

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 20 JULY 2025

In this week's Gospel, we encounter the story of Mary and Martha, two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home. While Martha becomes preoccupied with the duties of hospitality, Mary chooses to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His teaching. At first glance, this passage might seem to highlight a conflict between action and contemplation, but a closer look reveals something deeper about discipleship and the role of women in the ministry of the word.

Martha's concern with preparing and serving may seem noble, yet her distraction causes her to miss the significance of the moment: Jesus, the Word made flesh, is present and teaching. Mary, on the other hand, chooses to leave behind the expected role of a woman in her culture—serving quietly in the background—and takes the position of a disciple. Sitting at Jesus' feet was a posture reserved for students learning from a rabbi, a role traditionally reserved for men in Jewish society. In choosing this, Mary steps into a new identity: not merely a woman in service, but a full and faithful disciple of Christ.

This moment is significant because Jesus affirms Mary's choice. He gently rebukes Martha, saying, "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." This response is a powerful endorsement of Mary's role as a minister of the word. Jesus not only allows but defends her place as a learner, a disciple, someone worthy of receiving and reflecting on divine teaching.

Mary's decision reminds us that following Jesus requires more than activity; it requires attentive presence and openness to His word. Her example encourages all believers to prioritise relationship with Christ over mere busyness. Moreover, her actions challenge cultural stereotypes, especially those that confine women to supporting roles. Mary's example elevates the value of listening, learning, and responding to God's word with the heart of a true disciple.

In a world often driven by doing, Mary's choice invites us to slow down, listen deeply, and embrace the transformative call of discipleship. Her story is a reminder that everyone, regardless of role or gender, is called to sit at the feet of Jesus and be changed by His word.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Gen 18:1-10) When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself, who would reward him with good news.

Second Reading (Col 1:24-28) Paul, a minister of the good news of the calling of the Gentiles to salvation, suffers for his converts.

Gospel (Lk 10:38-42) The Gospel contrasts Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord.

Next weeks readings: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13.

Caring Sunday – special collection for the Caring Foundation

Sunday the 20th of July

“Poverty makes me feel invisible and forgotten.”

For Caring Sunday, the 20th of July, please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped.

A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

To make your donation please scan the QR code, use a donation card, donate through their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz, use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname and initials and 'Caring' as references.

You can also donate directly into our parish bank account with your pledge number and 'Caring' as reference.

The St Benedict's 2025 Children's Sacramental Programme is commencing in August. Please see the information sheets in the foyer if you wish to enrol your child.

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 Borgueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham, Arleen Canlas.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jane Henry, Dorothy Gwynne, Leonard Grey, Elsie Simmons, Roger Beckman, Harold Turner, Raymond Edmondson, Micheal Parker, Samuel Purdom, Nora Eville, Mary Dempsey, Yvonne Chapman, Peter Dunne, Stanley Barker, Kathleen Corbett, Herbert Taylor, Margaret Craw, Sr Bertille, James Fleming, Michael Stowers, Sesilia Auva'a, Nancy Hamshaw, James Williams, Alice Mann, Julius Swann, Percy Williams, Amy Williams, Patrick Monaghan, Zita Keating, Aileen Lynch, Ricardo Cruz, Demetrius Fernandes, Ray Abley, Mervin Smith, Joanna Coleman, Jessie Shanaghan, Harlam Patchett, Patrick Leamy, Molly Griffiths, Philomena Reardon, Victoriene Madigan, Nell Johnson, Robert Wilson, Ella Reid.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord