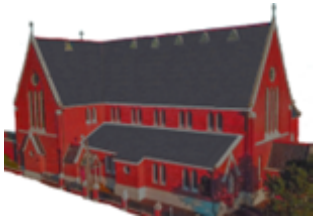
St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

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, Senor 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
Phone: (09) 379 0624
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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

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The Solemnity of All Saints ~ 1 November 2026

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to celebrate those who have lived faithfully in the presence of God and now share in the fullness of eternal life. In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, offering us a vision of holiness that is often very different from the values of our world. The poor in spirit, the gentle, the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger for justice are called blessed. Through these words, Jesus reminds us that holiness is not measured by wealth, power or success, but by a heart centred on God and open to others.

When we celebrate All Saints, we remember not only the great saints whose names are known throughout the Church, but also our beloved dead. Under God's grace, they have passed into a new way of life with God. Their earthly journey has ended, but their relationship with God has reached its fulfilment. For those who mourn, this faith can bring deep strength and consolation. We may say that our loved ones have gone only as far as God - and God is very near. In the mystery of communion with the saints, we trust that they remain connected to us in God's love and, in a new way, listen to our prayers and become a source of comfort and help.

Thinking of the saints as people we have known makes holiness something realistic and attainable. They are not distant figures without human weaknesses, but people whose foibles, humour and personality we remember with affection. Perhaps they were parents, grandparents, friends, teachers or parishioners. We knew their imperfections, yet we also witnessed their steadfastness in living Gospel values. They placed God at the centre of their lives through ordinary acts of kindness, forgiveness, service and faithfulness.

The Beatitudes challenge us to recognise that sainthood begins here and now. Every act of mercy, every effort towards peace and every commitment to justice can become a pathway to holiness. On this Solemnity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us, allowing their lives to inspire our own.

May we remember that we are called to holiness, trusting in God's grace and seeking to live the Beatitudes each day. And may the saints, known and unknown, accompany us towards the fullness of life with God.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ The Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading (Rev 7:2-4.9-14) Here we have a vision of the victorious followers of Christ rejoicing in his presence in the heavenly Kingdom.

Second Reading (1 Jn 3:1-3) In his love for us, God has made us his children, and destined us one day to see him as he is.
We should live a life that is consistent with this great hope

Gospel (Mt 5:1-12) Jesus talks about the qualities he wishes to see in his disciples, qualities that are exemplified in the lives of the saints.

Next week's readings: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13.

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th November 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.

Marriage & Family Life:
Welcome all families with babies and children 0-5 years to a newly established monthly Catholic Coffee group, starting 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

Prayer for The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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:
Fr Fintan Campbell, Regina Maher, Violet Watson, Harry O'Donnell, Zita Jayesinghe, Maureen McQuoid, Alice Batty, Mary Bachelar, Robert McKnight, Patrick Kyne, Lyn Peoples, Peter Alvez, Elizabeth & Alfred Chapman, John Castle, Alice Murphy, Marion Fox, Kathleen Reardon,Ada Kemble, William Eville, Des Rosser, Helena Mondeiro, Stuart Drube, Edmund Treacy, Louisa Hanfling, Frank Mitchell, Ailsa Milligan.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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).
• Mass for The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be at 7pm on Monday 2 November in the church.
• The program for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will commence in mid-November. This program is for all adults who would like to embrace the Catholic faith.
Kindly email the office or Fr Gilbert your Expression of Interest.
• We dedicate the whole month of November praying for all our faithful departed. Kindly write down the names of your loved ones who have gone before us in our Book of Life. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.
• 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.

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