

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ 24 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: 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

Breathing New Life

In the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday, we find the disciples huddled behind locked doors, paralyzed by fear and uncertainty following the crucifixion. Suddenly, the risen Christ stands among them, piercing their anxiety with a profound greeting: "Peace be with you." He shows them His wounds - the undeniable marks of His sacrifice - and then commissions them to continue His work in the world.

Central to this commissioning is an intimate, transformative act: Jesus breathes on them. This echoes the very dawn of creation, when God breathed life into the first human. Here, Christ is breathing new spiritual life into His emerging Church. As we reflect deeply on this moment, we must understand that the words 'Receive a Holy Spirit' express both a fact and a command: by breathing on them, Jesus is giving them the Holy Spirit, but they must accept this gift actively. The Spirit is freely and graciously poured out, yet it requires our willing, conscious cooperation to bear fruit in our daily lives.

Jesus immediately links this outpouring of the Spirit to a specific, vital mission: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." The reference to the forgiveness of sins evokes and suggests that the disciples are to be the community in which the new covenant, climaxing in the forgiveness of sins, is to be realised and actualised. God's law is no longer merely written on stone tablets, but inscribed upon the transformed human heart.

What does this mean for our parish today? It reminds us that our church is not just a gathering place, but a living, breathing community entrusted with a profound ministry of reconciliation. We are called to actively open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, unlocking our own doors of fear, judgment, or resentment. Empowered by that Spirit, we are challenged to become living vessels of God's mercy, extending the radical forgiveness of the new covenant to a world desperately in need of healing.

Fr Stephen Berecz

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11) Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the affect it had on them.

Second Reading (1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13) The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-23) The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.

Next weeks readings: Ex 34:4-6.8-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: 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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MIGRANT CHAPLAINCIES

Rise Up & Shine Festival

Saturday 30th May 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00 pm

At Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere

Starts: 10:00am - Thanksgiving Mass

Followed by: Social Entertainments till 3pm.
Music, Zumba, Food Stalls and Cultural Shows

KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.
CELEBRATE OUR
ONENESS IN
CHRIST

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](#)

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](#).

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

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: Maria Elena Basilio Jaucian.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Robin Wheeler, Daniel Lyne, Anne Smith, Eileen McGuinness, Kathleen Judson, Blessie Gotingco, Isabel O'Connor, Kevin O'Donnell, John Meehan, Paul Temm, Francis Smith, Stella Jarka, Mary Shanahan, James Maher, Mary Lane, Caroline Coriah, Helen Nicol, Bernard Morahan, Ruperto Bembo, Florence Phillips, Catherine Loney, Desmond Maher, Fr Hennessey, Ellen Bates, Sonya Vessey, Anna Mitchell, Janet Maxwell, Alan Dougherty, Jackie McDonald, Raymond Courtney, Sue Martin, Siew Yam Tong, Frederick Woodworth, Madeleine Regan, Annie Fleming, Priscilla Quested, Edward Handleby, Norah Canning.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord