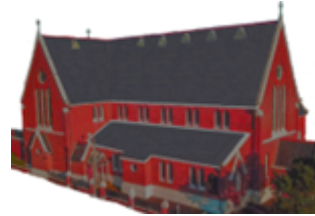




WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9.30am

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 4 October 2026

In our Gospel this week, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants in the vineyard. The landowner carefully prepares the vineyard and entrusts it to others, expecting that, in time, it will produce good fruit. The vineyard is a powerful image of God's love and generosity. God gives us what we need to grow, flourish and bear fruit in our lives.

Jesus concludes by speaking of the "Kingdom of God" and the fruit that it should produce. That fruit is evident in all our lives, at least to some extent. We have all experienced kindness, generosity, forgiveness and compassion from others. We have also, at different times, been able to offer those same gifts to others. These are signs of the Kingdom of God already present among us. Yet, if we are honest, we also recognise that our lives could bear much more of this fruit. There are times when we are impatient rather than patient, self-centred rather than generous, resentful rather than forgiving, or indifferent when another person needs our care. The vineyard of our lives does not always produce the harvest that God hopes for.

The good news is that God does not simply plant the vineyard and then abandon it. God continues to work within us. God keeps investing in us through grace, through other people, through Scripture, through the Eucharist and through the experiences of everyday life. Even our failures can become opportunities for growth when we allow God to work within us.

Without God's ongoing investment in us, our lives cannot become all that God desires them to be. The question is not whether we have failed to bear perfect fruit, but whether we are willing to allow God to continue cultivating our lives. May we open ourselves to God's grace so that the fruit of the Kingdom—love, kindness, generosity, forgiveness and compassion—may become increasingly evident in us and through us.

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>

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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 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Is 5:1-7) Israel is compared to a well cared for vineyard which fails to produce fruit.

Second Reading (Phil 4:6-9) St Paul warns the converts at Philippi against anxiety, and advises them as to how they should live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

Gospel (Mt 21:33-4) The parable of the wicked vine-dressers tells of God's goodness to his people, and of their failure to respond in kind.

Next week's readings: Is 25:6-10; Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



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BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

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:
Anne Turner, Fr Lawrence O'Neill, Frank Orange, Mary Kelly, Ellen Reid, Monsignor Terry Leslie, Violet Fitzpatrick, Fr Michael Shirres O.P, Melkiau Thavethoo, Irene Prinsen, Akuila Paini, Celia Holley, Nevaeh Ridland, Mary Mangern, James Loughnan, Florrie Neven, Maddalena Brisighello, Robert Clark, Sarah Cameron, Hazel Reid, Stephen Batterton, Nellie Dunne, Gerald Gibbs, June Wilkins, John Casey, Robert Malone, Fr Peter Kay, Senia Auva'a.

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](#)

