

Liturgy of the Word ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading (Rev 11:19;12:1-6.10) This describes the battle between God and Satan, with the ultimate triumph of God. Mary and her Child were at the heart of that battle.

Second Reading (1 Cor 15:20-26) Christ is the new Adam who undoes the harm done by the old Adam. (The church sees Mary as the new Eve who by her obedience to God undoes the harm done by the old Eve.)

Gospel (Lk 1:39-56) This tells of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and contains her hymn of praise to God for his goodness to her and to his chosen people.

Next week's readings: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Veneration to Mary

SALVE REGINA (Hail, Holy Queen)

Salve Regina,
Mater misericordiae.
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te Suspiramus,
Gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
Nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus...

V. Divinum Auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.
R. 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.
- Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month at St Benedicts from 11am-12pm (followed by mass at 12.10pm).
- 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, Eva Mitchell, Dave Harrop.

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

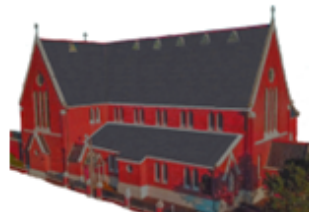
Mary Corbett, Grace Wilson, Emily Dunn, Norman Mitchell, Albert Dunne, William Farrell, Kitty Wilkin, Tony Miocevic, Jack Hopkins, Gwen Paul, Annie Carthwright, Laiki Aluia, Mary Smith, Peter Courtney, Katie Stanton, Kathleen Marchant, Margaret Fleming, Patricia Bryne, Ron Grinter, Hubert Madigan, Terry O'Donnell, Vincent Santos, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Billie Tong, Henry Smith, Winifred Gell, Kathleen Smith, Donald Lawson, Edward Hurtubise, Christina Kolio, Hugh Granger, Sean Reynolds, Stan Sargon.

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ 16 August 2026

The account of the Visitation stands at the heart of Luke's infancy narrative. It brings together two expectant mothers, Elizabeth and Mary, and their unborn children, John the Baptist and Jesus. Far from being merely a touching family visit, this encounter is a moment of divine revelation. Mary travels to the hill country not primarily to assist her elderly cousin, but to verify the truth of the angel's message. Elizabeth's pregnancy, now in its sixth month, is the sign given by God that nothing is impossible for him.

As Mary arrives, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and recognises the hidden presence of the Messiah. John leaps in the womb, already fulfilling his role as the one who points to Christ. In this meeting of mothers and children, the new age of salvation begins to dawn. God's promises are becoming reality. The Church celebrates this Gospel on the Feast of the Assumption because it reveals the faith and discipleship that prepared Mary for her unique destiny. Elizabeth praises her as the one who believed that the Lord's promises would be fulfilled. Mary's greatness lies not simply in her motherhood, but in her faith-filled response to God's call. The Assumption is the culmination of that faithful discipleship. The woman who welcomed God's Word into her life is now welcomed into the fullness of heavenly glory.

Mary's response is the Magnificat; a hymn rooted in the prophetic tradition of Israel. It proclaims that God's salvation means the reversal of the present social order. The proud are scattered, the mighty cast down from their thrones, and the lowly lifted up. The hungry are filled with good things while the rich are sent away empty. God's kingdom is a turning upside-down of human expectations, not a vote of confidence in the way the world is presently organised.

In celebrating the Assumption, we are reminded that God's promises are trustworthy. Mary's glorification is a sign of the future awaiting all who, like her, hear the word of God, believe it, and live it with courage and humility.

Fr Stephen Berecz