

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 11 MAY 2025

Knowing the Shepherd

Scripture: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)

Reflection: Sheep and shepherds are quite plentiful throughout the Bible, and they were quite plentiful throughout the ancient Middle East. The shepherd image is used to describe God in the Psalms and the books of the prophets. It is little wonder that Jesus describes his role and identity using this image; most everyone would have connected to it in some practical or religious way.

When Jesus spent time in the desert, or in quiet place where he went for prayer, I picture him observing shepherds with their flocks, scattered across hillsides, searching for sustenance and protection from the extreme elements. He would have seen small groups of shepherds draw all of their sheep together at night to remain safe and secure until the morning light. Then, once again, the sheep would be separated, each flock going along with its own shepherd. Perhaps this is where Jesus pondered how the sheep knew which shepherd to follow.

Both the sheep and the shepherd had to learn to recognize one another. Was it that kind of mutual recognition that Jesus hoped he and his followers would have? In the midst of all the noise of society, Jesus is inviting us to listen for his voice, to distinguish his message from others.

We will follow Jesus, like sheep follow their shepherd, as we learn that his voice is true and loving, and his words contain the message of life.

Meditation: It strikes me that Jesus is patient in guiding us to recognize and listen to his voice. But what about us? How do we cut through the noise around us so we are able to hear him? Will that require more than just desire? What spiritual disciplines might help us learn to listen for the voice of Jesus? How might immersion in Scripture and exposure to sound teaching help us become more discerning? Would it serve us well to consider how we spend our time and with whom?

Prayer: Good and gracious Shepherd, call to us until we know your voice, and create in us the desire to follow you.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 13:14,43-52) Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel firstly to the Jews but they reject it; then they preach it to the Gentiles who receive it with joy.

Second Reading (Rev 7:9,14-17) This contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.

Gospel (Jn 10:27-30) Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep the Father has given him.

Next weeks readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35.

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.

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

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 Borgueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

**We remember those who have died recently
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**
Fr Esmond Klimeck, Bartholomew Roach, Martin Fairebrace, Joseph Slykerman, Graham Wilson, Trudi Johnston, Charles Mullins, Patrick Gilroy, John Numa, Seamus Casey, Bill Mitchell, Frederick Davis, Chris Toye, Robina Reardon, Lucina Dolon, Bernard Glynn, Thelma Radcliffe, Mary O'Connor, Jeannie Hyde, Eileen Brown, Barry Jones, Frank Gwynne, Thelma Casey.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord