

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 10 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:** 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

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 Luke's Gospel this week, Jesus offers words of comfort and challenge to his disciples. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." These are deeply consoling words. Be not afraid despite how desperate things might seem, God's Kingdom is upon us. The world may feel uncertain, unjust, or even violent, but Jesus assures us that God is present, active, and generous. The Kingdom is not a distant dream but a present reality breaking into the world through the lives of those who trust in God.

Jesus encourages his disciples to divest themselves of possessions not so that they would earn themselves some eternal recompense but rather that they would be signs of God's Kingdom. The sign of God's Kingdom is found in self-emptying and service and not in power and wealth. Detachment from material goods allows believers to live in freedom, generosity, and trust. By choosing simplicity, Christians embody the values of God's reign—justice, humility, and love. Wealth and power tempt us to secure our own future, but discipleship calls us to live ready and alert for God's coming, not grasping at control.

The parable of the watchful servants reminds us to live with a sense of readiness and responsibility. God's Kingdom is not something we merely wait for—it is something we participate in. We are called to serve faithfully, care for others, and be trustworthy stewards of the gifts we've been given. Jesus speaks of the master who returns and finds his servants alert and serving—such people will be blessed.

Ultimately, this passage invites us to deeper trust, generosity, and service. To live without fear, to give freely, and to watch in hope: this is the shape of discipleship and the heart of the Gospel.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*First Reading* (Wis 18:6-9) Just as God came to the rescue of the Jews in Egypt, so he will save those who put their trust in him.

*Second Reading* (Heb 11:1-2.8-19) We are called to imitate the faith of the patriarchs, especially that of Abraham, 'our father in faith'.

*Gospel* (Lk 12:32-48) The parable of the waiting servants urges a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

Next weeks readings: Jer 38:4-6.8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53.

In this year of Jubilee we are delighted to welcome to the diocese David Wells, international speaker and friend of the diocese. The Pastoral Service Group warmly welcomes everyone to join us for a day with David reflecting on **A Pilgrims Journey in the Synodal Church**. Sancta Maria Auditorium 6th September 2025 10am to 3pm.

Lunch provided. FREE

Registration is essential on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/hope-in-a-synodal-world-david-wells/> The registration form can also be accessed through the QR code on the poster in the church foyer.

This is for everyone young adults, catechists, those working in ministries such as Proclaimers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA catechists. Anyone with a disciple's heart. For further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser 021439407 or email [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz). All are welcome.

**Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service**, Presider Bishop Steve Lowe. Wed 17 Sept 2025|7:00PM at the University of Auckland Maclaurin chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland. Light refreshments afterwards. Register by email to [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz). Mainstream Churches are participating, bring your friends along. Visit the following link for registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/karakia-for-creation-2025>.

### **ZOOM Webinar Lecture on 'Where are our Churches going together?'**

by Elizabeth Stone, General Executive Secretary of National Council of Churches Australia | Tues 19th August 2025 | 7:00PM NZT | Register by email to [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz) to receive the ZOOM link

The St Benedict's 2025 **Children's Sacramental Programme** is commencing later 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.

**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 UPDATED 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: Remedios Santiago and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Kathleen Cowley, Margaret Redmond, Thomas Hill, William Marinas, Hilario Marinas, Valentina Lacanilao, Sydney Yates, June Mansfield, Anastasia Farrell, Audrey O'Carroll, Patricia Kelly, Murray Lee, Anne Medrano, Alice Casey, Ivan Andrews, Bertram Andrews, John Bassett, William Crimmins, Margaret McKnight, Olive McMahon, Bernard McClusky, Irene Crimmins, Dorothea Kelly, Bert Morgan, Oscar Miranda, Isabella Lopez, Maree Hills, Fr Neville Browne, George Johnson, Doris Brien, Robert Carroll, John Gill, William O'Donnell, Peter Hughes, Mary Corbett, Grace Wilson, Emily Dunn, Norman Mitchell.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**