

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 12 APRIL 2026

In our Gospel this week, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain after the events of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Into this space of fear and confusion, Jesus comes and stands among them, greeting them with the simple yet powerful words: "Peace be with you." His presence transforms the room. Fear gives way to wonder, and uncertainty begins to give way to faith.

Through his initiative, speaking to them and showing them the marks of his suffering and death, they see him as the Lord. The risen Christ does not hide the wounds of the cross. Instead, he reveals them. His wounds are the sign that his suffering and death are inextricably connected with his Lordship. The resurrection does not erase the cross; it glorifies it. Jesus is not simply restored to life as before. He is the risen from the dead living Lord, glorified precisely through the suffering and death that once appeared to be defeat. In the wounds of Christ we see the mystery that God's power is revealed in sacrificial love.

Jesus then breathes on the disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This moment echoes the breath of God that brought life to humanity in the beginning. By his breathing on them and speaking to them, the disciples become a new creation. They participate in the divine life through the Holy Spirit and are drawn into the continuing mission of Christ himself. The frightened followers who once hid behind locked doors are now entrusted with a profound responsibility.

Jesus commissions them as his envoys, sending them into the world just as the Father sent him. Their task is the work of reconciliation: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." The mission of forgiving sins continues Christ's own mission of restoring humanity to communion with God. Yet this mission will not be easy. Like Jesus, the disciples will discover that faithful witness may involve sacrifice, suffering, and even death.

The encounter with Thomas at the end of the passage reinforces this message of faith. Thomas moves from doubt to a profound confession: "My Lord and my God!" His words become the faith of the Church. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe, for through faith they too share in the life of the risen Lord.

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 2:42-47) The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.

Second Reading (1 Pet 1:3-9) Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-31) When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.

Next weeks readings: Acts 2:14,22-28, 1 Pet 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

REGINA COELI

Priest: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

All. For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Priest: Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

All. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Priest: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

All. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world. Grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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](#)

PRAYER FOR GLOBAL PEACE

Heavenly Father, I pray for peace across the world. Soothe conflicts and heal divisions among nations. Comfort those suffering from strife and guide leaders with wisdom.

Let Your love inspire unity and compassion. May Your peace prevail on earth.

Thank You for Your boundless grace. Amen.

Psalm 29:11

"The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." 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 every week before Mass on Saturday evenings from 5pm-5.45pm.

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

- 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.

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:
Terence Cunningham, Tess Dowling, Caleb Bailey, Bonnie McCafferty, Frank Shortcliffe, Mercedes Chung, Mary Ellen, Michael Carroll, May Craney, Nelly Simister, T. P. Monaghan, Dolly Turner, Bunny Hotene, Jimmy Petricevich, John Treacy, Madeleine Tocher, Brian Galvin, Antonia Macedo, Estrelita Andutan, Katalina Cservik, James Hebert, Maud Manley, Alice Keaney, Peter Moran, Mary Foy, John McEvoy, John Brown, Ella O'Neil Smith, Geoff Harris, John Woods, Ardimore Vakalahi, Asita Latu.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord