

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9 NOVEMBER 2025

In our Gospel this week, Jesus enters the Temple in Jerusalem and drives out the money changers, declaring, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" This dramatic scene is more than a moment of anger; it is a prophetic act. Jesus reveals a deep truth about God's presence — that true worship is not about buildings or rituals alone, but about hearts turned toward the Father in spirit and truth.

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica celebrates this same mystery. The Lateran Basilica in Rome, the cathedral of the Pope as Bishop of Rome, is called "the mother and head of all churches." Yet today's feast is not merely about a building of stone and marble; it celebrates the living Church — the People of God, the Body of Christ — dedicated to being a dwelling place for God in the world.

In cleansing the Temple, Jesus pointed beyond the physical structure to himself as the new and living Temple: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." His death and resurrection fulfilled this promise. In him, the presence of God now dwells fully among us. Through baptism, we become part of this new temple — living stones built upon Christ, the cornerstone. The Lateran Basilica, therefore, stands as a sign of unity for all Christians, reminding us that we are called to be the visible presence of God's holiness in our communities and in our world.

This feast invites us to examine the temples of our own hearts. Are they places of prayer, compassion, and justice, or have they become cluttered with distraction and self-interest? Jesus' cleansing of the Temple challenges us to allow him to purify what is within us, so that we may be true dwellings of his Spirit.

As we honour the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we give thanks for the Church — the holy dwelling of God among his people. May we, like that sacred building, be renewed as signs of God's living presence and instruments of his peace and love in the world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

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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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 ~ THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

First Reading (Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12) On a feast that celebrates the unity of the church under the leadership of the pope (whose cathedral church is the Lateran Basilica), the reading explores the concept of the temple and how that imagery applies to our lives as Christians.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 3.9b-11, 16-17) Paul begins today's reading by calling the Christians God's building, and then he discloses even more: they are God's temple.

Gospel (John 2.13-22) While the Temple's activity is legitimate, Jesus implies that it is unseemly when he describes the place as his Father's house.

Next weeks readings: Mal 3:19-20, 2 Thess 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19.

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.

This Christmas, Monte Cecilia is working to provide Christmas packs for the families we support, and we need your help. We are seeking donations of unwrapped children's Christmas presents and non-perishable food items to create special packs that will bring joy to families living in our housing this holiday season. If you are able to contribute, your donation will go directly to making Christmas a brighter time for families in need. Donations can be dropped at our main office (30 Windrush Close, Mangere) during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and on Fridays from 9am to 4pm). If you wish to support us, please deliver your donation by Thursday 5 December. Monte Cecilia Housing Trust also supports those who are struggling with housing challenges, including those living in overcrowded or unhealthy conditions such as garages. Our Sustaining Tenancies team also helps families in private rentals who are at risk of losing their homes, working with landlords and tenants to find solutions that keep people housed and supported. To learn more about Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, visit www.montececilia.org.nz or call 0800 624 848.

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.

- 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

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

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Jean Wheeler, Eric O'Neill, Olav Leetberg, Bishop John Cunneen, Soane Watkins, Genevieve Barcham, David Mitchell, Thomas Doran, Anastasia Farrell, Bernard Kennedy, William Craigie, John Hynes, Paul Ah Poh Chia, Rene Colebourne, Joan Lister, Bridget Dunne, Alexander McNeil, Catherine Goonetilleke, Dulcie Gibbs, James O'Donovan, Lilian Nelson, Joanne Ahmu.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord