

St Benedict's Weekly Schedule

Sat 15 November - Fri 21 November

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Tues 10am-4pm
Wed-Thu 9.30am-4pm
Fri 9.30am-2.30pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

Parish Mass at 6pm with Reconciliation
from 5pm-5.45pm

Sunday

Parish Mass 9.30am
with Fr Hemi Ropata

Filipino Mass 11.30am

Tongan Mass (3rd Sunday of the month)
1.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday

Mass 12.10pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Rosary at 6.15pm, Novena at 6.45pm

Mass at 7.15pm

Thursday

Mass 12.10pm

Friday

Mass 12.10pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm

Mass at 7.30pm



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



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In our Gospel this week, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming destruction of the Temple, a shocking prophecy for those who saw it as the very heart of God's presence. Yet, as the stones of the Temple would one day fall, Jesus turns their attention away from earthly grandeur toward the enduring reality of God's kingdom. With the destruction of the Temple, Luke captures the constant teaching of Jesus about the unexpected coming of the end. Luke's message is not one of abandonment, but through Jesus' suffering and that of his followers comes salvation.

This passage does not seek to instil fear, but faith. Jesus warns of wars, persecutions, and betrayals — realities that mark every age. Yet he promises, "Not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." These words assure us that God remains faithful even amid chaos and loss. The apparent collapse of what is familiar does not mean the absence of God, but the beginning of something new — a deeper encounter with divine life.

In many ways, this Gospel gives us a way to face our own times of upheaval, change, and uncertainty. In a sense all times are now. Every generation experiences its own "falling temples" — institutions, securities, or certainties that crumble. But in faith, we recognize that these moments can become opportunities for grace. Through steadfast trust and patient endurance, we discover that God's presence is not confined to what passes away but is revealed most powerfully in what endures: love, faith, and hope.

As the divine and the human meet in the wonder and mystery of the Eucharist, we are brought into that eternal moment where time and history give way to the presence of God. The Eucharist anchors us in this truth: that even when the world shakes, God remains constant. In Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, destruction is transformed into new life. This is the hope Luke offers — that through every trial, the promise of salvation stands firm, and in Christ, we are held in the eternal embrace of God.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Mal 3:19-20) For evildoers, the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgement; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation.

Second Reading (2 Thess 3:7-12) As far as possible, all should try to earn the food they eat.

Gospel (Lk 21:5-19) We hear a prediction of the destruction of the temple, and are told of the situation of Christians in a time of trial.

Next weeks readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:11-20, Lk 23:35-43.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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@stbenedictsauckland.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.

The 2026 Claretian Publications Bible Diaries are available to purchase for \$20 each. If you wish to purchase, please make payment to the parish bank account (number printed opposite) using *"Diary"* as the reference. Please email proof of payment to miranda@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz. Once proof of payment is received you can collect your Bible Diary from the parish office or from the sacristy after mass. Please specify preferred option in your email.

Ideal gifts for Christmas!

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.

Includes puzzles, colouring in pages, and links to other activities.

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.
 - We welcome Fr Hemi Ropata to celebrate his first mass at 9.30am on Sunday as a newly ordained priest. Please join Fr Hemi for a special celebration morning tea downstairs in the crypt following 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 parish weekly schedule and free parking details.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

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:

Tom Wilkin, Theodore Casey, Catherine Daly, Julia Webb, Ada Williams, Fr William O'Meara, Leslie Baker, Ila Connelly, Edward Murphy, David Wilkie, Austin Lister, Barry Hogan, Eleanor Dunn, Neil McKinney, Rose Smith, Sue Bourne, John Cheetham, Dennis Murray, Bill Shanly, Malcolm Diaz, George O'Dell, Rosa Law, Sue Bourne, Ellen Malcolm, Kevin Ryan, Ethel Dunne, Kenneth Mooney, Joanne Ahmu, Joe Reagan, Robert Merger, Johanna and Genevieve Barcham, David Smyth, Ruth Hogan.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord