

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY 6 PM**

**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



## THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES~ 29 JUNE 2025

Matthew 16:13–19 is a pivotal moment in the Gospel narrative, where Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter responds with bold faith, declaring, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." This confession marks a turning point, not only for Peter personally but also for the mission of the Church. Jesus blesses Peter, calling him the rock upon which He will build His Church, and entrusts him with the "keys of the kingdom of heaven."

This passage reveals the foundational role of Peter in the Church's structure and mission. Peter's faith and his recognition of Jesus' true identity are not from human insight, but a revelation from the Father. It shows that the Church is not merely a human institution, but one built on divine guidance and spiritual truth. The "keys" symbolize authority—specifically, the authority to teach, to guide, and to bind or loose in the name of Christ.

This scripture takes on deeper meaning when considered within the context of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 29th. This feast honours two of the most influential apostles in the early Church—Peter, the steadfast shepherd and first pope, and Paul, the passionate missionary to the Gentiles. Though very different in background and personality, both shared a deep love for Christ and a fearless commitment to spreading the Gospel, even to the point of martyrdom. The unity of Peter and Paul reminds us of the diversity within the Church and the call for unity in mission. Peter represents structure and stability, Paul, zeal and outreach. Together, they embody the fullness of the Church's vocation: to be both rooted in Christ and dynamic in evangelization.

This week we are invited to echo Peter's confession in our own lives. Who do we say Jesus is? Like Peter and Paul, we are called to recognize Christ, follow Him boldly, and become living stones in the Church He continues to build. Their feast reminds us that our faith must be both professed and lived with courage, humility, and love.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## 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 ~ THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

*First Reading* (Acts 12.1-11) The first reading recounts the miraculous deliverance of Peter from prison. It highlights God's intervention in the face of persecution, reminding us that God's plans prevail even in challenging circumstances.

*Second Reading* (2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18) St Paul, in the second reading, speaks of his faithful ministry and impending martyrdom. His words reflect a life dedicated to spreading the Gospel, echoing the call for perseverance and commitment in our own Christian journey.

*Gospel* (Matthew 16.13-19) Jesus responds to Peter's confession by declaring him the rock upon which He will build His Church. This proclamation underscores the foundational role of Peter in the establishment of the Church.

The readings on this solemnity remind us of the heroic faith and commitment of Peter and Paul. Their lives serve as models of unwavering dedication to Christ and His mission.

Next weeks readings: Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12.17-20.

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

### Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

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 "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.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday 4 July at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- 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

### Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th July 7:00pm

at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

### 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:** Jocelyn Niland, Joseph Baranyai.

### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Madge Tracey, Ken White, Margaret McCoach, Rosina Bradecina, Murray Gibson, Jill Page, Frances Bryant, Francis Foy, Patrick Doyle, Alan Murray, Standley Perera, Harold O'Neill, Evelyn Clark, Ruby Sutcliffe, Mary Foley, Catherine Stapleton, Connie Hancox, Soter Michael, Sophia McVey, Eleanor Whitaker, Desmond Kruse, Mary Scansie, Thomas Shields, Olive Wishart, James McKnight, Francis Clinton, Oommen Kuriakose, Edward Quinn, Sheila Cooney, Margaret Farnall, Mary Goldie, Jean Agnes, Jessie Mills, Mabel Otway, Larry O'Leary, Terrence L'Estrange, Nina McKay, John Wootton, Gladys Ryan, Dorothy Wilkie, Fr David Jillett.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord