



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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11 AUGUST 2024

In the Gospel this week Jesus speaks about being the "bread of life." This discourse not only elucidates the nature of Jesus' mission but also emphasizes the transformative power of the Eucharist and the divine initiative in drawing believers to Christ.

Firstly, the Eucharist, or the sacrament of Holy Communion, is central to this passage. Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world". Through the gift of the Eucharist, Jesus continually invites us into a deeper unity with Him and with one another. This sacrament is not merely a ritualistic practice but a profound encounter with Christ Himself, who offers His very body and blood for our spiritual nourishment. By partaking in the Eucharist, believers are drawn into a communal and intimate relationship with Jesus, experiencing His sustaining grace and transformative power in their lives. This unity is not limited to an individual level but extends to the entire body of Christ, fostering a sense of communion and solidarity among believers.

Moreover, Jesus highlights that a person can truly know Him only by the gift of God. He states, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them". This drawing by the Father is a divine act of grace, emphasizing that faith in Jesus is not merely a result of human effort or intellectual assent but a response to God's initiative. The Father's drawing signifies an invitation to experience the fullness of life in Christ, an invitation that is extended to all but requires a receptive heart. It underscores the notion that our faith journey is ultimately rooted in God's loving and proactive pursuit of us.

Furthermore, Jesus as the "true bread" signifies His role as the essential sustenance for our spiritual lives. Unlike the manna that sustained the Israelites temporarily, Jesus, the bread from heaven, offers eternal nourishment. He promises that whoever comes to Him will never hunger or thirst spiritually. This heavenly nourishment begins to fill believers with a new kind of life, a life characterized by a deepening relationship with God, an ever-growing faith, and an abiding sense of peace and purpose. It is through this divine sustenance that believers are empowered to live out their faith authentically and dynamically.

The Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on the significance of the Eucharist, the divine initiative in drawing us to Christ, and the transformative nourishment that Jesus, the true bread, offers. These themes remind us that our spiritual journey is rooted in God's grace and sustained by His ongoing presence in our lives. In the end, we will all be judged by the same measure with which we have judged: the mercy we have shown to others will also be shown to us. This calls us to live lives of compassion, forgiveness, and love, mirroring the grace we have received from our Loving Father. Fr Stephen Berecz

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (1 Kgs 19:4-8) Fed by an angel, a broken and dispirited Elijah is able to walk all the way to the mountain of God.

Second Reading (Eph 4:30-5:2) St Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the way of love and thus live up to their calling.

Gospel (Jn 6:41-51) Jesus is the new manna from heaven.
Those who eat this food will live forever.

Next weeks readings: Prov 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, Jn 6:51-58.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17th August 2024 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay

Calling all young people aged 13-35yrs old (and their youth leaders)! Join us and over ONE THOUSAND young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre. 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, and get registered now!

Register: <https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com>

The Seminary in 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby has a unit available for short-term occupancy for 6-months from 02 August 2024 to 02 February 2025. 3-bed/2-bath/ Internal laundry/Double internal access garage Rental rate is to be determined. Please contact Rochelle Pinto Office Manager at Holy Cross Seminary (09) 360 6768 office@holycross.org.nz for further details.

Accountant – Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover Seeking a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 12 August 24.

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](#)

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 Borqueta, 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:**

Sydney Yates, June Mansfield, Anastasia Farrell, Audrey O'Carroll, Patricia Kelly, Murray Lee, Anne Medrano, Alice Casey, Ivan Andrews, Betram Andrews, John Bassett, William Crimmins, Margaret McKnight, Olive McMahon, Bernard McClusky, Irene Crimmins, Dorothea Kelly, Bert Morgan, Oscar Miranda, Isabella Lopez, Maree Hills, Fr Neville Browne, George Johnson, Doris Brien, Robert Carroll, John Gill, William O'Donnell, Peter Hughes, Mary Corbett, Grace Wilson, Emily Dunn, Norman Mitchell, Albert Dunne, William Farrell, Kitty Wilkin, Tony Miocevic.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord