

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 9 FEBRUARY 2025

In Luke's Gospel this week, we witness a transformative encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter that reveals profound truths about discipleship, trust, and the promise of spiritual reward. This passage recounts how Jesus, teaching by the Sea of Galilee, instructs Simon to cast his nets after a fruitless night of fishing. Simon, though sceptical, obeys and is astonished by the miraculous catch of fish that follows. Overwhelmed by this divine intervention, Simon acknowledges his unworthiness, yet Jesus reassures him with the promise, "From now on, you will be catching people."

This narrative reminds us that a rich reward awaits those who accept Christ's call to ministry. Peter's obedience to Jesus, despite his doubt, demonstrates the abundant blessings that flow when we trust God's guidance. In the same way, we are invited to let Christ into the "boats" of our lives, surrendering our plans and efforts to His divine will. His promise is not one of material gain but of a life enriched by purpose, grace, and the joy of participating in His mission.

Allowing God to act as the guide and director of our decisions is both a challenge and an invitation to deep faith. It requires us to relinquish control and trust in God's providence, even when His plans diverge from our understanding. Like Simon, we may initially resist, doubting our own worthiness or fearing the unknown. However, this passage reminds us that God's call is not based on our perfection but on His power to transform and equip us for His work.

We are all called to minister within the Church in unique and special ways. Whether as teachers, healers, leaders, or servants, every role contributes to the body of Christ. Like Simon, our "yes" to Jesus can lead to extraordinary outcomes that ripple beyond our comprehension. This story encourages us to reflect deeply on how we can participate in God's mission today. What "nets" do we need to cast in faith? How might our response to God's call bring others closer to Him?

The Gospel assures us that when we trust in Christ and embrace our calling, we participate in a divine purpose that leads to true fulfilment and lasting spiritual reward.

Fr Stephen Berecz

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8) We hear of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy.
Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15.1-11) Paul energetically defends the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead.

Gospel (Luke 5.1-11) This tells the story of a miraculous catch of fish and the call of Peter to share in the work of Christ.

Next weeks readings: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12.16-20; Lk 6:17.20-26.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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? Why are there 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.

Bishop Steve Speaks tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_gsxny4e

Want to be a part of the wider Christian community and getting to know people from other Churches? This is our lived faith. Let us be People of Hope, Journeying together on a Pilgrimage. Join us for a fun day of **Creek Cleanup**, working together in faith. All are welcome, meeting at **Whenuapai Creek, Auckland, on Sunday 23 Feb 2025** starting from **12:30pm**.

An organised event in support with the Auckland Interfaith Council.

CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials. Search "*aucklandcatholicchaplaincy*"

Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Auckland.

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families. The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

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

February Prayer for Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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:**

Mary O'Shannassey, Mabel Jackson, Daphne Yin, Dorothy Wakim, Bob Cotterall, Nonie Kiely, Eparanza Lopez-Cisneros, Edna Mercer, Fesola'i Lavea, Bonnie Martin, Terry D'Souza, Joaquim Barretto, Michael Maher, Ama Tawiah, Elizabeth Connolly, Fr Charlie Murray, John Foley, Olive McGrath, Joseph O'Keefe, Muelin D'Silva, Cecil Gallagher, J.B. Gallagher, Leo Creedin, Patrick Connolly, Elizabeth O'Driscoll, Iese Henry, Cecelia Navera, Rosa de Egusquiza, Fr John Flanagan, George Slade, Kika Adams.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord