

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 3 MAY 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**

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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 the Gospel this week, Jesus offers profound comfort to his anxious disciples on the eve of his crucifixion. Facing his imminent departure, he reassures them not merely with the promise of a future heavenly dwelling place, but with the immediate, transformative reality of his perfect union with God.

When Philip desperately asks, "Lord, show us the Father," Jesus responds with a stunning claim about divine intimacy. The relationship between Jesus and his Father is so close and profound that to know Jesus is to know the Father, that is, personally and intimately experience the Father, as children know their father. Jesus is the perfect, unblemished mirror of the Divine; there is no hidden, distant God behind the back of Jesus. Every act of profound compassion, every word of uncompromising truth, and every gesture of healing witnessed in Christ's earthly ministry is a direct, unfiltered encounter with the Creator's own heart.

However, this theological truth is not meant to be passively observed; it is a catalyst for our own transformation. The purpose of this revelation is not only that every believer should know God as Father and so enjoy the divine life but also that they should complete Jesus' mission from his Father by doing even greater works than Jesus did during his mortal life. These "greater works" do not imply a greater inherent power or divinity than Christ, but rather a greater earthly scope.

Empowered by the promised Holy Spirit, the disciples - and all future believers - are tasked with multiplying this grace, taking the love and restorative justice of God far beyond the geographical borders of first-century Judea and into all corners of the world.

Ultimately, this passage serves as an enduring invitation to divine adoption and lifelong imitation. The believer, being a member of God's family, is called to behave exactly as God shows himself to act in the incarnate person of his Son. By abiding deeply in the love of the Father and looking constantly to the Son as our ultimate template for living, we step fully into our true identity. We become the living hands and feet of Christ, bringing his light, his healing, and his truth to a fractured world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading** (Acts 6:1-7) We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

**Second Reading** (1 Pet 2:4-9) This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

**Gospel** (Jn 14:1-12) Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

Next weeks readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21.

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

St Michael's Parish Remuera Scripture Study: 'THE EXODUS' by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus. Please join us at St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May. 10:30am - 11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by midday Mass. No registration required.

### Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland. For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) or see their Facebook page: @AKCYM

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls on 17-24 May. Gather your people, join us and the other Christian Church communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00pm on Friday 29th May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Let us respond to Christ' prayer to the Father, "That may they all be one." It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic.

### 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:**

Rita McMillan, Tanisha Gallahar-Ikitule, Fr Bernard Larkin, John Walsh, Veneranda Fernandez, Rita Wills, Alexander Hattie, Mons L. Buxton, Owen McKearney, Timothy Clews, Willman Rodriguez-Gomez, Jerome Ozich, James Dalton, Josephine Shields, Agnes Hobson, Michael Moore, Therese Greentree, Kevin Courtney, John Grogan, Mary Evans, Isaac Condon, Rose Henry, Augustine Smith, Vera Robinson, Frederic Nagel, Patricia Malone, Lawrence McNamara, Keith Connolly, Walter Mangan, Rita O'Shea, Timoteo Samontina, James Connolly, John Smyth, Violet Dessa, Sr Mary Aloysius O.P.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**