

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 5 OCTOBER 2025

Joyful liturgies are what we are about as Christians

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

(Continuing from last week)

Rituals as expressions of emotion

A simple answer is to see the liturgy as one more service we consume.

On this reckoning we should have unmitigated joy at weddings.

A similar joy is when a new child is welcomed among us – and most Christians have traditionally celebrated births by a baptism.

Then we could have sympathetic sorrow and mourning at funerals; and with darkened tones we could express our solidarity with those suffering after a disaster – and 'mourning with those who mourn' is very important.

Following this approach, a wedding – always the paradigm for human rejoicing as we see in Mt 9:15 – should provide us with lots of opportunities to express high spirits: it should be an occasion for fun.

Indeed, this is a formula used by those who want god-free secular ceremonies to satisfy the human need to ritualise our experience: it is always good to have an opportunity to ventilate and express how we feel deep down.

"Joy is not icing on the liturgical cake:

It should be its abiding flavour."

– Thomas O'Loughlin

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

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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 ~ 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4) The prophet complains to God about the prevalence of injustice, and God responds by promising to save those who trust in him.

Second Reading (2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14) Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to his ministry and to witnessing to Christ.

Gospel (Lk 17:5-10) A little faith, provided it is authentic, can do great things.

The disciples are urged to serve God without any claim on a reward.

Next weeks readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19.

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

GENERAL NOTICES

Tu Kahikatea Awards 2025 | Nominations now open!

Nominations for the 2025 Tu Kahikatea Awards are now OPEN!

The Tu Kahikatea Awards are annual awards given out by the Diocese of Auckland to recognise young people who have made an outstanding contribution in their community. The Awards are about celebrating the gift that young people are to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and thanking them for the significant contributions they have made.

For more information and to make a nomination go to:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/.../tu-kahikatea-awards/>

Nominations CLOSE Sunday 26th October.

Support Life Sunday 2025:

Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life

Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: “We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions.” Support Life Sunday 2025 provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

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

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

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](#)

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:

Violet Fitzpatrick, Fr Michael Shirres OP, Melkiau Thavethoo, Irene Prinsen, Akuila Paini, Celia Holley, Nevaeh Connelly Ridland, Mary Mangern, James Loughnan, Florrie Neven, Maddalena Brisighello, Robert Clark, Sarah Cameron, Hazel Reid, Stephen Batterton, Nellie Dunne, Gerald Gibbs, June Wilkins, John Casey, Robert Malone, Fr Peter Kay, Senia Auva’a, Nelson Mitchell, Alice Moyes, Mervyn Canning, Anstice Foley, Anastasia Farrell, Darry McCarthy, Victor Aquino.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord