

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 27 OCTOBER 2024

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will come to save His chosen people who experience hardships during their captivity. Even the blind and the lame will be brought back home. In ancient Israel, physical infirmity and sickness were considered punishment for sin. That is why this prophecy testifies to God's unconditional and transcending love. God's love heals and redeems.

The eyes are the windows of our soul. They help us see, but only to some extent. Some people are born blind but are gifted with stronger senses. They are more sensitive and alert to different stimuli. Many people may have perfectly beautiful eyes, with 20/20 vision. But this does not guarantee a healthy spiritual vision. Indeed, there are people who have eyes but don't see.

Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was blind and had to beg on the road to live. The name Timaeus means a man of honor. One may ask, "What is honorable in being blind and having to beg for food and other personal needs?" But Bartimaeus, although blind, saw more than what many failed to see. He saw an irresistible light in Jesus. He couldn't stop himself from begging Jesus to help him because he clearly saw Who Jesus is and what He can do. His spiritual vision is 20/20. He couldn't be wrong in what he saw.

This could be one of the reasons why this blind man had to be named unlike the other healing miracles of Jesus where the names of the people who got healed were not mentioned. He had to be named to further emphasize his strong faith in spite of his physical weakness.

Bartimaeus was physically blind, but he chose to see. While there are people today who have eyes in good physical shape but choose not to see. Some people are blind to the needs of others, blind to the injustices and abuses around them and blind to the many blessings that God is giving them day by day.

May the Lord heal us of physical infirmities and spiritual blindness. May He help us see through our hearts where He sowed seeds of goodness and love. As we get old and become frail, the physical eyesight start to fail. So, be it. But let us not allow our hearts and spirits go blind, ever.

Blessings!
Fr Gilbert

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Jer 31:7-9) The prophet foretells the return of God's people from exile in Babylon. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Second Reading (Heb 5:1-6) This reading sets out the things that are required of a priest, and shows how Christ met these perfectly.

Gospel (Mk 10:46-52) Jesus hears the cry of a blind man and gives him back his sight.

Next weeks readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Family Survey

Do you have children and want to connect with other families?

Help us work out what families need and want so that we can support and grow faith in families.

Please take a moment to complete our short survey.

Thank you for your time!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN5YNX2>

or use the QR Code



Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 1st November 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.

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.

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 1 November at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- All Saints Mass at 7pm on Friday 1 November. 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

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:
Rev. Fr. Reginald J. Batten O.P, Kevin Pereira, Fr. Ernie Milne I.C, Janine Holt, Joan Smith, Desmond Fahey, Hugh Mulligan, Lena Seccombe, Ellen Cheetham, Colleen Green, Kathy Lister, Gordon Hardy, Robert Malone, Beh Ching Chua, Louisa Potter, Don Hall, Thomas Weal, Marie Green, Catherine Lukan, Fr. Fintan Campbell O.P, Regina Maher, Violet Watson, Harry O'Donnell, Zita Jayesinghe, Maureen McQuoid.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord