

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **2 NOVEMBER 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

In Luke's Gospel this Sunday, we encounter one of the most moving scenes in the life of Jesus — the raising of the widow's son at Nain. As the funeral procession approaches the city gate, Jesus is deeply moved by the grief of a mother who has lost her only son. In this touching story of compassion for a widow who has lost her only son, the divine power over life and death is seen only because it is called forth by human need. Jesus' heart is stirred not by authority or duty, but by love and empathy. His miracle is an act of divine tenderness, showing that God's power flows through compassion.

This Gospel passage speaks beautifully to the spirit of All Souls' Day, when the Church remembers and prays for all who have died. Just as Jesus met the mourning widow and restored her son to life, God meets us in our own grief and promises that death does not have the final word. The story of Nain reveals that God's response to human sorrow is not distant or abstract; it is immediate, personal, and life-giving. The same compassion that moved Jesus then continues to move through our prayers and remembrance today.

The remembrance of the dead at Mass is God's way of involving us in the final transfiguration of those we love. Our prayers and our love are drawn into God's healing and saving work. "May eternal light shine upon them." These words are not simply a pious wish; they express a profound truth — that through our prayer, we share in the mystery of resurrection. God gives us a part to play, through prayer, in the dawning of that light.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our beloved dead, we echo the faith of the widow of Nain: that in Christ, life conquers death. Compassion opens the door to resurrection, and in love, we glimpse eternity.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading (Rev 7:2-4.9-14) Here we have a vision of the victorious followers of Christ rejoicing in his presence in the heavenly Kingdom.

Second Reading (1 Jn 3:1-3) In his love for us God has made us his children, destined one day to see him as he is. We should live a life consistent with this great hope.

Gospel (Mt 5:1-12) Here Jesus talks about the qualities he wishes to see in his disciples, qualities that are exemplified in the lives of the saints.

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First Reading (Wisdom 3:1-9) The book of Wisdom encourages its readers to reflect upon the superiority of Israel's wisdom tradition and to stand firm in that tradition, especially when faced with suffering.

Second Reading (Rev 21:1-5a, 6b-7) Today's reading comes from the final part of Revelations. The former creation has passed away, and the disappearance of the sea points to God's total victory: evil has been destroyed and creation has been renewed.

Gospel (Luke 7:11-17) In today's Gospel account, the raising of the son of the widow of Nain, identifies Jesus as a Prophet whose ministry is focused on the vulnerable in society.

Next weeks readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9b-11, 16-17, John 2:13-22.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

GENERAL NOTICES

The 2026 Columban Art Calendars are available to purchase for \$13 each. If you wish to purchase, please make payment to the parish bank account (number printed opposite) using "Calendar" as the reference. Please email proof of payment to miranda@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz. Once proof of payment is received you can collect your calendar from the parish office or from the sacristy after mass. Please specify preferred option in your email.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: Wednesday 5th November 2025 11:00am at St Patrick's Catholic Church and Cemetery Panmure.

All parishioners from every parish are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy, as we gather to remember and pray for those clergy who have passed away in the past year.

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.

November Monthly Intention and Prayer for The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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:

Regina Maher, Violet Watson, Harry O'Donnell, Zita Jayesinghe, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Batty, Mary Bachelor, Robert McKnight, Patrick Kyne, Lyn Peoples, Peter Alvez, Elizabeth and Alfred Chapman, John Castle, Alice Murphy, Marion Fox, Kathleen Reardon, Ada Kemble, William Eville, Des Rosser, Helena Mondeiro, Stuart Drube, Edmund Treacy, Louisa Hanfling, Frank Mitchell, Ailsa Milligan, Dora Wenzlick, Paul Smith, Gladys Hewson, Erin Lister, Michael Rozijn.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord