

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 31 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

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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

Many people find Luke's version of our Gospel story today the most attractive: it emphasises Jesus' compassion, his concern for those who are on the margins of society. But the evangelist also portrays God's saving power as overturning the accepted social order. This is clearly seen in today's Gospel, where Jesus is dining at the house of a prominent Pharisee. Observing how guests chose places of honour, Jesus tells a parable that upends conventional thinking about status and pride.

In a culture where honour and reputation were highly valued, choosing the lowest seat was countercultural. But Jesus urges his listeners to seek humility, not recognition. "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." This reversal is at the heart of the Kingdom of God: greatness is found in service, not in status. Those who try to lift themselves up will be brought low, while the humble will be lifted by God.

Jesus goes even further by instructing his host not to invite friends or wealthy neighbours to his banquet, but rather the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind—those who cannot repay. This radical hospitality reflects God's own inclusive love. It challenges us to open our hearts and tables to those who are often left out or forgotten.

Luke's Gospel reminds us that discipleship isn't about climbing social ladders, but about embodying God's mercy and justice. To follow Jesus is to resist the temptation of self-promotion and instead choose humility, generosity, and compassion. In doing so, we bear witness to a Kingdom where the last are first, and where every person, especially the least, is welcomed and valued. This is the vision of God's table—where grace replaces merit, and love replaces ambition.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Sir 3:17-20.28-29) There is praise for the person who is humble.

Second Reading (Heb 12:18-19.22-24) This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel (Lk 14:1.7-14) Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

Next weeks readings: Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Lk 14:25-33.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! 20 – 21 Sept 2025

Saturday 20th Food stalls, discover dishes from around the globe. Concert from 9am concert begins 1.30pm @ Sancta Maria College

Sunday 21st Sept Mass 1 pm @ St Luke Church Flatbush with Bishop Steve

Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Jubilee Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance sparks joy!

Vacancy - Pastoral Coordinator St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Cathedral Dean to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential. Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit. To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ Applications close at 5pm on 4th September 2025

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

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 5 September at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- **Mass for The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is at 7pm on Monday 8 September.
- 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

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, Arleen Canlas.

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

Isefo Ulugia, Elizabeth Irvine, Vicenta Sievert, Coralie Purdom, Winifred McHarry, Clive Paver, Andre Lynch, Patrick Smith, Telmo Fernandez, Bishop Denis Browne (10th Bishop of Auckland), Elizabeth Smith, Gordon Omahoy, Marcellina de Souza, Ida Swann, Peggy Jury, Moses Il-Mook Choi, Nellie Stowers, Robyn Vasquez, Elisay Josia, Thomas Metcalfe, Irene O'Keefe, Elisapeta Asi, Patrick Treacy, Maitland Williams, Catherine Reardon, Robert Curran, Elizabeth O'Brien, Edward Roycroft, Douglas Flemming, Mark Cassidy, Maurice Tangney, Grace Power, Finlay Bass, Antoniette Murrioni, Peter Buffett.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord