

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 19 APRIL 2026**

In Luke's Gospel this week we encounter the moving story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Two followers of Jesus are walking away from Jerusalem, weighed down with disappointment and confusion after the events surrounding the Crucifixion of Jesus. Their hopes seem shattered. They had believed that Jesus was the one who would redeem Israel, yet now he has died, and they struggle to understand what it all means.

As they walk, the risen Jesus himself draws near and begins to accompany them, though they do not recognise him. Even when he converses with them, explains the Scriptures to them and, in the light of his teaching, asks the leading question about the true career of the Messiah, they still do not recognise him. Their eyes remain closed, not because Jesus is absent, but because they cannot yet comprehend the deeper meaning of what has taken place. Jesus patiently leads them through the Scriptures, showing that the Messiah had to suffer before entering into glory. Their hearts begin to burn within them as he speaks, yet recognition still eludes them.

It is only later, when they reach Emmaus and invite the stranger to stay with them, that the moment of revelation occurs. During the meal, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. Through this action, associated with his words, he reveals himself to them as the suffering Messiah who is now in glory. The simple act of breaking the bread recalls the self-giving love that Jesus showed throughout his ministry and most fully in his death.

It is by their participating in his suffering and death for them, symbolised by his breaking the bread and giving it to them, that their eyes – the eyes of their faith – are opened. In that moment they recognise him, and yet he vanishes from their sight. The disciples then realise that the risen Lord had been with them all along.

The story reminds us that Christ is often recognised not in extraordinary displays of power, but in the breaking of the bread and in the patient unfolding of Scripture. When our eyes are opened by faith, we too discover that the risen Lord walks beside us on the road of life.

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:** 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**

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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 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading** (Acts 2:14.22-28) On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

**Second Reading** (1 Pet 1:17-21) The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

**Gospel** (Lk 24:13-35) The risen Jesus joins two of his disciples on their journey, and shows them that it was by dying that he entered into glory..

Next weeks readings: Acts 2:14.36-41, 1 Pet 2:20-25, Jn 10:1-10.

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

- 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.

## Foreign Currency Coins

Over the years we have received from donations a large amount of foreign currency coins which are not able to be banked. If you are travelling and would like to have these coins you are welcome to make arrangements with the office to collect in exchange for a donation (in NZ currency!) to the parish with our thanks.

We have American, Fijian, Great Britain, Euros, Samoan and Australian.

There is a smaller amount of Canadian, Cook Islands and Tongan.

**Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:**

Teresa Rajaratnam, Phil Bawden, David Master, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borqueta, Margie Newman, Jason Oxenham.

**We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Rodney Butterworth, Noreen Shanahan, Mary Rajaratnam, Nora Garner, Fr Pat Littlewood, Timothy Counihan, John Burton, Lorna Long, Sheila Murnane, Clare Bennett, Noel Darby, Pat Smith, Br John Swinkels O.P, Margaret Wright, Marcelle Ryland, Joan Fouhy, Molly Boey, Mary Morcom, Pita Valu, Allan Whittaker, Paul Leetberg, Joseph Williams, George Mooney, John McKay, Anne Webster, Rosetta Rothery, Bridget Carroll, Thomas Morcom, Deborah Tutty.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**