

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 9.30AM**

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 15 FEBRUARY 2026**

## 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Monday to Thursday 10am—4pm

Friday 9.30am—2.30pm

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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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus addresses the heart of the Law and challenges his listeners' assumptions about what faithfulness to God truly means. He makes it clear that he has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to bring them to fulfilment. This fulfilment is not a softening of God's demands but, rather, their deepening. Jesus moves the focus from external observance to the inner dispositions of the human heart.

One of the striking features of Jesus' teaching is his willingness to present an absolutely demanding ideal. Again and again he dismays his questioners by going further than they want. It is no longer enough to avoid murder; anger itself must be confronted. It is no longer enough to avoid adultery; lust and objectification are exposed as forms of unfaithfulness. Those who might have hoped for a manageable or comfortable righteousness are unsettled by Jesus' insistence that God desires integrity, not loopholes.

Jesus' teaching reaches its climax with the exhortation, "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." This perfection is not about flawlessness or moral pride, but about wholeness and completeness in love. God's perfection is revealed in mercy, fidelity, and radical generosity, and Jesus invites his followers to reflect that same love in their relationships and choices.

Such teaching can feel overwhelming. Jesus sets a standard that exposes our limits and our tendency to settle for the minimum. Yet this is precisely the point. By presenting an ideal that goes beyond legal compliance, Jesus draws his listeners into a living relationship with God. The Law is fulfilled when it shapes hearts capable of forgiveness, reconciliation, and self-giving love. Rather than lowering the bar, Jesus raises it—so that, relying on God's grace, we might grow into the fullness of life God desires for us.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** (Eccles 15:15-20) God has given us the freedom to choose to do good or evil, to choose life or death.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 2:6-10) True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

**Gospel** (Mt 5:17-37) Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples.

Next weeks readings: Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11.

*For Sunday /weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)*

### Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown

St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation. When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera

### Ash Wednesday

18th February, begins our six weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter; to "turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion" (Joel 2:12 from Ash Wednesday). Join in these short Zoom sessions through Lent: wake and pray, daily meditation 6.15am; Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm reading Pope Leo's "Dilexi Te" – his teaching on compassion for the poor; Saturdays 7-7.40pm reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. I look forward to sharing this Lenten journey with you.

Please contact [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Assumption invite you to the 2026 Aquinas Conference in Auckland held at Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu on 21st February. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9AM followed by four talks exploring the life and teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. It is open to all ages so please invite your family and friends. The Conference will be FREE of charge but donations (<https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory>) will be greatly appreciated!

### New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat and Seminar

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register,

visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

### Resources for families from the Auckland Diocese

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.
- Shrove Tuesday Mass Tuesday 17 February at St Benedicts at 7pm.
- Ash Wednesday Mass Wednesday 18 February at St Benedicts at 12.10pm and 7pm.
- 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.

### Prayer for Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love  
You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.  
Send your spirit upon these students  
And fill them with your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies  
And draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:**  
Teresa Rajaratnam, Phil Bawden, David Master, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borgueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

**We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
George Slade, Kika Adams, Ernest Price, Fr Clement Evans, Raymond Straka, Anita Geraghty, Ivan Mirko, Amy Young, Laura Smith, Clara Adato, Ernest Bannister, Veronica Gye, Michael Ramsey, Thomas Scannell, Basil Weatherill, June McCabe, Rodger Batucan, Jutan Lutera, Kyra Cole, Peter Consedine, Frances Macedo, Mary Maguire, Lindsay Gillniven, John Mitchell, Julia Tipping, James Tipping, Herbert Tipping, Ward Tipping, Edward Barry, Edith O'Brien, Evelyn Considine, Keith Gower.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**