

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

"I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore my beard."
Isaiah 50:6

Since the time of the prophet Isaiah, the Messiah has been presented as the Suffering Servant. He suffered willingly and wholeheartedly. He did not rebel nor resist. He totally trusted God and was never disappointed. He is our model. We, too, have to do the same.

St James in our second reading says that faith, if it does not have works, is dead. Faith and good works always go together. Our faith must be active and effective. It must be translated into concrete acts of charity towards the poor and the needy. Our faith also tells us that suffering is part of our following of Christ. So we need to actively and effectively embrace suffering the same way we actively and effectively embrace grace and blessing.

Jesus, in the gospel today, asked His disciples how deeply they know Him. And after Peter's confession, "You are the Christ," Jesus taught his disciples not only about His impending death, but also, about His resurrection. They must be ready to embrace suffering and the cross. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

Recently, I was browsing my old photos and found a class photo taken when I was in year 4 at primary school (1989). I did not immediately recognise myself. I had to look very closely at the photo. And I found a very young and innocent-looking boy. I looked at the mirror and noticed the big difference. I changed a lot. But is it for the better?

We inevitably mature and grow old. Hardships can often easily take away our youthfulness, innocence and beauty. But for some, the effects of hardships could be very positive like, maturity, responsibility and an enhanced beauty. They age gracefully. Gold must be purified under fire to achieve its purest form. So, too, in our faith journey. Sufferings and challenges in life must bring out the best in us. Have we grown and matured in faith? Have we learned to embrace our crosses? Do we still worry, become anxious and afraid dealing with life's challenges? Always remember, the Lord is coming to help us.

Blessings!
Fr Gilbert

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Is 50:5-9) The just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

Second Reading (Jam 2:14-18) Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel (Mk 8:27-35) Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.

Next weeks readings: Wis 2:12.17-20, Jam 3:16-4:3, Mk 9:30-37.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

You may have noticed the refurbishment of the bathroom facilities in the church is now complete. We wish to acknowledge the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy (ACFC) for their generous funding of this project.

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 is printed below:

A Child's Ten Commandments to Parents:

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as your have; please let me explore safely: don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm only little for a short time - please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; don't nag me all day long. (You wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness.) Treat me as you would want to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement, but not your praise, to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.
8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts didn't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me with my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from their parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to Sunday school and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God. By Dr. Kevin Leman

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.
 - Defibrillator Training 1pm Sunday 13 October in the church. All welcome.
 - 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

September Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. In all this we ask 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 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:

Alphonso Hynes, Pauline Young, Socorro Gallego, Monsignor Brian Arahill, Martin Dempsey, Benjamin Monaghan, Hilary Shackleton, Mary Netto, Camillo Lopez, Alexander Hurley, Monica Cann, Thomas Treacy, David Saifiti, Harry Burton-Bradley, Alice Gordon, Bert Grinter, Cherie Simeti, Anthony Murray, Elizabeth Hynes, James Mitchell, Thomas Flanagan, Francis Lambert, Violet Coppell, Fr Eugene O'Connor, Inez Turner, Monsignor Moore, Merlyn Mount-Earle, Gwen Murnane, Mark Gleeson, Bill O'Connor, Henrietta Schaumkell, Ernie Leano, Sophia Leydon, Jackie Doorman, .

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord