

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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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**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

**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10 NOVEMBER 2024**

**DUPLICITY VERSUS AUTHENTICITY**

*“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” Mother Teresa.*

The gospel of today is once again a hard-hitting episode that takes place in the Temple. The scribes and Pharisee embodied a religious elite that were fashioned for hypocrisy. They were dressed in long robes, loved being greeted respectfully in public places, and sat in places of honour in synagogues and banquets. Their holier-than-thou attitude was often condemned by Jesus. They were people-pleasers, and ego-centric. Their prayer was ritualistic and superficial. The Temple became a place for business. God was a commodity that could be bought with a ritual fee.

On the other hand, the Temple is also a place for authenticity. Many pilgrims came to encounter God, to find peace, solace and true forgiveness. The presence of the poor widow cannot be ignored. God's preferential love is so personal that the Lord himself executes justice for the widows, the orphans, and the stranger providing for them food and clothing (Deut10:18). There were thirteen 'trumpet shaped' boxes to collect Temple tax from Jewish males. Other boxes were placed in the Court of the Women to collect freewill offerings. While the rich literally trumpeted their generous contribution, Jesus singled out the poor widow for her generosity. Two small coins the worth of a penny (approximately 1/16th of a day's wage) was all that she could live on. She gave it all generously to the treasury. God considered her gift more noble and valuable than that of the rich.

The Temple frauds abused their religious status by devouring the property of widows. The gospel challenges us to give with love. Donating from our abundance to seek public approval is no gift at all. Its LOVE that qualifies the gift and the giver! In God's economy, the poor widow's offering was more than all the other contributions put together. She was authentic in her giving.

The reckless generosity of the widow in the Temple foretells the generosity of another widow Mary who gave her only son Jesus on Calvary!  
The greatest offering given generously in LOVE.

Fr Glenford Lowe

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (1 Kgs 17:10-16) In the middle of a famine, a poor widow shares the last of her food with the prophet Elijah, and far from losing by doing so, she is enriched.

*Second Reading* (Heb 9:24-28) Through his death Christ has taken our sins upon himself and has opened for us the door to salvation.

*Gospel* (Mk 12:38-44) In the eyes of others the offering of the widow was the least, but in the eyes of Christ it was the greatest.

Next weeks readings: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14.18; Mk 13:24-32.

### 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



## Christmas at St Benedicts

### *Save the Date...*

There will be a parish Christmas party in the crypt after 6pm mass on Saturday 14 December. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details closer to the time.

### *Calling families with young children!*

There will be a children's nativity play commencing at 5.45pm (before 6pm mass) on Christmas Eve. All children are welcome to join in. There will be a rehearsal at a date closer to the time.

### Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery Volunteers Day/Working Bee

Sunday 10 November 9.30am-12.30pm

Please see poster in church foyer for further details

or visit <https://www.symondsstreetcemetery.com/new-page>

or email [friendsofsymondsstreetcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsymondsstreetcemetery@gmail.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: [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:**

Genevieve Barcham, David Mitchell, Thomas Doran, Anastasia Farrell, Bernard Kennedy, William Craigie, John Hymes, Paul Ah Poh Chia, Rene Colebourne, Joan Lister, Bridget Dunne, Alexander McNeil, Catherine Goonetilleke, Dulcie Gibbs, James O'Donovan, Lilian Nelson, Joanne Ahmu, Tom Wilkin, .

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**