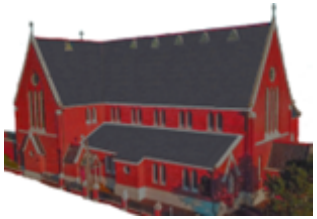
St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

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
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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Thursday 10am—4pm
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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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 8 November 2026

In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance of being prepared for the coming of the Lord. Five bridesmaids bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five do not. When the bridegroom is delayed, all become tired and fall asleep. Yet, when the announcement comes that the bridegroom is approaching, only those who are prepared can enter the wedding feast. Jesus concludes with a clear invitation: "Stay awake, because you know neither the day nor the hour."

Consequently, the great issue in this parable is the nature of time and how each of us should use it. We live in a culture that often avoids this question. The revealing expression "to kill time" suggests that time is something to be disposed of rather than a precious gift. As T.S. Eliot reminds us, "getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." Our lives can become consumed by distraction, busyness and the endless pursuit of things that do not ultimately satisfy.

This does not mean that we should not enjoy ourselves. Christian faith is not a rejection of happiness, celebration or pleasure. Rather, genuine exuberance comes from the profoundly good news of the Resurrection. Our joy finds its deepest meaning in the knowledge that Christ has conquered death and invites us into eternal life. The lamps are lit, after all, for the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The wedding invitation is therefore a challenge to forego delayed gratification and to live fully - today and every day. We cannot postpone love, forgiveness, generosity or faithfulness until some imagined future. The oil in our lamps represents the readiness of hearts that continually choose God.

May we use our time wisely, not merely filling our days, but allowing them to become opportunities for love and service. May our lamps remain burning brightly, so that when Christ comes, we will be ready to enter the joy of his eternal feast.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Wis 6:12-16) This sings the praise of wisdom, which can be found by all those who seek it.

Second Reading (1 Thess 4:13-18) St Paul consoles his converts at Thessalonika who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died before the return of the Lord.

Gospel (Mt 25:1-13) A story which urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming.

Next week's readings: Prov 31:10-13.19-20.30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30.

For Sunday/weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

The **2027 Columban Art Calendars** are available to purchase for $15 each. If you wish to purchase, please make payment to the parish bank account (number printed opposite) using **"Calendar" as the reference**. Please email proof of payment to miranda@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz. Once proof of payment is received you can collect your calendar from the parish office or from the sacristy after mass. Please specify preferred option in your email.

The **2027 Claretian Publications Bible Diaries** are available to purchase for $20 each. If you wish to purchase, please make payment to the parish bank account (number printed opposite) using **"Diary" as the reference**.
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Ideal gifts for Christmas!

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:
Dora Wenzlick, Paul Smith, Gladys Hewson, Erin Lister, Michael Rozijin, Jean Wheeler, Eric O'Neill, Olav Leetberg, Bishop John Cunneen, Soane Watkins, Genevieve Barcham, David Mitchell, Thomas Doran, Anastasia Farrell, Bernard Kennedy, William Craigie, John Hymes, Paul Chia, Rene Colebourne, Joan Lister, Bridget Dunne, Alexander McNeil, Catherine Goonetilleke, Dulcie Gibbs, James O'Donavan.

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).

• *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.

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.

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

