

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 6 APRIL 2025

Scripture Note

The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people.

This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically we see God's love and compassion in Jesus' treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from John, but it resembles the style of Luke. It's an 'entrapment' story which sought to show Jesus' wisdom in besting his adversaries.

The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he pardoned the woman, he could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would lose his name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins. Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection. (Second Reading).

Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn't look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

(from New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Palm Sunday next weekend (12/13 April)

Please remember to bring your palms and arrive to Saturday 6pm mass and Sunday 9.30am mass
10 mins early for the blessing of palms.
This will be held outside weather permitting.



Rite II Reconciliation at St Patrick's Cathedral

In preparation for Easter we encourage you to attend our Rite II Reconciliation Tuesday 8 April at 7 pm in the Cathedral.

Discounted parking is available at the Wilson's Carpark on Hobson Street using the ParkMate App- visit <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/about-the-cathedral/parking/> for instructions on how to download and use the App.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading (Is 43:16-21) The prophet assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus. This message of hope should inspire us also.

Second Reading (Phil 3:8-14) Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ. He hasn't yet arrived but is still running the race of salvation.

Gospel (Jn 8:1-11) Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery.

Next weeks readings: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Easter Liturgies at St Benedict's Parish

Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

Parish Mass - 6pm (Saturday 12th) & 9.30am (Sunday 13th)

Filipino Mass - 11.30am

Holy Thursday 17 April 2025

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm

Altar of Repose - open until 10.30pm

Good Friday 18 April 2025

Stations of the Cross - 10.30am

Reflection of the Last Seven Words - 1.30pm

The Passion of Our Lord - Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday 19 April 2025

Easter Vigil Mass - 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Parish Mass - 9.30am

Filipino Mass - 11.30am

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

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Helen McCoy, Dorothy Lewis, George Thomas, Catherine Shields, Jeremy Freedman, Ivy Cowsill, Bert Walker, Daniel Doran, Fr J. Shore, Lawrence Cunningham, Hilton Taylor, Thomas Karl, Jan de Haast, Owen McSwiney, Kit Ledingham, Kathleen Brady, Fr Andrew Faith, Liz Kelly, Thomas Donaghy, Paulo Auva'a, Sarah Mallon, Mary Whitener, Margaret Van Veen, Terence Cunningham, Tess Dowling, Calab Bailey, Veronica McCafferty.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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

APRIL PRAYER For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination women face in various parts of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 27th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish

1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic.

You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina

"My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day".

Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays

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](#)