

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 4 MAY 2025

Always a Follower

Scripture: "Simon, son of John, do you love me? Feed my sheep. Follow me."
(John 21:17, 19)

Reflection: I can still picture my grade school class forming a neat and tidy line to follow our teachers in and out of the school building or church. As we got older, we were sometimes given the opportunity to lead that line of students: we felt so accomplished when it was our turn! Who didn't want to graduate to head of the line? And yet, the final verse of today's Gospel got me thinking about the value of being a good follower.

The dialogue between Jesus and Peter, including Jesus' instruction to Peter to feed his sheep, is part of our understanding of the primacy of Peter and his role as a leader among leaders in the early church. Take note, though, that even the first universal pastor is instructed to be a follower of Jesus. Peter's role is not about power but about always following Jesus.

But what does that following look like? Peter and the other leaders of the church follow Jesus through death and resurrection to be sure. They will also follow Jesus when they ponder and obey his teachings, when they provide food for the hungry to eat and living water for the thirsty, when they speak the truth in difficult situations, and when they humbly serve the least among us. Such following does not signify weakness but is actually the key to leadership.

Whether we are called to lead as bishop or pastor, or as a parent or teacher, we never stop being a disciple, a follower of Jesus.

Meditation: A disciple is one who follows, and a disciple of Jesus is one who follows Jesus. Unlike in a school setting where we find definite beginnings and endings, and where success is noted by reaching measurable goals, a disciple of Christ is always learning, responding, and learning some more. The measurable goal of a disciple is how we are continuously being transformed into the image of Christ who leads us. What are some of the ways that being a disciple tempers our egos and directs us toward humble service?

Prayer: O God, draw us near, and give us hearts for discipleship rather than power.

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 ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 5:27-32.40-41) We see the apostles courageously witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus and gladly suffering for it.

Second Reading (Rev 5:11-14) We hear a hymn in praise of the crucified and risen Christ.

Gospel (Jn 21:1-19) This relates an appearance of the risen Jesus to seven of his apostles on the shore of the lake of Gennesareth. The incident is built around Peter.

Next weeks readings: Acts 13:14.43-52; Rev 7:9.14-17; Jn 10:27-30.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

REGINA COELI

Priest: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

All. For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Priest: Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

All. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world. Grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.
- 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

Prayer for our Mothers

Holy Father, We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the incredible sacrifices made by mothers everywhere. Their love, strength, and unwavering support reflect Your grace. May we honour their selflessness and cherish the lessons they impart. Bless them abundantly, Lord, and let them feel our appreciation each day. In Your holy name, we pray, 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 Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

**We remember those who have died recently: Pope Francis
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Fr Bernard Larkin, John Walsh, Veneranda Fernandez, Rita Wills, Alexander Hattie, Mons L. Buxton, Owen McKearney, Timothy Clews, Willman Rodriguez-Gomez, Jerome Ozich, James Dalton, Josephine Shields, Agnes Hobson, Michael Moore, Therese Greentree, Kevin Courtney, John Grogan, Mary Evans, Isaac Condon, Rose Henry, Augustine Smith, Vera Robinson, Frederic Nagel, Patricia Malone, Lawrence McNamara, Keith Connolly, Walter Mangan, Rita O'Shea, Timoteo Samontina, James Connolly, John Smyth, Violet Dessa, Sr. Mary Aloysius, Jessie Price, Fr Antoninus Hingston OP, Jason Hotere.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord