Saturday 7th September 5.00pm Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell on behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615

"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its fifth lecture in the series, A Taste of Theology. Topic is titled "What is Philosophy? A short introduction to the fascinations and frustrations of philosophical questioning". Speaker is Rev Dr John Owens, sm, on Tuesday, 06 August 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](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology) to register."

Mindful that many Catholic university students in Auckland "don't know what's out there for them," University Students, Mass and FREE lunch every Tuesday, 12:10pm, at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland CBD. Join us every Tuesday during semester at 12:10pm for mass, followed by a delicious (free) lunch. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on for Catholic university students in Auckland, please check out [instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

G.I.F.T. THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON After 48 years we are leaving the Telford Ave Centre and moving to the Pompallier Centre. Please join us on Saturday 3rd August, 1pm to 4pm at 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden.  
All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd August 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 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.

The parish has purchased a defibrillator for the church and have contacted St Johns to come to the parish to provide a 2 hour CPR + AED Workshop.  
Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance. 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](mailto:miranda@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz) or phone the office (09) 379 0624

## 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.

## July Prayer for our Grandparents

God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents.  
They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.  
Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.  
Please watch over them, protect them and care for them.  
May they know your goodness and love always.  
Grant 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:

Sr Rosalie O.P, Veronica O'Neill, Mary Treacy, Millie Moir, Bridget Monaghan, Adler Hill, Joan Redmond, Dorothea Stevenson, Sarah Madigan, Mary Melody, Eileen Smyth, Thomas Kelly, Sr Joan Timpany, Reginald McCarthy, Joseph Resetar, Thomas Haigh, Jim Scanlan, Don Cederwell, Anurag Sebie Jose, William Klimick, Leon Coad, Marie Williams, Maria Willig, Jean Newlands, Teresa Van Dam, Bishop Stuart O'Connell, Tony Pereppadan, William Leggett, Fr Francis Sheerin.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord