

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

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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ 8 JUNE 2025

Amending the Soil

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17, John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Scripture: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Ps 104:30)

Refecction: Our faces often reveal what is going on inside of us physically, mentally, and spiritually. What does the face of the earth reveal when beauty and serenity live side by side with pollution and battlegrounds? Or when creativity and care for the common good are being outpaced by sterile conformity and selfish hoarding? Oh, our earth could use some restoration for sure! While we cannot return to the idyllic Eden of the creation accounts, we can invite God's Spirit to help us be part of the renewal that's so desperately needed.

The same Spirit or breath of God that hovered over the earth's chaos in the first account of creation hovers over us still. We see evidence in its fruit, which Paul describes to the Galatians as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). If we could pull back the surface of what is happening on our planet, would we find those virtues, or would we find rivalry, jealousy, envy, immorality, self-centeredness? We know that what lies beneath the surface feeds what grows on top of it.

The Spirit will help us amend the soil beneath the chaos if we're also willing to do some of the work of tilling and fertilizing and planting. What might that look like? Attending, to the needs of the sick, respectfully engaging with people who are different from us, refusing to give in to revenge, learning to limit our over consumption of goods, standing with those who are treated unjustly, giving and receiving forgiveness - these are just some of the things that make of our lives the healthy soil that will produce good fruit.

Meditation: We are often overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's ills and the volume of hateful noise that surrounds us. Instead, on this day when we celebrate the Spirit's presence among us, ask the Spirit to overwhelm you with compassion, strength of purpose, resilience, and hope. Make time for the stillness of prayer which will orient you to God's purposes.

Prayer: Spirit of the Living God, refresh us. Multiply our efforts to be part of restoring, the beauty of the earth by caring for one another and embracing your vision for our existence.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11) Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the effect it had on them.

Second Reading (1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13) The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the church, the Body of Christ.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-23) The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.

Next weeks readings: Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15.

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.*

St Paul's college 70 year anniversary Friday, June 13th 6:00pm. You are warmly invited to celebrate the 70 year anniversary of St Paul's College. We will be celebrating Mass in the school chapel Followed by drinks and nibbles in the school auditorium Registration is not essential but would be appreciated. To register go to <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XCK>

Fr Gilbert's 17th Presbyterial Anniversary will be on Saturday 14 June.
Fellowship after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall.
Kindly bring some food to share. All Welcome!

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.
- 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

Monthly Intention and Prayer for June For Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his church: Look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, 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 Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Leslie Angus, John Reid, William Reeve, Julian Esperanza Sr, Archie Johnson, Paul Chai Ah Poh, Betty Stack, Brian Curtis, Thomas Kyne, Varner Cook, Hilary Stewart-Keenan, Monica Swindells, Joseph Wheeler, Annabelle McKnight, Ngaire McClure, Declan O'Keefe, Bill Hudson, Gerald Hickey, Anne Dunwoodie, Rose McPherson, Anna Davies, Lily Ah Sam, James Ah Sam, Allwyn Fernandes, Ken Moran, Jeanne Biddulph, William Barton, Mary Barker, Nelson Lao, Alma Bell, James Broderick, Fr Flynn, Daniel Reardon, Adelaide Williams, Chang Yi Huang, James Titford, Marion Bradecina, Esley Ulrich.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord