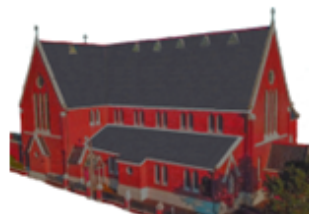


WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 13 September 2026

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus a question that lies at the heart of every human relationship: "How often must I forgive?" Peter believes he is being generous when he suggests forgiving seven times. Jesus' response, however, stretches the boundaries of human calculation: "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (or seventy times seven). Forgiveness in the Kingdom of God is not measured by numbers but by the limitless mercy of God himself.

To be truly human, everyone needs to experience forgiveness - from fellow human beings as well as from God. We all know the burden of failure, regret, and broken relationships. Equally, we know the healing that comes when forgiveness is offered and received. Yet forgiveness is never cheap. It is costly both to the one who forgives and to the one who is forgiven. It requires humility, honesty, and a willingness to let go of resentment and the desire for revenge.

Jesus illustrates this truth in the parable of the unforgiving servant. A servant who has been forgiven an enormous debt refuses to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him. His failure is not simply a lack of generosity; it is a failure to understand the mercy he himself has received. The depth and sincerity of forgiveness are the heart of its reality. Forgiveness that remains superficial or conditional has not yet entered the spirit of Christ.

The value of forgiveness is that it enables us to call to mind the supreme cost of our salvation won for us on the Cross of Calvary. Through Christ's sacrifice, reconciliation between God and his people is restored. Every act of Christian forgiveness participates in that mystery of redemption. Christian action at its best is an expression of God's love revealed in Christ.

We can forgive "till seventy times seven" only because God first forgave us. His mercy precedes and sustains our own efforts to forgive. Yet the cost of our forgiving is negligible compared with his. As we remember the immeasurable debt that God has cancelled through Christ, we are invited to become instruments of that same mercy in our families, communities, and world.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Ecclesus 27:30-28:7) In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us, we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

Second Reading (Rom 14:7-9) The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.

Gospel (Mt 18-21-35) We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

Next week's readings: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24, 27, Mt 20:1-16.

For Sunday / weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph Home for the Aged requires a full-time Registered Nurse and one casual registered nurse. Please express your interest and send your CV and application to Mother Superior at ms@lspauk.co.nz

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting date: Wed 23 Sep 2026 | 7.00pm: Fellowship | 7.30pm

Meeting Venue: St Mark's Church, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga

SPECIAL SPEAKER FROM THE USA: Fr Shenan Boquet, President Human Life International. In conjunction with Family Life International NZ, Fr Boquet will give a talk on Man's Vocation to Purity and Love.

All men welcome. For more info, contact: Tet-Woo 021-0380196, Chris 027-5687736, or Dominic 021-1003694

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Richard Laurenson will be the principal celebrant. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

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."

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 Tinnery, Rita Holland, David Lewis, Elizabeth Morris, Fr William Ormand (4th parish priest of St Benedicts), Kathryn Jennings, Joseph Kwok Cheung Huie, Frederick Sayegh, Joseph McGregor, Fr Bidieux, Dick Slatter, Margaret Leetberg, Alphonso Hynes, Pauline Young, Socorro Gallego, Monsignor Brian Arahill, Martin Dempsey, Benjamin Monaghan, Hilary Shackleton, Mary Netto, Camillo Lopez, Alexander Hurley, Monica Cann, James Treacy, David Saifiti, Harry Burton-Bradley, Alice Gordon, Bert Grinter, Cherie Simeti, Anthony Murray, Elizabeth Hymes, James Mitchell, Thomas Flanagan, Francis Lambert, Violet Coppell, Fr Eugene O'Connor, Inez Turner, Monsignor Moore, Merlyn Mount-Earle, Gwen Murnane, Mark Gleeson, Milagros Ramos.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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](#)