

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ 5 APRIL 2026

In the climax of the Easter Triduum we are brought to one of the most profound and mysterious moments of the Christian story. Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb “early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark.” The darkness is not only the darkness of early morning; it also reflects the confusion, grief, and uncertainty of those who loved Jesus. The events of the Crucifixion of Jesus still weigh heavily on their hearts.

Now we stand at the empty tomb just as the sun is rising. The stone has been rolled away, and the place that once held the body of Jesus is empty. At first this discovery brings anxiety rather than understanding. Mary assumes that someone has taken the Lord away. She runs to tell Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, and together they hurry toward the tomb. Their running captures the urgency of the moment—the sense that something extraordinary has happened, though they do not yet fully grasp what it means.

When they arrive, the beloved disciple stoops down and looks in. Peter enters the tomb and sees the linen cloths lying there, and the cloth that had covered Jesus' head rolled up separately. These small, quiet details matter. They suggest that this is not the work of grave robbers or chaos. Instead, there is a sense of order and purpose. The beloved disciple then enters, sees, and believes. Faith begins to dawn, much like the light of morning slowly spreading across the sky.

Standing at the empty tomb as the sun rises is a powerful image for the Christian life. The resurrection is not first announced with dramatic words but with a quiet discovery that invites faith. In the growing light of dawn, the disciples begin to move from confusion to hope, from fear to belief. The empty tomb does not simply tell us that death could not hold Jesus; it reveals that God has begun something entirely new.

Like the first disciples, we often approach life while it is still dark, unsure of what lies ahead. Yet the empty tomb reminds us that God's power is already at work, even when we cannot yet see the full picture. As the sun rises over the garden tomb, hope rises in the human heart, and the promise of new life begins to unfold.

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

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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 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43) This is part of an early sermon preached by St Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and Judge of the living and the dead.

Second Reading (Col 3:1-4) Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (Jn 20:1-9) On their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of his resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples.

Next weeks readings: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pet 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

VACANCY - Reshaping Facilitator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Diocese seeks a mission-focused Reshaping Facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping journey. This role will equip parishes with resources, facilitation, and professional support. This is a three 3-year fixed term role, full-time or two part-time roles considered. For full details and to view the position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close 24 April 2026.

The Graduate Choir NZ

FRANCISCVS - a special recital presented by The Graduate Choir NZ that commemorates the papacy of Pope Francis in song and spirit.

Tuesday 21 April 2026 - 7:30 PM - St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera, Auckland.

FRANCISCVS features an evocative programme of sacred choral works - including John Rutter's Requiem - performed in the rich, resonant acoustics of St Michael's. You'll also hear pieces by Poulenc, Howells, Harris, Artley and Duruflé, performed with soprano Elizabeth Mandeno, organist Philip Smith, and a small orchestra alongside the choir. Whether you're a longtime choral lover or looking for a profound musical experience this autumn, this evening of reflection and exquisite harmony is not to be missed. Tickets from NZ\$30-\$40 + booking fees.

Grab yours on iTICKET now! <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2026/apr/franciscus>

Resources for families from the Auckland Diocese

Kids Korner: [Click here](#) Parent Ponderings: [Click here](#)

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of love enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. 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:
John Lynch, Alexious Jones Adelaide Fitzpatrick, Andrew Sullivan, Ole Lelisi, Annie Monk, Jean Slater, Helen McCoy, Dorothy Lewis, George Thomas, Catherine Shields, Jeremy Freedman, Ivy Cowsill, Bert Walker, Daniel Doran, Fr J. Shore, Lawrence Cunningham, Hilton Taylor, Thomas Karl, Jan de Haast, Owen McSwiney, Kit Ledingham, Kathleen Brady, Fr Andrew Faith, Liz Kelly, Thomas Donaghy, Paulo Auva'a, Sarah Mallon, Mary Whitener, Margaret Van Veen.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord