

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

Jesus the Bread of Life

John the Evangelist uses Chapter 6 to bring home to his readers this important truth that Jesus is the Bread of Life. This chapter began with Jesus' compassion for the crowds resulting with the great miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. But Jesus didn't let this miracle pass on without a deeper truth. Jesus uses this satisfaction of human hunger to lead to a deeper 'spiritual hunger'. Jesus had more to offer! Material bread only satisfies one momentarily. There is more to just living on the level of the physical. Eternal life is our point of arrival. To get there, we need more than just the 'manna' of old. Jesus promises the crowds that HE is the BREAD of LIFE.

'Body' meant the ENTIRE PERSON, not just a few cells, tissue, organs or systems. 'Blood' meant the very 'PRINCIPLE OF LIFE, not just red or white blood corpuscles. So, when Jesus assures the crowd of listeners, "This is my BODY, my BLOOD, given up for you", what is he really saying? Jesus is encapsulating his entire life – the totality of his being – as a self-giving LOVE that is offered to nourish our lives on this spiritual journey. Jesus gives us REAL FOOD and REAL DRINK and invited his followers to "Do this in MEMORY of Me!"

In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we draw life from Jesus' body and blood. We come together around the table of the Lord to enact this great 'MEMORY'. One great spiritual teacher summed up the Eucharist in these words, "When we eat material food, it becomes us. When we eat spiritual food, we become it." Carlo Acutis, the latest to-be-canonized-saint of this Millenium rightly said, "The Eucharist is my sure highway to heaven!" The Eucharist is our sacrament of transformation. Receiving Jesus in this sacrament transforms us to share in the life and the nature of God himself. But sadly, we can fall into the trap of the 'religious leaders' of Jesus' time who only saw the literal meaning of body and blood and found it repugnant as the law forbade it (Lev 17:10-11).

In the daily wilderness of our lives, Jesus Christ comes to nourish us with his life-giving Body and Blood. We are blessed at every Eucharist, we can 'consume' his 'memory' as our food for our daily journey and a sure highway to heaven!

Fr Glenford Lowe

This weekend we welcome Fr Chris Denham from St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate our 6pm mass on Saturday, and we very warmly welcome Fr Gilbert Ramos back to St Benedicts for 9.30am mass on Sunday.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Prov 9:1-6) Wisdom is described in terms of a banquet. Christians will see this as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet.

Second Reading (Eph 5:15-20) The wise Christian will make the most of the present time, being alert to the will of God, and shaping conduct accordingly.

Gospel (Jn 6:51-58) This contains Christ's great promise of eternal life to those who eat his body and drink his blood (in the Eucharist).

Next weeks readings: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18, Eph 5:21-32, Jn 6:60-69.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6-8 September. **The Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre | 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

The Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity. Join us at this annual Prayer Service 5:00 PM Sunday 25th August 2024 at St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens Manurewa. Light Refreshments provided.

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Regional sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, and Northshore will be occurring through August and early September. Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021439407

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.

- 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

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 Newmann, Jason Oxenham, Judi Oxenham, Mary Jacobson, Anne Brent.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jack Hopkins, Gwen Paul, Annie Cartwright, Laiki Aluia, Mary Smith, Peter Courtney, Katie Stanton, Kathleen Marchant, Margaret Fleming, Patricia Bryne, Ron Grinter, Hubert Madigan, Terry O'Donnell, Vincent Santos, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Billie Tong, Henry Smith, Winifred Gell, Kathleen Smith, Donald Lawson, Edward Hurtubise, Christina Kolio, Hugh Granger, Sean Reynolds, Stan Sargon, Fr Colgan, Amber Stewart, John Hogan, Ivka Managh, Henry Reid, Muriel Prendergast, Mary Patchett, Ralph de Berry, Alfred Stowers, Joan Watt.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord