

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ 26 APRIL 2025

Enduring Love and Mercy

Reflection: Alternate translations for our psalm refrain today include "his mercy endures forever" and "his loving-kindness is without end." These variations tell us something about the rich meaning of the original Hebrew term, *hesed*.

First and foremost, *hesed* is not a feeling but a way of being. It is the very nature of God, who is the fullness of loving mercy. Every action of God on behalf of those in need (and aren't we all in need?) is an act of unmerited mercy. Not having earned this loving-kindness, we can only receive it in gratitude.

Second, God's *hesed* is not a rare or even an occasional kindness. It is everlasting and enduring. It is tenacious even in the face of ingratitude, wrapping us like a garment that is needed in the event of storms or enjoyed in the light of calm sunrises. God's mercy holds us close even when we are unaware of it.

In a great act of mercy, Jesus willingly dies and rises to show us that death never has the final word, not only for him but for all of us. Death in the form of self-doubt receives the mercy of knowing one's worth. Death as disobedience to God's law receives the mercy of forgiveness and firm resolve. Death in terms of violence receives the mercy of compassion and self-control.

The Easter season invites us to meditate on our God who not only gives love and mercy but *is* love and mercy.

Meditation: Many of us grew up with images of God that failed to account for God's loving-kindness. Rather than appreciating the liberation of slaves in Egypt and the giving of the Ten Commandments as an act of God's mercy, for example, we may have focused on a God who demands obedience. Instead of understanding God's desire to form a people as characterized by mercy and justice, we may have thought of God as a friend to some and an enemy to others. The Easter season invites us to see God through the lenses of *hesed* and new life.

Prayer: O God whose mercy endures, use our efforts to reach those who are in most need of faith in your goodness.

From Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost (Rejoice and Be Glad 2025) by Catherine Upchurch

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 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading (Acts 5:12-16) This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people, and of the cures they worked for the sick.

Second Reading (Rev 1:9-13.17-19) John is bidden to write a message—one which has meaning for the church until the end of time.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-31) By seeing and touching the wounds of his risen Lord, Thomas the doubter is cured of his unbelief.

Next weeks readings: Acts 5:27-32.40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. Two retreats to choose from. One for parishes North of the bridge and one for parishes south of the bridge.

\$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm

All details and registration for Northern region June 7 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/>

Details and registration for Southern region July 5 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/>

Registrations essential.

For further information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Cathedral Parish Secretary

The Cathedral Parish of St Patricks & St Josephs is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary for 36 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm and half a day on Sundays.

Days and hours maybe negotiable for the right candidate.

They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of the Cathedral office and to support the Dean of the Cathedral.

This is a varied and busy role, and responsibilities include: Reception; Secretarial services; Office administration, Accounts (MYOB); Cathedral, Wedding & hall bookings; Parish newsletter, Rosters, website/social media management and music ministry administration.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies.

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.
- Eucharistic Adoration Friday 2 May at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- 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

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 forever.

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

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lloyd Bannister, Jacob Ugochukwu, Mrs H. Ugochukwu, Nwachukwu family, Niumoefa Fakalata, Johanna Fitzwilliam, Rose Casey, Cornelius Mullins, Mavis Bendall, Liam Cogan, Desmond O'Brien, Winifred Proctor, Leavina Hopkins, Gladys Lineen, Br. Albert Smith O.P, Alice Cobourne, Ann Clayton, John Harbridge, Fr. Albert Fogarty, Dorothy Legg, Patricia Hughes, Laupama Paleti, Arthur Green, Arthur Insley, Nellie Nola, Laurence Ryan, William Murphy, Ermine Temperman, Jo Numan, Fr. Philip Purcell, Rita McMillan, Tanisha Gallahar-Ikitule.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord