

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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 NOVEMBER 2024

At the end of his ministry it is not surprising that the religious authorities want to know what is the basis of Jesus's authority. After all, in cleansing the Temple he had challenged the symbol of their authority. Jesus, like Jeremiah before him, had attacked the way God's law had been carried out by the Jewish priests—with sacrifices and holocausts in the Temple—but ignored in the way that so many of God's people were treated with disdain and injustice. The temple, instead of being a place of prayer for all nations, had grown inward-looking, excluding the Gentiles. These religious authorities suffered from what we might call today a polarised mind; this is the attitude in which someone is fixated on one point of view exclusive of any competing points of view.

So Jesus is attacked by the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Herodians as they try catch him out and make him take sides on contentious issues such as the resurrection or the tax paid to Caesar. Now today it is the turn of a scribe to address Jesus. No doubt we have already pigeon-holed him and expect him to pose an aggressive question to Jesus. But, no, the scribe is fair and open-minded. He has listened to Jesus' wise replies to the other leaders and seems genuinely interested in wanting to know how Jesus would answer what had become a familiar question among lawyers. With 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commands in the Torah, was there a basic principle behind all this detailed legislation which could interpret it well? So he asks, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus answers by quoting the Shema which we read in the first reading from Deuteronomy. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." Love of God comes first but it is not enough. No doubt aware of our human tendency to polarise, to separate the divine from the human, the earthly from the heavenly, Jesus quickly adds another command taken from Leviticus 19. "You must love your neighbour as yourself." These two together are the key to true interpretation. These two commandments existed separately in Judaism. It is apt that Jesus, who unites both the human and the divine in himself, should bring the two together.

Throughout his ministry he has shown what the love of God means, and as he goes to Gethsemane and Calvary he will show what the love God and doing his will means. He will accept the cup which the Father gives him. But that sacrifice is also an expression of his love for neighbour for he gives his life "as a ransom for many." The Incarnational Son shows in practice what it means to love God and neighbour at the same time. To the scribe, and to us, he effectively says what he said of the Good Samaritan: "Go, and do likewise!"

From a homily by the late Fr David Sanders

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Deut 6:2-6) To love God means to keep his commandments, especially the great commandment of love.

Second Reading (Heb 7:23-28) This reading shows the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament.

Gospel (Mk 12:28-34) Jesus tells us what the two most important of God's commandments are.

Next weeks readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.

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



CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

Join us this Tuesday 5th November for our final student Mass for 2024! 12:10pm at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St. Afterwards, there is a delicious free lunch. To find out more about what's going on for Catholic tertiary students in Auckland, please contact Daniel Story at daniels@cda.org.nz and check out [instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/).

Join the Auckland Young Catholic groups going to The Send, Saturday 23 November! Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well as worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at: <https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholarships@cda.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.

- 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

November Monthly Intention and Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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:

Alice Batty, Mary Bachelor, Robert McKnight, Patrick Kyne, Lyn Peoples, Peter Alvez, Elizabeth & Alfred Chapman, John Castle, Alice Murphy, Marion Fox, Kathleen Reardon, Ada Kemble, William Eville, Des Rosser, Helena Mondeiro, Stuart Drube, Edmund Treacy, Louisa Hanfling, Frank Mitchell, Alisa Milligan, Dora Wenzlick, Paul Smith, Gladys Hewson, Erin Lister, Michael Rozijn, Jean Wheeler, Eric O'Neill, Olav Leetberg, Bishop John Cunneen, Soane Watkins.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord