

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

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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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ 13 APRIL 2025

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel:

Hosanna in the highest." Mt. 21:9

The official name of our celebration this Sunday is "Palm Sunday of the passion of Christ" (Dominica in palmis de passione Domini). It is dedicated to the commemoration and meditation of the suffering and death of Christ but leading up to Easter. According to Bernard Raas, SVD, in his book Liturgical Year, Palm Sunday is the grand opening of the Holy Week, commemorating the messianic entry of Jesus in Jerusalem and at the same time also recalling his passion. The liturgy of this day is a combination of joy and sorrow, glory and humility, recognition and rejection of Jesus. We begin our celebration today with the blessing of palms and the procession to the altar praising Jesus, our Messiah and King. What we are doing is not mere imitation of the event that happened in Jerusalem two millennia ago but to show that we are always on a journey towards Jesus. We make it present today, realising the Jesus is always with us while we are on the way to Him. We proclaim the Gospel account of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. We welcome Jesus and accept Him as our Saviour. Here, Jesus accepts the people's acknowledgment of His messianic mission. There is no more secret and we celebrate with Jesus as we sing songs of praise. The readings during the Mass for Palm Sunday show a well-balanced presentation of the incarnation, passion and glorification that comprise the mystery of Christ. The theme of the Suffering Servant in the first reading perfectly complements the passion narrative of the Gospel. The second reading on the other hand summarizes the whole life of Christ, from the incarnation to His resurrection and glory. We already know the life story of Christ. But every time it is proclaimed to us, especially during Palm Sunday, we are always moved and motivated to participate in His story. We may feel that Christ is revealing Himself to us anew and indeed there is something new that we can take.

As followers and believers, we ought to accept and declare that if Jesus' way to glory was the way of suffering and death, we too, must follow His way. We have to express in concrete ways our commitment to work with Jesus in saving our world through self-sacrifice. We go home today carrying the blessed palms. May they be a constant reminder for us, throughout the year, that on this day, we proclaim to the world that Jesus is our Messiah and Saviour and we acknowledge that He is present in our lives. We are a people of hope. We are not defeated by problems and sufferings but with Christ, we rise again and keep moving forward.

Blessings, Fr Gilbert Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel for Procession (Lk 19:28-40) Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as messianic king is a sign that the peace and salvation decreed by God are at hand.

First Reading (Is 50:4-7) The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is confident that God will vindicate him.

Second Reading (Phil 2:6-11) Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel (Lk 22:14-23:56) Luke's version of the Passion Story. As in the rest of his Gospel, so in his account of the Passion, Luke presents a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, even to his executioners.

Next weeks readings: Acts 10:34-37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Easter Liturgies at St Benedict's Parish

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

Join us for the 17th Annual
**Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Procession** through Auckland CBD.
Each year, hundreds of people from
across Auckland come together in a
powerful public witness of faith.

Gather at 9:00am at
Albert Park Rotunda.
Procession concludes
at 11:00 AM
at St Patrick's
Cathedral.

18th of April 2025



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

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:

Francis Shortcliffe, Mercedes Chung, Mary Carroll, Michael Carroll, May Craney, Nelly Simister, T.P. Monaghan, Doris Turner, Mohi Hotene, Jimmy Petricevich, John Treacy, Madeleine Tocher, Brian Galvin, Antonia Macedo, Estrelita Andutan, Katalina Cservik, James Herbert, Maud Manley, Alice Keaney, Peter Moran, Mary Foy, John McEvay, John Brown, Ella Smith, Geoff Harris, John Woods, Ardmore Vakalahi, Asita Latu, Rodney Butterworth, Noreen Shanahan, Mary Rajaratnam, Nora Garner, Fr Pat Littlewood.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord