

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 14 JULY 2024**

Three boys in the school yard were bragging about who had the better father. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$100." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$1000." The third boy says, "My Dad is even better than that. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes six men just to collect all the money!"

Sadly, there are preachers today who are mere "professional prophets." They preach for the money. While it is true, that as modern day prophets, preachers rely on the generosity of their congregation for their daily bread, payment, profit or income must not be the basis for preaching. Career prophets tend to soften their message and speak only of what their listeners wanted to hear so that they could win their hearts and gain support. Not so, with the prophet Amos. He delivered the hard truth to the king and his priest. He prophesied as the Lord commanded him to. In spite of the dangers of becoming unpopular, being rejected and persecuted, Amos courageously spoke the word of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus sent out His disciples, in pairs, to preach, exorcise and heal. They were to take nothing for their journey. They were to live in poverty and be content with whatever is offered them. They were forewarned of the dangers. They shouldn't be conscious of self-interest and personal comfort. They didn't have to do it alone. They have got company.

Life can be very mysterious and complex. We struggle to understand our experiences. We want to know our purpose in life, our vocation. There are so many uncertainties that lead to fear and anxiety. In all these, Jesus always reminds us, "Fear not," "Have faith in God," "Peace be with you."

To be a disciple or a prophet can be very daunting and overwhelming because of the dangers attached with being one. But let us not forget that there are also gifts and blessings. In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, through this beautiful prayer, we are assured of God's many blessings such as adoption, freedom, forgiveness, faith and salvation. God's grace is always enough for us. Let us encourage one another. We are not alone for God sent us all in pairs, empowered and blessed.

Blessings,  
Fr Gilbert

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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 ~ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (Amos 7:12-15) The prophet Amos is faithful to the task God gave him, even though he is rejected by those to whom he is sent.

*Second Reading* (Eph 1:3-14) This is a hymn of thanksgiving to God for the great spiritual gifts he had given us in Christ.

*Gospel* (Mk 6:7-13) Jesus sends out the twelve apostles in twos as his representatives.

Next weeks readings: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34.

*For Sunday /weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)*

**St Gregory Boys Choir** for boys aged 8—18. Give your child the gift of music and friendship by joining our new choir! Open to all skill levels, our choir offers fun rehearsals, exciting performances, and a supportive community. First rehearsal Friday 26 July 4pm at St Joseph's School Grey Lynn. Practice every Friday 4pm—5.30pm. For more information email [choir@fssp.nz](mailto:choir@fssp.nz)

**The Upper Room / Thursday 18th July 6:30pm at Good George Mission Bay** Young adults, you don't want to miss the next Upper Room! This event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! Speaker will be James van Schie, who will be covering the topic of Defeating Discouragement: How to Overcome Discouragement and Be a Person of Hope. An evening of great fellowship and formation will be held at Good George Mission Bay, 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay. Free on-street parking available. Event is for 18 years and over Tickets: <https://The-Upper-Room-July.eventbrite.co>

**World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay** Calling all young people aged 13-35yrs old. Join us for an unforgettable day. **HOPE IS HERE!** Experience a full day of fun, friendship, and faith, inspired by our theme scripture for World Youth Day 2024: "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free kai), mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, powerful prayer experiences, and one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, and get registered now! Register: <https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com>

Temporary Cover required for **Parish Secretary at St Patricks Cathedral : 15 Oct - 11 Nov 2024** Ideally for 20 hours a week, 9 am - 1 pm (hours and days can be negotiated) . Enquiries to Rebecca Knibb on 09 303 4509 ext 0 or email [info@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:info@stpatricks.org.nz).

**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...

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@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](mailto: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

**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:

Ray Quinn, Alice Flanagan, Annie Rainsford, Ronald Hutton, Arapada Feketch, Edmund Power, Etuale Kolio, Monsignor Ray Green, Olive Bear, Norman Mitchell, Ina Fowler, Mrs Drysdale, CN Advaiappa, Margaret Scanlan, Jackie Gibson, Matilda Wishart, John Dooley, Theresa Foy, Francis Nelson, Amy Rainsford, James Barker, Fr Aquinas McComb OP, Fr Carl von Rotter, Margaret Dowling, May Batucan, Mary Flynn, Elsa Garrett, Doris Moyes, Fr Tom Ryder, Nigel Mercer, Marion Spies, Patrick Power, Jane Henry, Dorothy Gwynne, Leonard Grey, Elsie Simmons, Roger Beckman, Harold Turner, Raymond Edmondson, Michael Parker.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**