

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

Joyful liturgies are what we are about as Christians

Reflecting on Sacrosanctum Concilium - Thomas O'Loughlin - Sept 16, 2025

"The angels" he said, "have no senses; their experience is purely intellectual and spiritual. That is why we know something about God which they don't.

There are particular aspects of His love and joy which can be communicated to a created being only by sensuous experience. Something of God which the Seraphim can never quite understand flows into us from the blue of the sky, the taste of honey, the delicious embrace of water whether cold or hot, and even from sleep itself ... " – C.S Lewis

We humans, do we even need to say it, are passionate animals!

We have our loves and our hates, our up days and down days, and the times where we just want to sit quietly and be left alone.

Moreover, these emotional swings are not simply mood swings or based on how we feel when we get up in the morning.

There are times of genuine rejoicing – both for us as individuals and members of families, and for us as members of larger groups.

Likewise, there are hard times, sad times, lonely times, and even dangerous times.

And then there are all the times when we 'just are': neither good nor bad, neither particularly joyful nor sad, and we just keep moving on.

It is as people, individually and as members of communities, with all the changes in what is going on around and in our lives that we gather to worship God and to thank him as our Father in heaven.

So how do these ups and downs in our circumstances affect us as we gather for liturgy?

To be continued next week...

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Amos 6:1-4-7) Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel.
Second Reading (1 Tim 6:11-16) As Jesus was faithful to his call in face of an hostility that lead to his death, so Christians facing persecution should be faithful to God's call.
Gospel (Lk 16:19-31) We hear the story of a very rich man who ignored the plight of a beggar sitting at his gate.
Next weeks readings: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10.
For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

GENERAL NOTICES

Project and Music Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you looking for a role where you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people? Do you have experience in the areas of music ministry and events? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time Project and Music Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Please give your feedback As part of the National Office for Professional Standards' commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents. They are currently reviewing the 'Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church' and the 'Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church'. They welcome and encourage you to submit feedback through their [Reviews page](#), with submissions open until **31 October 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.
- 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 Borgueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham, Arleen Canlas.

We remember those who have died recently: Milagros Ramos

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Teto Garcia, Mary K, Lawrence Leydon, Fine Tamaso Latu, Michael Monaghan, Gerald George, John Stanish, Sinione Anae, Melita Gorretti Schwalger, Sonny Schwalger, Teancum Schwalger, Abish Schwalger, Villa de Guerio, Mark Flood, Fr John Daly, Patrick Traylen, Fr Peter Dunn, Francis O'Meara, Andrew Long, James Cranston, Rosendo Victoriano, Alethea Major, David Wakim, Anne Turner, Fr Lawrence O'Neil, Frank Orange, Mary Kelly, Ellen Reid, Mons Terry Leslie.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord