

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 12 OCTOBER 2025

Joyful liturgies are what we are about as Christians

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

(Continuing from last week)

The Christian approach

But the Christian approach is far more complex.

At a wedding we introduce a dark note when we speak about 'until death' separates the couple.

Conversely, at a funeral we speak of death being 'swallowed up in victory,' of life being 'changed not ended,' and, with joy, of the angels leading the dead person into paradise.

Indeed, the most emotionally charged liturgical moment in the year – on the Friday recalling the crucifixion – we see that afternoon liturgy not as a stand-alone gathering but as one scene in a three-act drama.

It begins with the joy of Holy Thursday evening and ends the exultation of the Easter Vigil – so to be present at the Good Friday liturgy without the other two gatherings, in effect, to miss the whole point.

It is Good Friday in a series of three rejoicings – and on that afternoon it is the rejoicing in the victory of the Cross over death that we emphasise.

That emotionally most charged day is not one of dark mourning, nor do we rejoice in suffering, but we are rejoicing because we do not believe that suffering, death, and decay have the last word.

No matter when we gather to worship there is a note of joy in our gathering, and the question now becomes: why strike this joyful note even in the face of suffering?

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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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 ~ 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (2 Kgs 5:14-17) On being cured of leprosy, Naaman comes to believe in the true God, and is lavish in his gratitude towards the prophet Elisha.

Second Reading (2 Tim 2:8-13) Paul tells Timothy that the work of preaching the Gospel will result in hardship, opposition and persecution.

Gospel (Lk 17:11-19) The story of ten people who were cured of leprosy by Jesus, and how only one came back to thank him.

Next weeks readings: Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

GENERAL NOTICES

Catholic Kiwi Podcast: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

Scholarship for Theological Study Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for theological study. This scholarship will be available for those currently teaching or intending to teach in a Catholic school who plan to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2026. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 21st NOVEMBER 2025.

Join us for A Night at the Conclave with Cardinal John Dew at St Mary's College, 7.30pm, Friday 21 November. Discover the mystery of the Papal Conclave through Cardinal John's unique insights. All proceeds support the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, our Mother Church.

Details & tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/conclave>

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:

Fr Hazelzet, May Lillis, Herbert Robinson, Mary Mahoney, Audrey Kelly, Hugh Maguire, Clement Roden, Helen Reardon, Muriel McLeod, John Maxwell, Patrick Madigan, Josephine White, Anastasia McIntyre, Wilhelmina Spangerdt, Elaine Voordouw, Margaret Blewett, Alexander Moyes, Frederick Edwards, Matilda Feketito, Patricia Borg, Esme Roach, Rosarro Felix, Ron Milicich, Valda Catherine Roughan (Sr Theresa OP), Madge O'Keeffe, Florence Jayetileke, Peter Smit.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord