

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 23 FEBRUARY 2025**

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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

"To err is human, to forgive is divine."

Saul placed David at the head of his army but later on turned on him because of pride and jealousy. David became very successful while Saul became disobedient to God. Saul could not stand the women chanting, "Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." Afraid of losing his throne, he, then, plotted to kill David. David had to flee and hide from Saul. In the desert of Ziph, David had the perfect opportunity to kill Saul when by night he found Saul and his soldiers lying asleep. David took Saul's spear but did not harm him. He believed that God anointed Saul and he respected that. He would not take his throne by force but let God to act in His own appointed time.

St Paul described the first Adam as mere living being and earthly. Due to pride and disobedience, the first Adam was estranged from God and became subject to death. The Spiritual One, the New Adam, Jesus Christ, through obedience, restored our life and our relationship with God. By sharing His life with us, we shall bear the image of the Heavenly One. Through Baptism, we died with Christ and were born again to new life with Him.

The Gospel about the love of enemies, perhaps, is the most challenging of all of Jesus' teachings. It is almost impossible. Yes, I said "almost impossible" because we have to leave a room for grace. And that is what it is all about. Love of enemies is made possible only by forgiveness and to forgive is divine. Love of enemies, a.k.a. forgiveness, is an act of God. David spared Saul's life because David was obedient to God. God already anointed him. David allowed grace to work in his life. The New Adam anointed all of us when we were baptised. Jesus made us channels of His grace. We will be able to love our enemies and forgive if we will allow the grace of God to take over our lives. It is not through our own will but through God's will.

As we pray the Our Father today, let us be more conscious in asking God to grant that His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Fr Gilbert Ramos

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (1 Sam 26:2-7-9.12-13.22-23) David turns down an opportunity to kill Saul because he believes it would not be right before God.

*Second Reading* (1 Cor 15:45-49) Paul draws parallels between Adam and Christ: to Adam we owe the life of earth; to Christ the life of heaven.

*Gospel* (Lk 6:27-38) Jesus stresses the duty of loving one's enemy and the obligations of fraternal charity.

Next weeks readings: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45.

**For Sunday /weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)**

### 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. For further details please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

**Job Vacancy – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor** The Diocese has a vacancy for a Religious Education and Catholic Character Advisor in our Catholic Education Services. The role's key functions are to promote the mission of Catholic schools to provide an Encounter with Christ, Growth in Knowledge of Christ, and Witness to Christ and to develop, strengthen, and support the leadership role of the Directors of Religious Studies & HOD's RE in Catholic schools in the Diocese.

You must have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or Theology and hold a current NZ Teacher registration. For full details and the position description, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close 28 February 2025.

The Diocese is seeking a talented and creative **Multimedia Journalist** (part time – 20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies. These stories will also contribute to supporting the national CathNews platform which delivers news, analysis, and commentary of interest to the Catholic Church community. For full details, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,**  
20 Kiteuni Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**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

**We remember those who have died recently:** Mary Jacobson

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Agnes Kennedy, Caitlin Rajwer, Beatrice Johnson, Metui Latu, John Higgins, John McIvor, LilyKutty Thomas, Heather Ryan, Joan Bannister, Bernard Kelly, Patricia Daley, Charlotte Willis, Emmanuel Ntarmah, Daniel Prendergast, Rita Graham, Martin Murphy, Emily Rushworth, Quentin Kelly, Bernardo Flores, Bernard Hunt, Margaret Santos.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**