

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

Monday to Thursday 10am—4pm
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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ 20 APRIL 2025

Seeing is not always believing. A bright light in the night sky could be a star or an airliner. A compelling work of art could be from an artistic master, or it might be a fraud. An empty tomb could just as easily be evidence of grave robbery as evidence of something supernatural. Yes, believing is often preceded by seeing, but deep-down, faith filled believing requires more than eyesight.

The followers of Jesus brought physical sight to the tomb. They saw the evidence of a stone rolled away and burial clothes rolled up and put aside. They may have initially assumed that the body of their friend was disrespected even in death. But they had been shaped by their experience of Jesus and knew that everything about him stirred their hearts and ignited their imaginations to hope in what seemed unlikely or even impossible. That empty tomb was not evidence of a crime; it was evidence of the power of God to bring life where death once dwelled.

Faith certainly can be rooted in physical realities that our senses can detect; our senses can attune us to wonder and awe. But faith takes us further. It gives us the courage to leap into trusting in God's surprises. It helps us move from wishful thinking to investing ourselves in what we know in our hearts to be true: that with God all things are indeed possible.

Easter makes a promise, the promise that we will experience in our own bodies the fullness of life. Every sincere act of forgiveness, each act of service, and all forms of true worship ready our hearts for the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

From Daily Reflections for Lent by Catherine Upchurch



LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading (Acts 10:34-37-43) We hear part of an early sermon of Peter.

Second Reading (Col 3:1-4) Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (Jn 20:1-9) On discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty, the disciples begin to grasp what the scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead.

Next weeks readings: Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13.17-19; Jn 20:19-31.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Scripture Note

The reading from Acts is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarises the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in his death. But it didn't end there—God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses.

Peter is one of those witnesses. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about, namely, the Messiah.

All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection.

Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord. Many readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life. Today's Second Reading is a good example. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptised members of Christ's Body.

From New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy, SDB.

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](#)

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

Fr Gilbert, Catherine and Miranda wish you a happy & blessed Easter

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:**

Timothy Counihan, John Burton, Lorna Long, Sheila Murnane, Clare Bennett, Belle S, Noel Darby, Pat Smith, Br John Swinkels O.P, Margaret Wright, Marcelle Ryland, Joan Fouhy, Molly Boey, Mary Morcom, Pita Valu, Allan Whittaker, Paul Leetberg, Joseph Williams, George Mooney, John McKay, Anne Webster, Roseta Rothery, Bridget Carroll, Thomas Morcom, Deborah Tutty, Lucy Kelly, Frank O'Neill, Fr Hay, Pieter Swinkles, Mariano Aberlardo.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord