

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 16 FEBRUARY 2025



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother,
and the flame of *love* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of
Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the
treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

THE WORLD OF THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes confronts us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to love God above all things. The church does not teach us that it is wrong to be wealthy- in fact, it enshrines the right to own private property. What it does teach is the proper use of wealth. If acquiring wealth becomes an end in itself, it means that we have lost sight of what is truly important for our ultimate salvation, that is, our relationship and fidelity to God. If we are fortunate enough to have an excess of wealth to our needs (not our wants) we have an obligation to share our good fortune with those who do not have enough to meet their basic needs.

Perhaps you might take time this week to remember a difficulty or suffering in your life. Was there a blessing for you hidden in that experience?

Taken from the Summit Journal; Melbourne.

Pope Francis has emphasized that the Year of Jubilee is a time for everyone to "begin again" and embrace a new start. He has described it as a moment of grace and an opportunity for renewal, rooted in the transformative power of God's Kingdom. He has continually highlighted the importance of hope, which he sees as a gift from God that encourages Christians in their journey of life he sees the Jubilee as a chance to bring hope to those in difficult situations, such as prisoners and the poor, and to commit to protecting the planet. He has dedicated the 2025 Jubilee to the theme of hope.

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 ~ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Jer 17:5-8) The prophet contrasts the life of the wicked with the life of the righteous.

Second Reading (1 Cor 15:12-20) St Paul stresses the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, and the meaning of that resurrection for Christians.

Gospel (Lk 6:17.20-26) We hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes.

Next weeks readings: 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Please see the notice boards in the foyer for information regarding Catholic School Open Days

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on Saturday 29th March 2025. For more information contact: Clytie : 021836705, Reena 0278387151

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days - For those who seek a day retreat in 2025- 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 11 Mar | Wed 16 Apr

Women's Prayer Retreat- A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | Fri 28th Feb 6pm - Sun 2 Mar 3pm 2025 | Earlybird \$300 pp (before 08/02) | Standard \$330pp

24Hr Quietude- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | April 11th/12th | July 11th/12th

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

Jubilee Jottings Find out more about the Year of Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope from the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/> there you can download the diocesan newsletter *Jubilee Jottings*.

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:

Ernest Price, Fr Clement Evans, Raymond Straka, Anita Geraghty, Ivan Mirko, Amy Young, Laura Smith, Clara Adato, Ernest Bannister, Veronica Gye, Michael Ramsey, Thomas Seannell, Basil Weatherill, June McCabe, Rodger Batucan, Jutan Lutera, Kyra Cole, Peter Considine, Frances Macedo, Mary Maguire, Lindsay Gillniven, John Mitchell, Julia Tipping, James Tipping, Herbert Tipping, Ward Tipping, Edward Barry, Edith O'Brien, Evelyn Considine, Keith Gower, William Kemble, Jean Spelman.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord