

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 18 MAY 2025**

Disciples Love One Another

*Readings:* Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

*Scripture:* "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

*Reflection:* I remember watching a heated (and then over-heated) debate develop at a parish meeting and thinking to myself, "If this is how we treat each other right here in our own parish where we share common values, no wonder we have trouble showing love to people whose values are completely different than our own." But then again, maybe it's easier to act lovingly to people we don't know! Today's Gospel scene occurs just after Jesus has washed the feet of his disciples as they gather for their last meal together. I can't help but wonder what would have happened at our parish meeting had someone in leadership quietly filled a bowl with water, grabbed a towel, and started washing feet. I'm serious! With our socks and shoes removed, totally unprepared for this ritual, we would all have been on common ground, reduced as it were, to pairs of dirty feet. I have a feeling it would have stripped away the anger and helped us reason together in more loving and respectful way. In these hours before Jesus is arrested, he is still concerned with his divine mission to demonstrate God's love to all people, His disciples will only be able to bear witness to him, to welcome others into their community, insofar as they demonstrate love among themselves: respectfully honest with one another, quick to forgive, generous in service, and joyful in their common faith.

*Meditation:* Flight attendants begin each flight with safety announcements, including instructions to put on your oxygen mask first before helping others do the same in an emergency. It's not a selfish act; it's essential and practical. Could showing love to others in our faith communities be likened to that procedure? Can we work on loving each other there first so that we are then able to witness effectively to others that our God is love?

*Prayer:* Jesus, you command us to love as you love. Give us this day the determination to be generous in our relationships with fellow parishioners.

*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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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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**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 ~ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*First Reading* (Acts 14:21-27) Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities of Christians they had founded.

*Second Reading* (Rev 21:1-5) Taken from the final part of Apocalypse, this opens with the vision of a new world and the new order of things inaugurated by Christ.

*Gospel* (Jn 13:31-35) During the Last Supper Jesus gives his apostles a new commandment—to love one another as he has loved them.

Next weeks readings: Acts 15:1-2.22-29; Rev 21:10-14.22-23; Jn 14:23-29.

**For Sunday /weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)**

**Our Lady of Manaoag**, also known as Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario de Manaoag, is a revered Marian figure in Pangasinan, Philippines. The image of Our Lady of Manaoag is believed to have miraculous powers, and believers seek to touch it for healing. Pope Pius XI granted a Pontifical decree of canonical coronation to the image on 25 August 1925. The rite of coronation took place on 21 April 1926.

Pope Benedict XVI raised her sanctuary in equal indulgences to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on 21 June 2011. Pope Francis further elevated the shrine to the status of a Minor Basilica on 11 October 2014. The Feast Day of Our lady of Manaoag is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the 3rd Wednesday after Easter.

Today there will be a second collection to support our seven Auckland seminarians discerning their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to support our future priests.

## 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.*

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:**  
George Peciulaitis, Mary Cooney, Iris Macedo, Clodagh McSwiney, Peter Pohlen, Marie Edwards, Katie Master, Sr Marie Pollard, Brian McNeil, Ann Maguire, Eileen Plunket, John Belcher, Reginald Andrewartha, Rohit de Souza, Noreen Cotterall, Fr John Downey OSB (first parish priest of St Benedicts), Teresa Camia, Margaret Maguire, Leon Ngatikao, Fr Burke, John Meehan, Fr Peter Penny, Leo O'Donohue, Henry Redmond, Fr Lyous, Kathleen Tipping, Diana Benjamin, Lucy Hyde, Robin Wheeler, Daniel Lyne, Anne Smith, Eileen McGuinness, Kathleen Judson, Blessie Gotingco.  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**