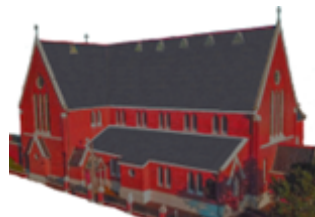




WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9.30am

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 18 October 2026

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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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

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to trap Jesus with a seemingly simple question: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" They hope that whatever answer Jesus gives will place him in difficulty. If he supports the tax, he risks alienating those who resent Roman occupation; if he opposes it, he can be accused of challenging Roman authority. Jesus responds by asking them to show him the coin used for the tax. In asking for a Roman coin, Jesus subtly lets it be seen that his questioners are themselves carrying the coinage with which taxes were paid to Caesar. Their attempt to trap Jesus exposes something about themselves. Jesus then gives the enigmatic response that has echoed throughout Christian history: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God." Jesus is not simply offering a lesson about paying taxes. He is placing all our earthly responsibilities within a much larger framework. We have obligations to family, community, society and the various institutions of which we are part. These responsibilities are real and should be taken seriously. Yet none of them can claim the ultimate loyalty of our hearts. The fundamental loyalty of our heart, mind and spirit is due to the one God alone. The expression of all our other loyalties must be discerned within that framework. This is particularly meaningful as we celebrate Mission Sunday. To give God what belongs to God means giving ourselves. We are made in God's image, and therefore our whole lives ultimately belong to him. Our response to God's love is not simply something we keep within ourselves. We are called to share the Gospel through our words, our actions, our generosity and our service to others. Mission is not the responsibility of a few missionaries sent to distant places. Every Christian is called to participate in Christ's mission. Some do this by going to other countries; others witness to the Gospel in their families, workplaces, communities and parishes. Through our prayer, generosity and practical support, we become part of the Church's continuing mission. The challenge of the Gospel is therefore not to withdraw from the world, but to live faithfully within it, remembering always who we are and to whom we ultimately belong. We can serve Caesar, but we worship God—and because we worship God, we are sent to serve his people.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Is 45:1, 4-6) The return of the people from exile - a return made possible by King Cyrus - is seen as a sign of God's love for his people, Israel, and of his lordship over all peoples.

Second Reading (1Thess 1:1-5) Here we see Paul's concern for the Christians at Thessalonika.

Gospel (Mt 22:15-21) This is the story of an effort by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into saying something incriminating.

Next week's readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Marriage & Family Life: Welcome all families with babies and children 0-5 years to a monthly Catholic Coffee group, Saturday 7 November at 11am – 12pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall - 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland 1011. There is plenty of parking. Further information call Gerry (Leader of Marriage & Family Life Ministries) on 021 02247442

New Life for the Consistent Ethic: Pope Leo XIV's Global Ethic of Solidarity

Monday 7th December 2026, 7:00PM | Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby)

Please join us for a lecture with Dr. Millies, as he reflects on the enduring power of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's consistent ethic of life, born from the Church's social teaching and Vatican II's call to read the signs of the times.

Register here <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lecture-consistent-ethic/>
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin proposed a consistent ethic of life in 1983 that stood on the sure foundation of Catholic social doctrine and Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. It was affirmed by Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis. Now Pope Leo XIV has breathed new life into the consistent ethic that invites many voices to a rich conversation in a papacy that seems determined to transform and renew how we talk about solidarity and the dignity of the human person.

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, Patricia Goddard, Hilary Cleary.

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

Gillian Macalister, Vivencio Adan, Florence Jayetileke, Peter Smit, Dulcie Watts, Maria Losa Auva'a, Oswald Goonetilleke, Jean O'Reilly, Ken Newlands, Joseph Reardon, Dylan Brown, Marlene Santos, Martin McCoach, Thomas Buckley, Duetram Jayetileke.

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](#)

