

Liturgy of the Word ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (2 Kgs 4:8-11.14-16) A beautiful act of hospitality is rewarded by God.

Second Reading (6:3-4.8-11) Through baptism we are united to the death and resurrection of Christ.

Gospel (Mt 10:37-42) This stresses the sacrifices involved in being missionaries of Jesus, and also the greatness of even the smallest act of hospitality offered to those missionaries.

Next week's readings: Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9.11-13, Mt 11:25-30.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd July 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.

Clergy Jubilee Mass

Parishioners are invited join the priests for the Clergy Jubilee Mass on Tuesday 30 June at 11am at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka.

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.
- Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- There will be a second collection at mass this weekend in support of the annual Peter's Pence collection.
- 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:

Patrick Coleman, Charles Barton, Robert McKnight, Martin Leith, Respicio Adato,

Maria Stanish, Chris Yallop, Madge Tracey, Ken White, Margaret McCoach,

Rosina Bradecina, Murray Gibson, Jill Page, Francis Bryant, Francis Foy, Patrick Doyle,

Alan Murray, Standly Perera, Harold O'Neill, Evelyn Clark, Ruby Sutcliffe, Mary Foley,

Catherine Stapleton, Connie Hancox, Soter Michael, Sophia McVey, Eleanor Whitaker,

Desmond Kruse, Mary Scansie, Thomas Shields, Olive Wishart, James McKnight,

Francis Clinton, Oommen Kuriakose, Edward Quinn, Sheila Cooney, Margaret Farnall,

Mary Goldie, Jean Agnes, Jessie Mills, Thomas Benton, Mabel Otway, Neil O'Leary,

Terrence L'Estrange, Nina McKay, John Wootton.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



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The Grace of Hospitality

In this week's Gospel, Jesus presents us with both the profound demands and the beautiful rewards of true discipleship. He begins with challenging words, asking us to place our love for Him above all other earthly attachments - even our closest family ties - and to willingly take up our cross. Yet this call to radical dedication quickly shifts to a comforting teaching on the power of hospitality: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." Jesus assures us that even a gesture as small as offering a "cup of cold water" to a disciple carries eternal significance.

This focus on welcoming reminds us that evangelization is a deeply relational exchange of grace. However loudly and clearly the Gospel is proclaimed it will be effective only if and when it is well received. When we step out in faith to share Christ's love, we must remember that we are not introducing God to a vacuum. That people do perceive, listen to and welcome God's envoys indicates that they already know God, however vaguely.

The desire for the Divine is woven into the very fabric of the human heart. Their acceptance is a recognition, a realisation of God's innate call, which is stimulated and encouraged by the apostolic testimony. This truth should give us profound hope and relieve us of the burden of feeling like we must do all the heavy lifting ourselves. Wherever the Gospel is preached, God's Spirit is already working. Our task is simply to cooperate with the grace that is already actively moving in our communities.

Yet to be effective cooperators, we must first examine our own interior lives. We should, first of all, reflect today on how we, successors of the first apostles, receive God into our lives, because if we are to represent him to others we must ensure that we are receiving and welcoming him. We cannot share a hospitality of spirit that we have not first cultivated ourselves. Let us use this time to clear away the spiritual clutter in our own hearts, making a welcoming space for Christ, so that we might authentically recognize and draw out His presence in everyone we meet.

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 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