

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST~ 22 JUNE 2025

Luke's Gospel recounts the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, a powerful moment in Jesus' ministry that reveals His compassion, divine authority, and the abundance of God's providence. In this passage, Jesus welcomes the crowds, speaks to them about the kingdom of God, and heals those in need. As the day draws to a close, the disciples urge Jesus to send the people away to find food and lodging. Instead, Jesus tells them, "You give them something to eat." With only five loaves and two fish, He blesses and breaks the food, and miraculously, all are fed — with twelve baskets of leftovers.

This miracle prefigures the Eucharist, and it is fittingly connected to the Church's feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. The multiplication of the loaves is not only about physical nourishment but also about spiritual sustenance. In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to feed His followers—not with earthly bread, but with His very body and blood, given for the life of the world. The feeding of the multitude is a sign pointing forward to the Last Supper and the ongoing mystery of the Mass, where Christ becomes truly present under the appearance of bread and wine.

The command Jesus gives—"You give them something to eat"—can also be seen as a mission given to the Church. Through the Eucharist, the Church receives Christ and is then called to be Christ to the world, feeding others with His love, mercy, and truth. This feast reminds us of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the unity it brings to the Body of Christ—the Church.

In reflecting on this passage in Luke's Gospel, we are invited to trust in Jesus' ability to provide, to come to Him with what little we have, and to be open to the miraculous work He can do in and through us. Ultimately, we are invited into a deeper reverence for the Eucharist and a greater awareness of our role in sharing Christ with a hungry world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading (Gen 14:18-20) Melchizedek, a pagan priest-king, gives gifts of bread and wine to Abraham. In Christian tradition that bread and wine were taken to prefigure the Eucharist.

Second Reading (1 Cor 11:23-26) When we celebrate the Eucharist we do not merely make Christ present, but re-enact the death by which he saved us.

Gospel (Lk 9:11-17) Jesus provides an extraordinary meal for those who followed him into the desert. In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus—teaching, healing and nourishing God's people.

Next weeks readings: Acts 12.1-11; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16.13-19.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR required for the St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral

Are you passionate about sacred music and building vibrant, faith-filled communities through music? St Patrick and St Joseph's Cathedral – is looking for a dynamic and visionary Music Director to help grow and shape our music ministry.

This is a unique opportunity to work with our talented cantors & organists, choirs, and music groups.

Whether your background is in choral direction, liturgical music, or music coordination and leadership, we want to hear from you!

For more information or to have a friendly, informal conversation about the role, please contact Fr Craig: frcraig@stpatricks.org.nz.

Deadline for applications - Friday 11th July.

St Marys College Auckland 175th Jubilee Celebrations.

Labour Weekend (Friday 24th - Sunday 26th October)

2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ and founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers and friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours and displays, and a family picnic and Mass at the school.

On Saturday 25th October, the Gala Jubilee Dinner will be held at the RNZ Yacht Squadron. For more information about the Jubilee events please contact pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com

“Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is having its third webinar this year titled “Pastoral Ministry among Māori and Pasifika in the Third Millennium” with Rev Hemi Ropata, a deacon from the Society of Mary who is currently in Rome completing the final stages of his formation before his ordination to priesthood this year. This webinar is on Wednesday, 25 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

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 “St Benedicts Parish”

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.
- There will be a second collection next Sunday (29 June) for **Peter's Pence**
- 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:

Juliette Rousseau, Patrick Carroll, Freda Francis, Mary O'Brien, John Barrett, Rita Bunting, Maria Callinan, Samantha Catalan, Hannah Treacy, Leo Dunn, Dominic Slocum, Onolina Auva'a, Analena Veufilo, KT Thomas, Mary Hynes, Louise Kreig, Nancy Storck, Flora Gower, Vittorina Iiti, Antoinette Moon, Jessie Hundleby, May Dunne, Maureen Tuckerman, Themla Crimmins, Zeena Pereira, CG Thomas, Barbara Dalley, Hannah Smyth, John Lolohea, Tausaga Iolama, Patrick Coleman, Charles McKnight, Martin Leith, Respicio Adato, Maria Stanish, Chris Yallop.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord