

Liturgy of the Word ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Wis 12:13,16-19) God has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. But this reading talks about his leniency, and how we ought to imitate it.

Second Reading (Rom 8:26-27) The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find the words to express what is on our minds.

Gospel (Mt 13:24-43) The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time.

Next week's readings: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Catholic Caring Foundation

For Caring Sunday, the 19th of July, please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped. A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

To make your donation, please scan the QR code, use a donation card, donate through their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname and initials and your phone number as references. You can also donate directly into our parish bank account with your pledge number and 'Caring' as reference.



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).
- Caring Sunday there will be a special collection for the Caring Foundation on Sunday the 19th of July.
- Weekday Mass at 12.10pm on the 23rd and 24th of July will be Liturgy of The Word with Holy Communion.
- 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:

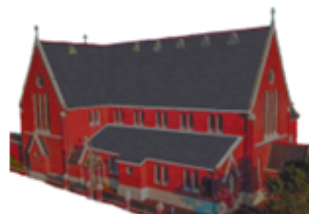
Patrick Power, Doris Moyes, Fr Tom Ryder, Nigel Mercer, Marion Spies, Jane Henry, Dorothy Gwynne, Leonard Grey, Elsie Simmons, Roger Beckman, Harold Turner, Raymond Edmondson, Micheal Parker, Samuel Purdom, Nora Eville, Mary Dempsey, Yvonne Chapman, Peter Dunne, Stanley Barker, Kathleen Corbett, Herbert Taylor, Margaret Craw, Sister M. Bertille, James Fleming, Michael Stowers, Sesilia Auva'a, Nancy Hamshaw, James Williams, Alice Mann, Julius Swann, Percy Williams, Amy Williams, Patrick Monaghan, Zita Keating, Aileen Lynch, Ricardo Cruz, Demetrius Fernandes, Ray Abley, Mervin Smith, Joanna Coleman, Jessie Shanaghan, Harlam Patchett, Patrick Leamy, Molly Griffiths.

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

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

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In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers a series of parables that reveal the hidden and surprising growth of the Kingdom of God. The parable of the weeds among the wheat is central: good seed is sown, yet an enemy plants weeds alongside it. The instinct to uproot the weeds immediately is resisted; instead, both are allowed to grow together until the harvest, when the separation will be made clear.

This teaching speaks directly to the complexity of the present world. Good and evil coexist, often intertwined in ways that are not easily untangled. Jesus cautions against premature judgment, reminding us that the fullness of truth will only be revealed at the proper time. The Kingdom is already at work, even when its presence is not fully evident.

The accompanying parables of the mustard seed and the yeast deepen this vision. What begins as something small and almost unnoticed grows into something expansive and transformative. The Kingdom does not arrive with overwhelming force, but with quiet persistence, gradually reshaping the world from within.

In light of the coming judgment, the present is not a time of paralyzing nail-biting, but a time of risk, of joyful ventures taken, of discovering what is really valuable, of a boldness not intimidated by the fear of failure, and of a persistence in pursuit of the coming reign of God. These parables encourage active, hopeful participation rather than anxious waiting.

At the same time, Jesus does not dismiss the reality of judgment. The harvest will come, and there will be a separation between what endures and what does not. Yet this judgment is entrusted to God. The Son of Man who sends his angels to effect judgment is the same one who, during his earthly life, forgave sins freely, welcomed the outcast, and endured suffering at the hands of betrayers.

This is the heart of the Gospel's reassurance: the judge is also the saviour. His life reveals that God's justice is inseparable from mercy. Therefore, we are invited to live with confidence, trusting that God's gracious promises are faithful, and that the quiet work of the Kingdom will, in time, be brought to its fullness.

Fr Stephen Berecz