

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4 AUGUST 2024

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

One of the issues with passages of writing that we know well, and that have a famous line near the end, is that we are inclined to automatically jump forward to those well know words. In the process we can skip over some rather important words that come before. We find such words near the start of today's Gospel. Our Lord and the disciples have escaped the crowd, but they have caught up with him and ask him when he came to the place. Yet it is his response to this question that stands out clearly: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.' The crowd are dancing around the question they really want to ask: "Will you keep feeding us?" And so, Jesus goes right to the heart of the matter. We might, in our comfort, think that the people are shallow, just worrying about their stomachs. But they are poor people, hunger is a real issue for them. All the same, Jesus has come not to satisfy that physical hunger, but a much greater one. He has come to them to offer his own self – the true bread, the one who will satisfy their ultimate need. And we know that this ultimate satisfaction comes because Our Lord is God himself, and it is in God that all desire finds its ultimate fulfilment.

But that recognition should challenge us to consider our own true need. All too often our priorities don't take into full consideration that the fulfilment of our desires can only be found in God. We so often put all kinds of other things – other needs, desires, and so on before God, even to the extent that they can take over, even rule our entire lives. We do this for many reasons, but usually because we seek the tangible, short term realm of pleasurable things of various kinds, failing to put them in their proper place, and failing to allow God to be God, the centre of our lives. In doing so we go down a path of unhappiness and disappointment; or even worse, self-destruction. So, we need to be alert to the ways in which we allow the ordinary things of life to take over to the extent that we can no longer see God as the goal of our lives.

To avoid such problems, or to set us back on the right path, we should not underestimate the great power that comes to us through prayer and the sacraments. We are refined by God when we spend time with him in prayer, especially when in prayer we can admit to the Lord that things are not as they should be, that we want things to be different, and that we want the help of his grace to desire him above all else. Confession gives us the means to renew grace within us when we acknowledge to the Lord those things that we have put before him in our lives; the things which we have valued more than we should have, or which have not been in their proper place. And, of course, we have our reception of Christ's body and blood in the Holy Eucharist, where receive him who is the bread of life, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings. Fr Chris Denham

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (Ex 16:2-4.12-15) God feeds his people in the desert.

*Second Reading* (Eph 4:17.20-24) Paul urges the Ephesians to live lives that are in keeping with their baptismal calling.

*Gospel* (Jn 6:24-35) Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread from heaven of which the manna provided by Moses was but a foreshadowing.

Next weeks readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51.

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

### Pearls Of Wisdom You Say - God Says Bible Promises

You say: "It's impossible" God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired" God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me" God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on" God says: My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out" God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it" God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able" God says: I am able (2 Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it" God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself" God says: I forgive you (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage" God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid" God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated" God says: Cast all your cares on ME (1 Peter 5:7)

You say: "I'm not smart enough" God says: I give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone" God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

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Kids Korner: [Click here](#) for puzzles, colouring in pages and links to activities.

## 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.

- **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Thursday 15 August, Mass at 12.10pm and 7pm.

- 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.

## August Prayer for our Priests

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Grant them the graces they need to administer your people.

Keep them pure and strong in your love.  
Give them courage when things are difficult,  
and accompany them when they are lonely.  
Strengthen them in times of weakness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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:**

Charles Jamieson, George Whitaker, Matthew Doran, Matthew McArdle, Peggy Scanlan, Michael Reardon, Raymond Willey, Mary Stanish, Peter Paardekooper, Peter Lyons, Monsignor Cahill, Francis Pilling, Jean Hook, Margaret Maher, Kevin Schdroski, Desmond Leith, Roy Reid, Makere Hurley, George Turner, Mara Nuimata, Stella Macdonald, Terry Hayman, Kathleen Cowley, Margaret Redmond, Thomas Hill, William Marinas, Hilario Marinas, Valentina Lacanilao.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**