

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 26 JANUARY 2025

"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today, we join the whole world in celebrating the gift of God's Word, the Sacred Scripture. We reflect deeply on our engagement with the Sacred Scriptures and, hopefully, rediscover how the Word of God becomes flesh in our day-to-day lives.

The first reading, from the book of Nehemiah, narrates the priest Ezra reading the Word of God to the Jews from daybreak till midday and they all listened attentively. These are the people who lost their connection to the faith because they had been exiled during the Babylonian Captivity. Imagine how the Word of God truly touched them. They were shouting "Amen, amen," bowing down and prostrating themselves before the Lord. They were weeping. And Ezra reminded them not to be sad but instead, they must celebrate for rejoicing in the Lord must be their strength.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians spoke about the Mystical Body of Christ. Though It has many parts, through Baptism, all parts are one body. The variety of gifts does not undermine the unity, but rather, all contribute to build up and enrich the Body of Christ. It is very absurd when their interest in the Sacred Scriptures divides people. What is supposed to unite all, for there is only one Truth, becomes an instrument that some people use to isolate themselves from others, thinking that they possess the monopoly of truths. True unity is a sure sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, after reading the passage from the prophet Isaiah about the coming Messiah, Jesus declares that He is the One on whom the Spirit of the Lord rests. He is the Anointed One. He fulfills all prophecies as they hear Him read and preach. How blessed are those people who heard and witnessed it all. If we will listen attentively and take to heart the Scriptures being proclaimed and preached to us, we will be like those people during the time of the priest and prophet Ezra who were so deeply touched by God's Word. And like those people during the time of Jesus, we will hear Him proclaim to us the Good News and we will truly be joyful. Each time we take the Word of God seriously and act on it, the Scripture passage is fulfilled in our hearing.

Blessings,
Fr Gilbert Ramos

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10) After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.
Second Reading (1 Cor 12:12-30) Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ.
Gospel (Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21) God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long-awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.

Next weeks readings: Jer 1:4-5.17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

North Shore Joshua meeting – A warm invitation to all men to the January meeting. Date: **Wed 29 Jan 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.** Venue: St Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. The evening will include a very encouraging talk entitled "The Apprentice" presented by Peter-John Carelse and Kevin Farrell. So what is the 'Apprentice' all about ... come and find out. Invite a mate and come to be enriched and challenged and to meet other men of faith in fellowship as we share supper together. Jeffrey from Peoples Worship Ministry will be the worship leader together with support from Been Ueriti. To know more **contact Jerome 027 233 4380.**

Story of the Stations of the Cross Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross. To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link.

3-day Prayer Retreat for Women Friday 28 February 6pm to Sunday 2 March 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome. There will be sessions on "What is prayer?" "Why should I pray?" "How do I pray?" and "Humility & Forgiveness". Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Incense — A Taste of Heaven? Beate Matthies is the founder of Titipounamu Study & Joy. She has a background in linguistics, history of art and business management. She has a special interest in Scriptures, Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue. Monday, 24 February 2024, 7-8pm (ZOOM) Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated. For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

St Benedict's Parish needs You!

If you have ever thought about becoming a reader at St Benedicts, now is the time!

Please email the office to find out how you can join this Ministry.
miranda@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz



Happy New Year!

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

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](#)

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.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Leo Coleman, Jack Reidy, Sr Agneta R.S.J, Marie Tianero, Sarah Gordon, Desmond Giblin, Bill Tyree, Edna Crimmins, Selwyn Knuckey, Lilian Yates, Anne Murphy, Ruby Davis, Ernest O'Brien, Luis Antonio Ruiz Alba, Joseph Hayes, Clarence Taylor, John Wyatt, Fr John Moss I.C, Connie Ryan, Neil Santos, Bruce Whye, Fr Ruben Elago, Julia Sheehan, Clarence Webb, Renato Batucan, Margaret Stevens, Gary Nausbaum

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord