

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 13 JULY 2025

The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke is one of Jesus' most well-known teachings, yet its depth continues to challenge and surprise. It begins with a lawyer testing Jesus, asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds with a question, leading the man to rightly cite the commandments to love God and neighbour. But the man, seeking to justify himself, presses further: "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus answers not with a direct response, but with a story—a parable that arouses the imagination in unpredictable ways. A man is beaten and left for dead. A priest and a Levite, religious figures expected to help, pass by. Then comes a Samaritan—someone from a group despised by the Jewish audience—who stops, tends to the wounded man, and ensures his care. This Samaritan goes beyond minimal compassion; his response is extravagant, inconvenient, and costly.

Many read this parable as a call to be kind to strangers, but it goes deeper. The Samaritan is more than a secularized saint—he is a symbol of the divine prophet, a Christ-figure who crosses boundaries, bears others' burdens, and shows mercy when others turn away. In this reading, Jesus is not merely urging moral behaviour; He is revealing the radical nature of divine love—unexpected, boundary-breaking, and deeply personal. The Samaritan's actions mirror God's own compassion, which comes to us not because we deserve it, but because of who God is.

This parable also challenges our notions of religious identity and righteousness. The question is not "Who is my neighbour?" but rather, "Will I be a neighbour?" The divine call is not about defining boundaries of love but living love without boundaries.

Ultimately, Jesus says, "Go and do likewise." This is an invitation not only to imitate the Samaritan, but to recognize the presence of Christ in the most surprising figures. The parable invites us to be open to a love that overturns expectations and reshapes our understanding of God and neighbour.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Deut 30:10-14) Moses urges the people to obey God's law, not as something imposed from outside them, but as something that springs up from inside themselves.

Second Reading (Col 1:15-20) Paul asserts the absolute supremacy of Christ.

Gospel (Lk 10:25-37) The immortal parable of the Good Samaritan.

Next weeks readings: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The Upper Room | Wednesday 16 July 6:30pm-9pm

The Upper Room is going MONTHLY, starting this July! This event is your opportunity to grab a drink, connect with other Catholic young adults (18+), and explore the big questions that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily.

Did we mention the fantastic bar snacks (included in your ticket!)?

We are excited to announce that our two amazing guest speakers are Rachel & Tim Wilson, speaking on: Relationships: From ME to WE *18+ event Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-july>

Catholic Young Adults Ball | Saturday 13 September 7pm-11pm

By popular demand, we are thrilled to bring back The Young Adults Ball 2025! With a dash of Gatsby glamour, the theme for this year is 'THE ROARING TWENTIES'.

- Earlybird tickets: \$110 (until July 20th)
- Standard tickets: \$130 (until August 31st or sold out)
- 18+ event

Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/young-adults-ball>

St Benedict's Organ Restoration Project

The impressive sound of the St Benedict's organ has been enjoyed in our church since it was installed in 1907. The organ forms an integral part of worship gatherings and other events, and holds a commanding presence at the rear of the church with soaring pipes either side of stained glass windows. It is regularly maintained however has reached the stage where some more comprehensive work is required to preserve it for future generations. With this in mind we are seeking dedicated and resourceful people to join the Organ Restoration Committee to be jointly headed by Denis Lozica (St Benedict's Parish Organist) and Miranda Wagg. Experience in fundraising and grant applications would be useful, but not essential. Please email miranda@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz to express your interest in joining us with this historic project.

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

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 Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

We remember those who have died recently

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

James Salisbury, Leo O'Malley, Kathleen Owen, Lee Hock Hye, Kathleen Redmond, James Bayer, Ray Quinn, Alice Flanagan, Annie Rainsford, Ronald Hutton, Arpada Feketich, Edmund Power, Etuale Kolio, Mons Ray Green, Olive Bear, Norman Mitchell, Ina Fowler, Mrs Drysdale, C.N. Advaiappa, Margaret Scanlan, Jackie Gibson, Matilda Wishart, John Dooley, Theresa Foy, Francis Nelson, Amy Rainsford, James Barker, Fr Aquinas McComb OP, Fr Carl Von Rotter, Margaret Dowling, May Batucan, Mary Flynn, Elsa Garrett, Doris Moyes, Fr Tom Ryder, Nigel Mercer, Marion Spies, Patrick Power.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord