

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOMING THE LITTLE ONES

The Transfiguration of Jesus is just over. Jesus has manifested his Divine nature to Peter, James and John. Jesus, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, reveals himself as the fulfilment of the Old Testament Law and the Prophetic promises (Mk 9:1-13). The journey now presents a new milestone. In the school of Jesus, the disciples are taught on the importance of 'prayer' and 'fasting' to overcome the evil spirits (Mk 9:14-29). The gospel of today presents Jesus on a mission. He now leaves Caesarea Philippi for his last tour through the region of Galilee. For the second time, Jesus predicts, "The Son of man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days, after being killed, he will rise again." This was a truth too difficult to fathom. The 'road' becomes a place for much arguing among the disciples. Jesus takes the disciples from the 'noise-of-the-road' to the 'quite-of-a-home' to give them an important teaching. Was Jesus too preoccupied with his death? Were the disciples too preoccupied with their limited understanding of the 'Kingdom'? The Kingdom represented POWER! The disciples seem power hungry! They were ambitious. They sought position and prestige.

In the school of Jesus, there are always lessons to be learnt. To overcome the forces of evil, Jesus taught them to be people of 'prayer' and 'fasting'. Now, Jesus teaches them that to overcome the forces of human ambition and hunger for power, they would have to learn the art of 'being last' and 'servant of all'. In a competitive world, being FIRST and MASTER is all that matters. Jesus offers his disciples a DIVINE REVERSAL. Being LAST and SERVANT is the way of the Kingdom. The disciples had no models to imitate. Jesus offered them a model. Jesus placed before them a 'CHILD'. He took the child in his arms and said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

Every child represents the LEAST! Humility and trust are qualities of a child. Children are frank, spontaneous, insightful and powerless. The child has infinite trust in his father. Jesus presents himself to his disciples as a child who trust His Father! The disciples are invited to learn to welcome the way of the little child who trusts in the will of the father. Jesus predicts his death, but he trusts in the will of His Father – after three days He will RISE again!

Fr Glenford Lowe

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Wis 2:12.17-20) The godless plot to do away with the just one, because his blameless life is a reproach to them.

Second Reading (Jam 3:16-4:3) Jealousy, ambition, and self-seeking lead to disharmony and fighting. Gentleness, reasonableness, and mercy lead to peace.

Gospel (Mk 9:30-37) Jesus tells his apostles that he will suffer bitter humiliation and death, and says that true greatness shows itself in service towards the weaker members of the community.

Next weeks readings: Num 11:25-29, Jam 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-43.47-48.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Symonds Street Cemetery, is one of the first established cemeteries in New Zealand. The Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery invite anyone who would be interested in helping on a volunteer basis in the general maintenance and gardening of this historical place in Auckland City. Training and a schedule (as to when the help from volunteers would be needed) are provided. See the website: www.symondsstreetcemetery.com or email: friendsofsymondsstreetcemetery@gmail.com

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations.

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz

The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph's annual appeal, held 21 September. Bishop Steve invites all in the diocese to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

Marist Herne Bay Open Day on Tuesday 24 September 9am-10am 82 Kelmarna Ave Herne Bay. Come and see our school in action. Speak with the principal and learn about what Marist has to offer. If attending please RSVP principal@maristschool.co.nz

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.
- **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:

Ivy Murray, Samuel Bushby, Peter Wakim, Ivy Barton, Charles McMenamin, Patricia Drysdale, Rangi Palmer, Teresa Lindstrom, Archibald Boermel, Claire Geddes, Elizabeth Hurley, Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hassan, Martin Rossiter, Harriet Champion, Margaret Penman, Jovito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, Norman Hayes, Michael Werzlick, James Mitchell, Catherine Long, Laurence McCarthy, Mary Kearin, Lawrence Leydon.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord