

Liturgy of the Word ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Jer 20:10-13) The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet.

Second Reading (Rom 5:12-15) St Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Mt 10:26-33) Christ exhorts his disciples to open and fearless witness to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care in all their trials.

Next week's readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11.14-16, 6:3-4.8-11, Mt 10:37-42.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

World Youth Day Auckland 2026

10:00am-8:30pm Saturday 1st August at Victory Convention Centre

Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS.

Inspired by the Scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27).

This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world.

For more info and to register go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

Prayer for Children Receiving Sacraments

Lord, we lift up these children as they receive Your holy sacraments. Fill their hearts with faith, joy, and a deep love for You as they take these sacred steps in their spiritual journey. May Your grace strengthen them, guide them, and keep them always in Your loving care. We ask this through 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](#)

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 this weekend (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, Eva Mitchell, Dave Harrop.

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

William Kelly, Stuart Brown, Zita Smith, William Carson, Juliette Rousseau, Patrick Carroll, Freda Francis, Mary O'Brien, John Barrett, Rita Bunting, Maria Callinan, Samantha Catalan, Hannah Treacy, Leo Dunn, Dominic Slocum, Onolina Auva'a, Analena Veufilo, KT Thomas, Mary Hynes, Louise Kreig, Nancy Storck, Flora Gower, Vittoria Iti, Antoinette Moon, Jessie Hundleby, May Dunne, Maureen Tuckerman, Thelma Crimmins, Zeena Pereira, CG Thomas, Barbara Dalley, Hannah Smyth, John Lolohea, Tausaga Iolama.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 21 June 2026

Jesus speaks words of both challenge and reassurance to his disciples in this week's Gospel. He urges them not to be afraid, even in the face of opposition and hostility. What is hidden will be revealed; what is whispered will be proclaimed. The mission of the disciple is not one of silence, but of courageous witness. Faith is not meant to remain private or concealed, but to be lived openly and truthfully before others.

Yet Jesus recognises the reality of fear. He speaks directly to it: "Do not be afraid." Human threats, though real, are not ultimate. The deeper truth is that each person is known and valued by God. Even the hairs of our head are counted. This intimate knowledge reflects a profound care—God's loving attention to every detail of our lives. The disciple's courage, therefore, is not rooted in self-confidence, but in trust in God's enduring presence.

This passage also calls for a public acknowledgment of faith. "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father." Discipleship involves a visible commitment, a willingness to stand with Christ even when it is difficult. It is a relationship that shapes both belief and action. So the task of the community is to act together to bear witness to the love and care of God before our fellow human beings. This witness is not merely expressed in words, but in the way the community lives. If we seek forgiveness from God, we must forgive others, as we pray in the The Lord's Prayer. If we seek love and care from God, we are called to extend that same love and care to those around us.

This raises a deeper challenge: can the Christian community organise itself so that it visibly reflects God's compassion? Can it be seen caring for those suffering from injustice, hatred, sickness, and the exploitation of the environment? These are not optional concerns; they are at the heart of authentic witness.

If the community lives in this way, it becomes more than a collection of individuals. It becomes the body of Christ in the world. And as it faithfully embodies his love before others, it can stand with confidence as the body of Christ in the presence of the Father.

Fr Stephen Berez

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

Friday 9.30am—2.30pm

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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