

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ 7 JUNE 2026

The Dangerous Memory of Love

In the deeply moving discourse of John's Gospel (6:51-58), Jesus presents Himself with radical vulnerability, declaring, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." He boldly promises that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life, and He will raise them up on the last day. As we hear these words on this solemn feast, we are called to reflect deeply on the magnitude of the gift placed before us.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of the Christ, offered to us as symbols of his love and ritually celebrated so that he can be always present to us. When Jesus offers His flesh and blood, He is not speaking in mere abstractions. He is giving us His very self, inviting us into an intimacy so profound that His life literally sustains ours. Through the Eucharist, we are invited to abide in Him, just as He abides in us.

Gathering around the altar, we participate in something far greater than a solitary act of devotion. This renewal of his sacrifice is also the messianic banquet, a community meal, a pledge of life together in eternity. By sharing in the one loaf and the one cup, our parish is bound together, drawn out of isolation and into true communion with Christ and with one another. We are challenged to become what we receive.

Yet, to partake in this sacrament is not merely a passive comfort. It is also a memorial, a dangerous memory that shocks us into realizing that we could actually forget what God has done for us. It is a "dangerous" memory because it shatters our spiritual complacency. It forces us to confront the gritty reality of the cross—the immense, selfless price of our salvation—and jolts us awake from the everyday distractions that so easily crowd God out of our lives.

We must not let the familiar routine of our worship dull the impact of this extraordinary gift. Let us not forget. Rather may these memories call us to take a stand and rededicate ourselves to the Lord in gratitude for his love. Nourished and transformed by the Body and Blood of Christ, let us step out of our church doors ready to be His living, loving presence in a hungry world.

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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading (Deut 8:2-3.14-16) The author exhorts the people to remember that they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his word.

Second Reading (1 Cor 10:16-17) In the Eucharist we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one Body in Christ.

Gospel (Jn 6:51-58) As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ nourishes us for this life and eternal life.

Next weeks readings: Ex 19:2-6, Rom 5:6-11, Mt 9:36-10:8.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com



Monte Cecilia Housing Trust Annual Winter Woollies Appeal

As the colder months approach, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust requests your support for our families in need through our annual Winter Woollies Appeal.

We are seeking donations of new warm clothing and blankets to help keep everyone warm this winter.

If you can help, please bring your donations to our main office: 30 Windrush Close, Mangere, Auckland Mon – Fri 9am-4pm. If you'd rather make a financial contribution, you can do so through Monte Cecilia's website. Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support.

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

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.
- Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 12 June at St Benedicts with mass at 7pm.

18th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr Gilbert Ramos

You are invited to join in the celebrations and morning tea after 9.30am parish mass downstairs in the crypt

at St Benedicts on Sunday 14 June 2026

All are welcome!

- 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:
Bridget Walsh, Leslie Angus, John Reid, Bill Reid, Julian Esperanza, Archie Johnson, Paul Chai Ah Poh, Betty Stack, Brian Curtis, Thomas Kyne, Varner Cook, Hilary Stewart-Keenan, Monica Swindells, Joseph Wheeler, Annabella McKnight, Ngaire McClure, Declan O'Keefe, Bill Hudson, Gerald Hickey, Anna Dunwoodie, Mary McPherson, Anna Davies, Lily Ah Sam, James Ah Sam, Allwyn Fernandes, Ken Moran, Jeanne Biddulph, William Barton, Mary Barker, James Barker, Nelson Lao, Alma Bell, James Broderick.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord