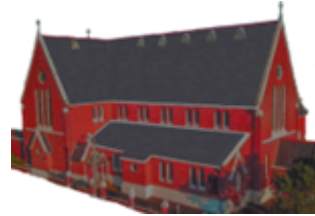




WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm
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, Señor 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

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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 the corner of St Benedict's & Alex Evans Streets.
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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 20 September 2026

The parable of the workers in the vineyard challenges our natural sense of fairness and invites us into the deeper mystery of God's grace. In the story, labourers are hired at different times throughout the day, yet all receive the same wage. Those who worked from dawn protest, believing they deserve more than those who arrived at the last hour. Their complaint reflects a very human tendency to compare ourselves with others and to measure worth according to effort, achievement, or reward.

Jesus uses this parable to reveal something essential about the Kingdom of God. God's generosity cannot be confined by human calculations of merit. The landowner's actions are not unjust; rather, they are extravagantly merciful. The wage represents God's gift of salvation, a gift that can never be earned but is freely given. Whether one responds to God's invitation early in life or at the very end, the gift remains the same: a share in God's own life.

The life-transforming teaching of Jesus and the inclusive lifestyle he adopted point us in a different direction. Throughout his ministry, Jesus welcomed those who had been excluded, ignored, or condemned by society. The love of God welcomes late-comers, engages those whom no one seems to want, embraces the outsider, forgives sinners, and defrosts the self-righteous. God's concern is not with keeping score but with bringing people into communion with him and with one another.

This divine generosity is profoundly redemptive. It triggers quiet change, new choices, healthier attitudes, and more caring relationships. Those who experience God's mercy are invited to extend that same mercy to others. The parable asks us whether we rejoice when others receive God's blessings or whether we become resentful when grace is given to those we think are less deserving.

The challenge of this Gospel is to see with God's eyes rather than our own. In the Kingdom, generosity triumphs over jealousy, gratitude over entitlement, and mercy over judgment. As disciples of Christ, we are called to celebrate the wideness of God's love and to trust that his grace is more abundant than we can ever imagine. For in the end, all that we have is gift, and all are welcomed by the same loving Lord. *Fr Stephen Berecz*

Liturgy of the Word ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Is 55:6-9) As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are God's ways above our ways.

Second Reading (Phil 1:20-24.27) Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death,
and longing for complete union with Christ.

Gospel (Mt 20:1-16) This is a story about the generosity of God,
which soars above human standards.

Next week's readings: Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-5, Mt 2:28-32.

For Sunday / weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

2027 Pilgrimage from Fatima to Rome – including Salamanca, Lourdes, Paris, Venice and Assisi. 11 April to 3 May 2027. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks.
For details contact Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or 021 390 055

A message from The Square Gift Store

With grateful hearts and trust in God's providence, we are delighted to announce that The Square Gift Store (Catholic Shop) has now moved to a new location.

📍 New Address: Suite 2, Level 1/9 Teed Street. Newmarket, Auckland 1023, New Zealand We look forward to welcoming you all into our new home.

St Patricks Cathedral Office Clear Out

The Cathedral Office is clearing out a range of office furniture, household items and more, and we'd love to see these items put to good use rather than go to waste.

Office chairs, desks, book cases, fridges, washing machine, dryer, microwaves, books, religious items, Christmas decorations + so much more... You might find a hidden gem at a great price! WHEN: SUNDAY 4th OCT (10am - 6pm)

WHERE: LISTON BUILDING (directly opposite St Patrick's Cathedral)

Wilsons Car park options:

1. Hobson St (Old Farmers): \$4.50 via the ParkMate App only. Promo code STPATs to receive discount.
2. Durham Lane (City Centre): \$3 validate physical ticket in the parking machine located by the notice board. graphics attached

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese

Sunday 20 September. This money is used to support long-term maintenance of The Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph – A precious heritage church entrusted to us. (Direct credit to 02-0108-0722777-000: St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation Account)

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, Patricia Goddard, Hilary Cleary.

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

Bill O'Connor, Henrietta Schaumkell, Ernie Leano, Sophia Leydon, Jackie Doorman,
Ivy Murray, Samuel Bushby, Peter Wakim, Ivy Barton, Charles McMenamin, Patricia Drysdale,
Rangi Palmer, Teresa Lindstrom, Archibald Boermel, Claire Geddes, Elizabeth Hurley,
Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hassan, Martin Rossiter, Harriet Campion, Margaret Penman,
Jovito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, Teto Garcia.

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](#)

