

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Lord took some of the spirit that was on Moses and bestowed it on the seventy elders. To top this up, two men weren't even in the gathering and the spirit came to rest on them as well. Why did Moses not resent this? Joshua did. He asked Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying. But Moses knew his place from the very beginning. He told Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake?" Moses did not feel diminished. He was not insecure. It just shows he was truly serving God.

The second reading may sound a bit harsh but it is what it is. James was chastising the rich people who did not make good use of their wealth but instead abused the poor. They were forewarned. We are forewarned. The gifts and blessings we receive from God must be properly utilised.

In the Gospel today, Jesus ordered His disciples to let a man work miracles in His name even though the man wasn't "one of them." Good works and miraculous deeds cannot be monopolised by any individual or group. We are all God's instruments. God's grace is working in us and through us that is why we are able to produce good fruits.

Jesus also reminded His disciples not to cause the little ones to stumble or else, there will be a severe consequence. Sometimes we don't realise that our lack of active love forces people to stumble. We find it so easy to judge others because of their mistakes not holding ourselves responsible for their inability to learn from those mistakes. If we will learn to truly love and care for each other, for sure, more crimes can be prevented. Indeed, there is no single solution to the world's problems. But we can always start with a cup of water, little acts of kindness.

If we will take God's Word literally, we will all be missing parts of our body. Jesus challenges His disciples to be decisive and firmly resolved in breaking away from the deadly pit of sin. The key word is STOP, no excuses and no bargaining. Left to ourselves, it is impossible. We need God. We need His grace. Believe that God's grace is always enough for us. Let us, with humble hearts constantly ask Him for the grace to confidently conquer evil, and the grace to make our love active and effective.

Blessings,
Fr Gilbert

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Num 11:25-29) Joshua resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses himself welcomes it.

Second Reading (Jam 5:1-6) We hear strong condemnation of wealth, especially when it is obtained through exploitation of the weak.

Gospel (Mk 9:38-43,47-48) This contains a lesson in tolerance and in the avoidance of scandal and occasions of sin.

Next weeks readings: Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th October 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.

All Welcome

The Upper Room Thursday 17th October 6:30pm-9:00pm at Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics.

Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you! We have a vacancy for a Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see our website for more info or get in touch with us enquiry@sistereretreat.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.

Pregnancy Choice & Abundance Op Shop Opening 18th October @ 272 Ti Rakau Drive, East Tāmaki. Demonstrating love by fully informing and supporting women to explore their options in a stress-free, nonjudgmental, safe space.

For more information contact Rebecca 021 149 1320,

rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz. Follow our progress and learn more: www.pregnancychoice.org.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.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday 4 October at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- **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.

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 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:

Michael Monaghan, Fine Latu, Gerald George, John Stanish, Sinione Anae, Melita Schwalger, Sonny Schwalger, Teancum Schwalger, Abish Schwalger, Villa de Guerio, Mark Flood, Fr John Daly, Patrick Traylen, Fr Peter Dunn, Francis O'Meara, Andrew Long, James Cranston, Rosendo Victoriano, Alethea Major, David Wakim, Anne Turner, Fr Lawrence O'Neill, Frank Orange, May Kelly, Ellen Reid, Mons Terry Leslie, Violet Fitzpatrick, Fr Michael Shirres, Melkiau Thavethoo.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord