

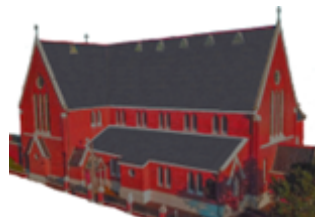


WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 27 September 2026

In this Gospel, Jesus tells the simple but powerful parable of two sons. When asked by their father to work in the vineyard, the first son initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second son readily agrees but never follows through. Jesus then asks a direct question: which of the two did the father's will? The answer is obvious - the one whose actions matched the father's desire. The parable highlights a central theme of Jesus' teaching: genuine discipleship is measured not by words but by deeds. It is possible to profess faith, speak pious words, and appear religious, yet fail to respond to God's call in daily life. Equally, those who seem distant from God may, through repentance and conversion, come to embrace his will wholeheartedly. Jesus applies this lesson sharply to the religious leaders of his day. Ironically, the social outcasts - the tax collectors and prostitutes - enter the Kingdom, represented by the vineyard, while many of the respected leaders do not. The outcasts listened to the preaching of John the Baptist and responded with repentance. Their lives were changed because they recognised their need for God's mercy. The leaders, however, remained obstinate. Despite witnessing John's holiness and hearing his message, they refused to change their hearts. For Matthew, the "sayers but non-doers" are represented by the Jewish community's leaders. They professed obedience to God and possessed great religious knowledge, yet many failed to recognise God's action in John the Baptist and in Jesus himself. Their problem was not ignorance but resistance to conversion.

This Gospel invites us to examine our own lives. Are we content merely to say the right things, or do we allow God's word to shape our actions? The Lord is less concerned with our past failures than with our present response. Like the first son, we may have resisted God's call at times, but what matters is our willingness to repent and follow him now. The Kingdom of God remains open to all who turn to him with sincere hearts. True obedience is not found in promises alone but in lives transformed by faith, humility, and action. God seeks disciples whose deeds reflect the words they profess.

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 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

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 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

Liturgy of the Word ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Ezek 18:25-28) Each of us is responsible for his or her own conduct, and will be judged accordingly.

Second Reading (Phil 2:1-5) Self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. We must imitate the humility of Christ.

Gospel (Mt 2:28-32) Actions speak louder than words.

Next week's readings: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43.

For Sunday / weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd October 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Introducing New Job Opportunities at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

General Manager | Catholic Diocese of Auckland

An exceptional leadership opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese of Auckland as General Manager. We are seeking an experienced senior leader with strong commercial and financial acumen, excellent stakeholder management skills, and a genuine empathy for the Catholic faith, ethos, and mission. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.sheffield.co.nz/Job-Search?Id=729>

Manager – Ministries to Young People | Catholic Diocese of Auckland

We're looking for someone to serve as our full-time Manager – Ministries to Young People. You'll lead a multidisciplinary team, oversee major diocesan initiatives, and shape of youth and young adult ministry in New Zealand's largest Diocese.

Property Manager - Education (Secondary Schools)

This exciting role involves leading property projects, managing maintenance and compliance programmes, and partnering with school leaders to support Catholic education throughout Auckland and Northland.

Local Youth Ministers Wanted

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people!

To learn more about these three positions, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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.

- 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:
Norman Moyes, Michael Wenzlick, James Mitchell, Catherine Long, Laurence McCarthy, Mary Kearin, Lawrence Leydon, Michael Monaghan, Fine Latu, Gerald George, John Stanish, Sinione Anae, Melita Schwalger, Sonny Schwalger, Teancum Schwalger, Abish Schwalger, Villa de Guerio, Mark Flood, Fr John Daly, Patrick Traylen, Fr Peter Dunn, Francis O'Meara, Andrew Long, James Cranston, Rosendo Victoriano, Althea Major, David Wakim.

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](#)

