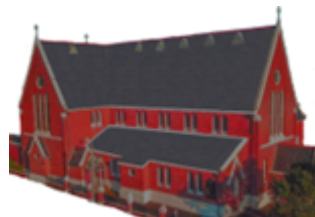




WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 25 October 2026

In our Gospel today, a lawyer asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment in the Law. Jesus' response takes us to the very heart of what it means to live as a person of faith.

Jesus quotes that part of the Shema, the essential creed of Judaism, found in Deuteronomy 6:5: "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" It is an injunction to an unreserved love of God. God is not to be loved with only a part of our lives. Our heart, mind, soul and strength are to be directed towards God.

But it is what Jesus does next that makes his reply so powerful. Using the rabbinical interpretive method of "equal categories," he couples Deuteronomy 6:5 with the commandment concerning love of neighbour in Leviticus 19:18: "*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*" Both commandments begin with the words, "*You shall love...*"

For Jesus, these two commandments cannot be separated. Love of God inevitably finds expression in the way we treat other people. We cannot claim to love God while remaining indifferent to the needs, dignity and suffering of our neighbour.

Jesus concludes: "*On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.*" In other words, these two forms of love provide the foundation upon which the whole life of faith rests.

This Gospel challenges us to examine both dimensions of our lives. How deeply do we love God? And how does that love become visible in the way we treat those around us?

Sometimes we may find it easier to speak about our love of God than to demonstrate love towards a difficult neighbour, a stranger, or someone whose views and experiences differ from our own. Yet Jesus reminds us that the two belong together.

To love God is to allow God's love to flow through us. The love we receive from God becomes the love we are called to share with others.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Ex 22:20-26) God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weak members of their society.

Second Reading (1 Thess 1:5-10) Paul encourages the Thessalonians by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide.

Gospel (Mt 22:34-40) Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in two commandments of love.

Next week's readings: Rev 7:2-4.9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12.

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Mass for Deceased Clergy

All parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy to remember and pray for those who have passed away over the past year. Tuesday 3rd of November 2026. 11am at St Patricks Panmure. Following Mass is the blessing of the gravestones.

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT

As the General Election nears, Catholics are encouraged to read the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens. It invites Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops urge people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country. Access the election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2027. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz.

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:
Kathleen Junge, Gwen McCarthy, Eileen O'Brien, John Geddes, Olivia Saldanha, Sylvia Porteous, Nora Lavan, Christian Nicoll, Fr Ernie Milne IC, Janine Holt, Joan Smith, Kathy Lister, Louisa Potter, Don Hall, Thomas Weal, Marie Green.

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](#)

