



St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 26 APRIL 2026

In our Gospel this week, Jesus presents the powerful image of the shepherd and the sheep. He contrasts the true shepherd with those who enter the sheepfold by other ways - thieves and bandits who come only to steal and destroy. The true shepherd, however, enters by the gate, calls his sheep by name, and leads them out. The sheep recognise his voice and follow him because they trust the one who leads them.

Jesus then deepens the image by declaring, "I am the gate." Through him the sheep find safety, nourishment, and life. Those who enter through him will be saved and will find pasture. The contrast is clear: while the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus comes so that his followers "may have life, and have it abundantly." The abundant life that Christ offers is not merely a comfortable or prosperous life; it is a life shared with God, a life shaped by love, service, and faithfulness.

Our following Christ is the imitation of him in the total reality of his life, death, resurrection and glorification. To follow the shepherd is not simply to listen to his words, but to walk the path he himself has walked. It means walking in his footsteps - an activity which we can do only individually and personally. Each disciple must respond freely to the call of the shepherd and follow him within the unique circumstances of his or her own life.

This following involves applying in our own individual circumstances the same attitude which we know Jesus had during his mortal life: doing good, serving others, and suffering injustice patiently out of love for his Father and for others. The voice of Christ calls us to live with the same generosity and faithfulness that marked his own life.

Jesus does not guide us only through words spoken in the depths of our hearts, though indeed we listen to his voice with the ears of faith. He has also given us something more visible and concrete: an example we can see with the eyes of faith. In his actions - his compassion for the poor, his forgiveness of sinners, his willingness to suffer for others - we see the path we are called to follow.

To walk through the gate that is Christ is to enter a life shaped by his love. In following the Good Shepherd, we discover the fullness of life that he promises.

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 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading (Acts 2:14.36-41) Here Peter proclaims Jesus as the risen Lord, and urges his hearers to repent and accept baptism.

Second Reading (1 Pet 2:20-25) Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.

Gospel (Jn 10:1-10) Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

Next weeks readings: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Vocations Sunday

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe invites us to support our seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary as they discern their call to the priesthood. If you are able, please consider donating at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate, and continue to keep them in your prayers. *QR code below.*



Rise up and Shine Festival

Taste the world, celebrate the culture! 30th of May, 2026. Starts at 10am with thanksgiving mass. Followed by social entertainment until 3pm. Music, zumba, food stalls and cultural show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance sparks joy.

At Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere.

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.
- Eucharistic Adoration Friday 1 May at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- 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.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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:

Lucy Kelly, Frank O'Neill, Fr Hay, Pieter Swinkels, Mariano Aberlardo, Lloyd Bannister, Jacob Ugochukwu, Mrs H. Ugochukwu, Nwachukwu family, Niumoefa Fakalata, Johanna Fitzwilliam, Rose Casey, Cornelius Mullins, Mavis Bendall, Liam Cogan, Desmond O'Brien, Winifred Proctor, Leavina Hopkins, Gladys Lineen, Br Albert Smith O.P, Alice Cobourne, Ann Clayton, John Harbridge, Fr Albert Fogarty O.P, Dorothy Legg, Patricia Hughes, Laupama Paleti, Arthur Green, Arthur Insley, Nellie Nola, Laurence Ryan, William Murphy, Fred Smith, Ermine Temperman, Jo Numan, Fr Philip Purcell.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord