



**St Benedict's**  
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 10 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**

Contact the Parish Office  
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**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE**

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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

**Abiding in the Spirit: A Call to Unity**

In the heartfelt discourse of John's Gospel leading up to his passion, Jesus makes a profound promise to his disciples: he will not leave them orphaned. He promises the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will dwell with them and in them forever.

Today's reading is one of the many summaries of John's vision of Christianity: the Father is the point of departure for all authentic views of life; Jesus is sent by the Father and teaches us because he and the Father are one; we are Church when we live abiding in the love of the Lord; each individual baptized in the Lord's name becomes one with him through the ongoing gift of the Spirit.

This continuous, divine indwelling completely transforms how we understand our faith. It moves us from merely observing God from a distance to actively participating in His very life. As Jesus assures his followers: When the Spirit comes, 'On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you' (14:20). What does this mean for our parish family as we walk out of the church doors and into our daily routines? It means that our faith is deeply connected. John's is a theology and spirituality of unity, reminding us that in the Spirit we too can be sources of unity for others. In a world that so often feels fractured, polarized, and isolating, our community is called to be a living, breathing sign of this divine togetherness. When we love Christ and keep his commandments, we become vessels of his peace to everyone we encounter.

Therefore, today's liturgy is a challenge to refocus our personal and communal lives on the central values of life in the Spirit. It asks us to look closely at our habits, our conversations, and our daily interactions. Are we fostering division, or are we actively building bridges through the grace of the Holy Spirit? Let us open our hearts to the Advocate this week, allowing God's unending love to bind us closer to Him and to one another.

Fr Stephen Berecz

## LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading** (Acts 8:5-8.14-17) We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

**Second Reading** (1 Pet 3:15-18) Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

**Gospel** (Jn 14:15-21) To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

Next weeks readings: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20.

*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.*

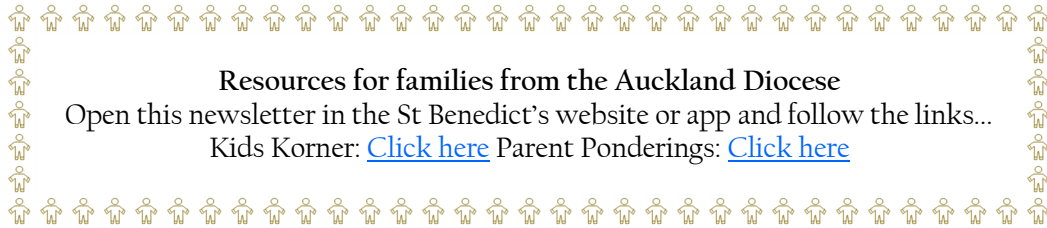
All. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

*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](#).

## Rise up and Shine Festival

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! 30th of May, 2026.  
Starts at 10am with Thanks Giving Mass. Followed by 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.

**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.

**We remember those who have died recently:** Jason Oxenham.

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Jessie Price, Fr Antoninus Hingston OP, Jason Hotere, Fr Esmond Klimeck OP, Bartholomew Roach, Martin Fairebrace, Joseph Slykerman, Graham Wilson, Trudi Johnston, Charles Mullins, Patrick Gilroy, Charles Mullins, Patrick Gilroy, John Numa, Seamus Casey, Bill Mitchell, Frederick Davis, Chris Toye, Leonardus Kuypers, Robina Reardon, Lucina Dolon, Bernard Glynn, Thelma Radcliffe, Mary O'Connor, Jeannie Hyde, Eileen Brown, Barry Jones.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**