

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 3 AUGUST 2025

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 9am to Sunday 7pm** 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

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is approached by someone seeking help with a family inheritance dispute. Instead of addressing the financial concern directly, Jesus offers a parable that shifts the conversation toward a deeper spiritual truth. He tells the story of a rich man whose land produced abundantly. Rather than using his surplus to help others or to express gratitude to God, the man plans to store up his wealth and "relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God calls him a fool, for that very night his life will be demanded of him.

Jesus challenges the common assumptions that making a living or one's life consists in one's possessions: putting goods in place of God. This parable warns against the illusion of security that wealth can bring. The rich man is not condemned for being successful or having plenty, but for placing his trust in possessions rather than in God. His life became centred around storing things instead of storing grace. His wealth, rather than being a means to serve others or give thanks, became an idol.

This teaching is profoundly relevant today, as society often equates success with material accumulation. We can so easily be drawn into believing that our worth is measured by what we own, or that a full life depends on financial comfort. Jesus' words invite us to re-examine our priorities, to become "rich toward God" by cultivating generosity, gratitude, and trust in divine providence.

True wealth is not found in barns, bank accounts, or achievements—it is found in relationship with God and others. This Gospel reminds us that life is fragile and fleeting, and the only treasure that endures is love lived in faith. Let us place God—not goods—at the centre of our lives.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Eccles 1:2; 2:21-23) The things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them.

Second Reading (Col 3:1-5.9-11) Through Baptism we share in the life of Christ. We hear some of the conclusions that follow from this.

Gospel (Lk 12:13-21) Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God.

Next weeks readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2.8-19; Lk 12:32-48.

Special Mass for Loss of a Child. A Mass will be offered as a source of healing for those who have experienced loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, prenatal diagnosis, abortion or loss of a child at any stage of life. This special Mass will help provide spiritual support and honour these precious children: Where: St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Rd, Remuera. When: Saturday 6 September 2025 5:00pm *Reconciliation & Adoration from 4:30pm In offering our loss to the Lord, we ask for strength and healing, trusting in His infinite love and mercy, giving us hope and consolation. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell St Michael's Catholic Parish 0276415615.

Interfaith Peace prayer service for peace in Gaza, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all war-torn places. 2pm Saturday 9 August. St Mark's Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd. All Welcome.

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. Please note that if the child is not yet baptised, one parent must provide proof of their own baptism into the Catholic faith in order to enrol their 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@stbenedictsaukland.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.
- Eucharistic Adoration Friday 1 August 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 UPDATED free parking details

August Prayer for our Priests

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Grant them the graces they need to administer your people.

Keep them pure and strong in your love.

Give them courage when things are difficult,
and accompany them when they are lonely.

Strengthen them in times of weakness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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:

William Leggett, Fr Francis Sheerin, Charles Jamieson, George Whitaker, Matthew Doran, Matthew McArdle, Peggy Scanlan, Michael Reardon, Raymond Willey, Mary Stanish, Peter Paardekooper, Peter Lyons, Monsignor Cahill, Francis Pilling, Jean Hook, Margaret Maher, Kevin Schdroski, Desmond Leith, Roy Reid, Makere Hurley, George Turner, Mara Nuimata, Stella Macdonald, Terry Hayman.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord