

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY ~ 31 MAY 2026

On Trinity Sunday, we are invited to contemplate the profound mystery of God's inner life. In the third chapter of John's Gospel, we encounter the beautiful truth that God's response to the world is rooted in overwhelming, self-giving love: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." This passage challenges us to recognize how we relate to this Triune God.

Often, we are tempted to search for the Divine as if looking for a distant object or a lofty concept. Yet our God is not one whom we 'find' by our human efforts outside ourselves, but one whom we 'find', as Pascal put it, only because 'he found us first'. The mystery of the Trinity is not merely a theological puzzle to be solved, but a living reality taking root in our own hearts. This God is within us, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit or – reciprocally – we are as children of the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

St. Augustine of Hippo beautifully captured this profound inner presence when he stated that this God is 'more intimate to me than I am to myself'. The early Fathers of the Church understood the magnitude of this gift, describing this transformative relationship as our 'divinisation' - our gracious invitation to share in the very life of God.

We might mistakenly fear that yielding to such an overwhelming divine presence could erase our individuality. However, far from diminishing our humanity or infringing on our rights and responsibilities, God truly liberates us and fulfils our human dignity. Recognizing the Trinity dwelling within us impels us to respect ourselves for what we are and to serve our fellow humans. When we truly see God within ourselves, we inevitably see Him in others, recognizing that all of them are called to be children of God, our brothers and sisters, through Jesus in the Spirit. Ultimately, this divine love flows outward, calling us to serve also the rest of God's creation, tending to the world the Father so deeply loves.

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 ~ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading (Ex 34:4-6.8-9) God reveals himself to Moses on Mt Sinai as a God who is faithful to his promises and rich in tenderness and compassion.

Second Reading (2 Cor 13:11-13) Paul encourages the Corinthians to live in peace and love. The reading contains a trinitarian blessing which is used as a greeting at Mass.

Gospel (Jn 3:16-18) God has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us all. All who believe in him will be saved.

Next weeks readings: Deut 8:2-3.14-16, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 5th June 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.

WYD27 Launch Event

Join us for the official launch of the Auckland & Hamilton diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. This is your chance to get all the details! The Launch will take place at Holy Family Korean Parish (28-32 Bishop Dunn Pl, Flat Bush) on Sunday 7 June, starting at 2:30pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe. Registrations are essential! Secure your spot here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-2027-launch>

Fr Paul Turner Ars Celebrandi Workshop

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference warmly invites clergy, parish liturgy teams, school staff, deacons, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy to a special workshop with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner.

Inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, this workshop will explore the ars celebrandi, the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, and fidelity to the mind and heart of the Church. Fr Paul Turner will lead practical and enriching session aimed at deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and strengthening the celebration of Mass in our parishes and schools. Fr Paul Turner is pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph. Date: Saturday 25th July. Venue: Christ the King Church, Owairaka, 260 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill. Time: Parish Mass @ 9am Sessions start at 10am to 2.30pm. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch please. Register at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/

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.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday 5 June 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.

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Caffery, Sereana Samson, Phillip Zambucka, Molly Sullivan, Elsie Sketchley, Andrew Durrant, Mona Caffery, Annie Niumata, Letty Andrews, Joseph Desa, Bishop Len Boyle, Leondra Healey, Michael Doyle, Fr O'Carroll, Peter Battersby, Michael Bourke, Fr Tom Hogan, Jericho Hagai, Bernard Macedo, Thomas Netto, Thomas Daly, Hugh Cooney, Prudence Whitaker, Peter Lehrker, Mary Doyle, Humberto Master, Claire Slocum, Maria Out, Basil Otway, Catherine Power, Antonio Hombre, Vitolia Auva'a, Gladys Ryan, Anthony McGowan, Henry Swindley, Rosa Kyner, Jose Montoya, Christopher Meredith, Michael Melia, William Mullally, Edward Sefton, Fr Alfred Bennett, Cecil Mercer, Bill Clarke, Ian MacBeth, Norah English.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord