

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

When is something just too much to bear, too difficult to digest or simply too offensive to consider? Some people today will protest against the government's new rules and policies. Still remember the long and hard lockdowns we have been through? Our hearts will rebel against, seemingly, helpless situations. We want to know and understand something before we accept it. And that something must be for our own good.

We hear today the conclusion of Jesus' bread of life discourse. This is the time when Jesus' disciples and followers had to decide whether to accept or reject not only His words but, ultimately, Jesus Himself. It is the moment of truth. Sadly, they failed to see and understand. They did not know and so, they walked away from Jesus.

The first reading mentions that the tribes of Israel renewed their commitment to God by remembering His mighty deeds. They had other options. But, they promised to serve the Lord and get rid of all idols. They made this promise and they kept it because they always remember God's goodness to them.

In the second reading, St Paul is reminding all the followers of Jesus to submit themselves to the Lord by obeying His commandments. In the case of husbands and wives, the Lord commands them to love one another. Husbands should love their wives the way Christ loves the church.

There are times when Jesus' words do not sound encouraging but rather challenging. Jesus always tells us the truth and truth hurts. We always want to profess our faith and love for God but our actions, sometimes, convey what is contrary. Deep inside us, we protest and rebel against Jesus' words and His commandments each time we struggle to live them out.

In matters of faith, it will always be either to accept or reject Christ's teachings, and there's nothing in between. It is either we accept or reject Jesus, Himself. If only, we can remind ourselves, consistently, of God's goodness and of what Jesus has done for us, we will surely accept Him and will remain faithful to Him.

Let us pray for one another that our faith may grow and deepen. Through faith, Jesus' teachings make a lot of sense. Faith inspires gratitude to God for what He has done for us. Faith gives us the wisdom to discover the meaning and relevance of God's commandments. And faith gives us the courage to resonate with Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Fr Gilbert Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Josh 24:1-2.15-18) Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision—to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Second Reading (Eph 5:21-32) St Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.

Gospel (Jn 6:60-69) The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision—to stay with Jesus or leave him.

Next weeks readings: Deut 4:1-2.6-8, Jam 1:17-18.21-22.27, Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthes
A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Ever wanted to know something about the Holy Land? Let us be ecumenical (unite in our various Christian faith) by joining in with our friends of the Armenian Church to an interesting online ZOOM lecture about the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem | Wednesday 28 August 2024 at 9:00pm. Prof Roberta Ervine, from New York, will give us a virtual tour/talk of the Church and it is free to register. Email Deacon Nishan on nishanbasmajian@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about “Christian identity, life and mission in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on Tuesday, 03 September 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 to register.

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.
- **Confirmation** of our Sacramental Programme Candidates at 9.30am mass on Sunday 1 September. Bishop Steve presiding.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday 5 September at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- 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:

Alfred Healey, Patricia Jones, Clement Edwards, Patrick Lennane, Maurice Beadle, Kevin Dowling, John Gallagher, Maurice Boland, Julia King, Maurice Kearin, Catherine Long, Henry McCoy, Mary Kearin, Herbert Keenan, Peggy Bell-Booth, Margaret Dalton, Mary Reardon, Ula Loader, Joan Burton-Bradley, Isefo Ulugia, Elizabeth Irvine, Vicenta Sievert.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord