

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING ~ 24 NOVEMBER 2024

Recently, we witness the rising to power once again of president-elect Donald Trump. Some people are happy, celebrating Trump's victory while there are also some who have expressed their fears, worries and anxieties. Many only see power in the worldly sense. Let us not forget that public office is a public trust. Those entrusted with offices must at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency. Public officials must always act with patriotism and justice and lead modest lives. And, if I may add, most importantly, they must put God first so that their leadership will always be guided by His gracious help.

Today marks the end of the liturgical year. We, the Church, celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We proclaim to the whole world the true kingship of Christ. Surely, not in terms of pure authority, dominance, control and power as the world sees it but in humble and loving service to humankind.

All the readings this Sunday pertain to Christ, the King. We believe in God's Kingdom where Jesus seats at the right hand of the Father. He is the Son of man in the vision given to Daniel Who received dominion, glory and kingship because of His faithfulness. He is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth as revealed to John. But why would many of the Jews not see all these? And why was Pilate, seemingly, lost and confused? Actually, he was lost and confused.

Jesus made it clear that His kingdom does not belong to this world. So, is it out of this world? NO! In fact, the kingdom of God has already begun here in this world, in our world. We are all journeying towards its fulfillment. God will reign on the earth and also in our hearts, in His perfect time.

In Baptism, we become priests, prophets and kings for Christ. To be king does not mean to have all the authority and power in the world. That is reserved only to Christ. We owe Him our obedience. Although He deserves dominion and power over all, He humbled Himself, took the form of a slave and became the least and servant of all. That is the kind of kingship we are all called to. To be humble, obedient and loving servants. This is exactly the reason why many Jews could not and would not accept Jesus as king. This is where Pilate got lost and confused.

Their hearts are full of desire to have power and control. If only, they paid closer attention to how Jesus wanted to build God's kingdom, His reign in the hearts of all peoples, they would probably long to see that happening soon. For it will inaugurate the new and perfect world that God intended for all of us.

Blessings!

Fr Gilbert Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

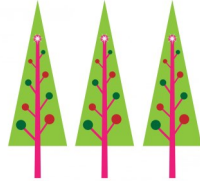
First Reading (Dan 7:13-14) The prophet Daniel foresees the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King
Second Reading (Rev 1:5-8) Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time.
Gospel (Jn 18:33-37) Jesus declares before Pilate that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

Next weeks readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36.
For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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.

The final Auckland Catholic single 30s & 40s meetup for 2024 will be on Thursday 12 December at 6:30pm. We will gather at [Ponsonby International Food Court](#) for dinner and then stroll down Franklin Road, the most festive street in Auckland.
Email aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com to RSVP

"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..." Proverbs 27:17

All men are invited to Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship gatherings. This great bunch of God-fearing guys meet monthly in both Glenfield (last Wed of the month) and Pakuranga (2nd Monday of the month) for fellowship, and to pray, grow and worship together.

Upcoming meetings as follows:

Wednesday 27 November starting 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at **St Thomas More Church Hall**, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. This is the last meeting for the year and is a family evening. Contact Jerome (027) 2334380 for more information.

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:
Mary O'Brien, Katherine Mahoney, Edward Jones, Grace Mulligan, Evangeline Ashby, Dorothy Flemming, Patrick Keenan, Michael Swann, Helena Johnston, Myrtle Nicol, Joan Scanlan, Vicky Kennedy, Dr Terence Nelson, Monica Managh, Audrey Brown, Jean Bruce, Christopher Byrne, Brian Mercer, Frank Dougherty, Kathleen Borg, Thomas Ryan, John Fouhy, Maureen Murphy, Augustus Higgins, Michael Carney, Francis Smith, Anne Munro, Nita Grinter, Mons James Shannahan, Augustine Smith.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord