

Liturgy of the Word ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Ex 19:2-6) God has shown his love for the Israelites by choosing them to be his very own people. They must respond in kind.

Second Reading (Rom 5:6-11) God showed his great love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel (Mt 9:36-10:8) Here we see the compassion Jesus had for the ordinary people in their sufferings.

Next weeks readings: Jer 20:10-13, Rom 5:12-15, Mt 10:26-33.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

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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.”

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.

Bishop Steve Lowe will be at St Benedicts the weekend of 20 and 21 June beginning with the confirmation of our sacramental programme candidates at 6.30pm on Friday 19 June. First Holy Communion for these candidates will be at 9.30am mass on Sunday 21 June. All are welcome to attend these special occasions.

- 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:

Phil Bawden, David Master, Margie Newman, John Shaw.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr Flynn, Daniel Reardon, Adelaide Williams, Chang Yi Huang, James Titford, Marion Bradecina, Esley Ulrich, Norman Otway, Alice O'Neill, Br Remigius, Barbara Halstead, Margaret Coad, Sr Catherine Tither OP, Vera Williams, Fr Lavelle, Mr Low, Phillip Cusens, Fritz Schaumkell, Harold McSweeney, John Rankin, Tess Grant, Edward O'Keefe, Tony Willis, Jean O'Neill, Thomas Cotter, Francis Otway, John Pain, Patrick Mahoney, Pat McGreal, Paddy Clarke, Joan Molloy, Joseph Anderson, Nicholas Cain, John Brady, Van Der Griend, Veronica Fox, Michael Whelan, Ludo Antinovich, Alice & Harold O'Neill, Hanna Smyth, Fr Ambrose Loughnan OP, Norma Samontina.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

ETHNIC MASS TIMES

Filipino: Every Sunday at 11.30am

Tongan: 3rd Sunday of the month at 1.30pm

Indonesian: 4th Sunday of the month at 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

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Thursday 10am—4pm
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PARKING AT 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

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In this week's Gospel, we are offered a profound glimpse into the heart of Jesus. Looking out over the crowds, He is moved with deep, visceral compassion because the people are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus does not remain a distant observer to human suffering. Instead, His immediate response is to empower His disciples to become laborers in a plentiful harvest, sending them out to heal, comfort, and proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.

This calling was not just for the original Twelve; it is a direct blueprint for our own daily discipleship. Jesus reminds them, "Freely you have received; freely give." Yet, before we can freely give to others, we must first recognize what we have received. Our ability to bind the wounds of a fractured world is entirely dependent on our willingness to draw close to the Good Shepherd and allow ourselves to be loved and sustained by Him.

"At this point, let us ask a few questions: we, who believe in God who is close, I wonder: do we confide in him? Do we know how to look forward trustfully, like a child who knows he is held in his father's arms? Do we know how to sit in the Father's lap with prayer, by listening to the Word, partaking of the Sacraments? And finally, close to him, do we know how to instil courage in others, to make ourselves close to those who suffer and are alone, to those who are distant and even those who are hostile? This is the substance of faith. This is what counts." Pope Francis

The call to be labourers in the harvest begins with profound intimacy. When we cultivate a trusting, childlike closeness with our Heavenly Father, we are naturally propelled outward. Let us pray this week for the grace to rest deeply in God's presence, so that we may have the strength and courage to bring His restorative compassion to everyone we encounter.

Fr Stephen Berecz