

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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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

This week, in Mark's Gospel, is a vivid and powerful passage where Jesus speaks about the events that will occur at the end of time, often referred to as the "Second Coming." This discourse, filled with apocalyptic imagery, is both a warning and a promise, urging believers to remain vigilant and hopeful.

In these verses, Jesus describes a time of cosmic upheaval: "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken". This dramatic language underscores the magnitude of the events that will accompany the end of the age. It portrays a complete transformation of the current order, emphasizing that God's intervention will be unmistakable and profound.

Amidst this cosmic chaos, Jesus assures His disciples of His return in glory: "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory". This image of the Son of Man arriving in the clouds is a powerful testament to Jesus' divine authority and the ultimate triumph of God's kingdom. It is a moment that will leave no doubt about God's victory over sin, death, and all forms of evil. Jesus' glorious arrival will be the final proof of God's victory, fulfilling the promises of Scripture and validating the faith of believers.

The passage also includes the lesson of the fig tree: "When its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates". This metaphor encourages believers to be observant and discerning, recognizing the signs of the times and remaining steadfast in faith. It is a call to live with an awareness of God's imminent intervention and the fulfilment of His promises.

Jesus concludes with a reminder that, although the exact day and hour of His return are unknown, the certainty of His coming is unwavering: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". This assurance calls believers to trust in the enduring truth of Jesus' words and to live in hopeful anticipation of His return.

In reflecting on this passage, we are reminded that Jesus' glorious arrival at the end of time will be the ultimate demonstration of God's victory. It invites us to remain vigilant, faithful, and hopeful, trusting in the certainty of God's promises and the eventual fulfilment of His divine plan.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Dan 12:1-3) This is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel about the end of time. It introduces the belief in a resurrection of the dead and in retribution after death.

Second Reading (Heb 10:11-14.18) This reading insists on the superiority of Christ's sacrifice over all the sacrifices of the Old Law.

Gospel (Mk 13:24-32) This talks about the second coming of Christ, the time of which is known only to God.

Next weeks readings: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37.

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.

Please Help Bring Christmas Cheer to Families in Need

This Christmas, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is working to provide Christmas packs for the families we support, and we need your help. We are seeking donations of children's Christmas presents (we prefer if you don't wrap them as it makes it easier for us to work out who best to give them to) and non-perishable food items to create special packs that will bring joy to families living in our housing this holiday season. If you are able to contribute, your donation will go directly to making Christmas a brighter time for families in need. Donations can be dropped off at our main office (30 Windrush Close, Māngere) during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and on Fridays from 9am to 4pm). We welcome your support in any way you can give. If you wish to support us, please deliver your donation by Thursday 5 December.

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:
Theodore Casey, Catherine Daley, Julia Webb, Ada Mullins, Fr William O'Meara, Leslie Baker, Ila Connelly, Edward Murphy, David Wilkie, Austin Lister, Barry Hogan, Eleanor Dunn, Neil McKinney, Rose Smith, Sue Bourne, John Cheetham, Dennis Murray, Bill Shanly, Malcolm Diaz, George O'Dell, Malia Bourne, Ellen Malcolm, Kevin Ryan, Ethel Dunne, Kenneth Mooney, Joanne Ahmu, Joe Reagan, Robert Merger, Johanna and Genevieve Barcham, David Smyth, Ruth Hogan, Brian Henderson.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord