

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

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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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 13 OCTOBER 2024

Mark's Gospel this week is a powerful passage that speaks to the heart of discipleship and the radical demands of following Jesus. This story, often referred to as the encounter with the rich young man, challenges us to reflect deeply on what it means to truly follow Christ and the eternal rewards that come with it.

The passage begins with a man running up to Jesus, asking, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" This question reflects a sincere desire for eternal life, but it also reveals a common misunderstanding: that eternal life can be earned through good deeds. Jesus' response redirects the man's focus from merely following commandments to something much deeper. He lists several commandments, which the man claims to have kept since his youth. Jesus then, looking at him with love, challenges him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him.

The young man's reaction—one of sadness and retreat—reveals the depth of his attachment to his wealth. Jesus uses this moment to teach His disciples about the dangers of riches. "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" This statement astonishes the disciples, prompting Jesus to explain that entering the kingdom of God is not about human achievement but about divine possibility: "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible".

Peter, speaking for the disciples, points out that they have left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus responds with a promise that encapsulates the essence of discipleship: "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life".

This passage emphasizes that the rewards of discipleship far exceed the sacrifices. The call to follow Jesus is demanding and requires a willingness to let go of earthly attachments. However, Jesus assures that the sacrifices made for His sake will be abundantly rewarded. The promise of receiving "a hundredfold" highlights the generosity of God's provision and the profound sense of community and support found within the body of Christ.

Ultimately, this passage calls us to evaluate our priorities and attachments. It challenges us to trust in God's provision and to embrace the sacrifices of discipleship with the assurance that the rewards—both in this life and the next—are infinitely greater than anything we give up. It is a call to radical trust and wholehearted commitment to the way of Jesus, knowing that true fulfilment and eternal life lie in following Him.

Blessings - Fr Stephen Berecz, St John the Baptist, Parnell

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Wis 7:7-11) This is a passage in praise of Wisdom.
It is presented as a speech of Solomon.

Second Reading (Heb 4:12-13) God's word is effective and is a source of true wisdom for us.
Gospel (Mk 10:17-30) The case of a good young man who refuses to follow Christ because he is unwilling to part with his wealth.

Next weeks readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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: Printed below...

Choices A Christian Declaration

I CHOOSE to TRUST in God and leave it in His hands

I CHOOSE to LOVE my neighbour and treat them with respect

I CHOOSE to RESPOND like Jesus when anger starts to rise

I CHOOSE to FORGIVE others because Christ first forgave me

I CHOOSE to Live in God's peace when I give Him my concerns

I CHOOSE to BE LED by God's Spirit and walk in His power each day

I CHOOSE to BECOME more like Jesus and walk in His victory

I CHOOSE to OFFER praise to God when my soul is overwhelmed

I CHOOSE to SET my mind on Christ, not on worldly distractions

I CHOOSE to BE OBEDIENT to God
even when I don't understand
BECAUSE...

I CHOOSE to LIVE a surrendered life to the one who does understand.

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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 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled very soon

- 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

October Monthly Intention and Prayer for Missionaries

Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries, priests, religious, and lay people who leave everything to give testimony to your word and your love.

In difficult moments, sustain their energies, comfort their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements.

Let the adorable image of you crucified on the Cross, which accompanies them throughout life, speak to them of heroism, generosity, love and peace.

And all these 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:

Hugh Maguire, Clement Roden, Helen Reardon, Muriel McLeod, John Maxwell, Patrick Madigan, Josephine White, Anastatia McIntyre, Wilhelmina Spangerdt, Elaine Voordouw, Margaret Blewett, Alexander Moyes, Frederick Edwards, Matilda Feketito, Patricia Borg, Esme Roach, Rosario Felix, Ron Milicich, Valda Roughan, Madge O'Keefe, Florence Jayetileke, Peter Smit, Dorothy Beadle.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord