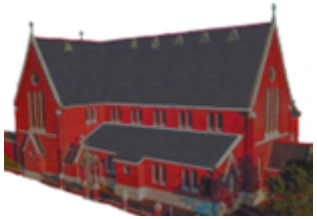
St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

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
11.00am– 12.00pm

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
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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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 November 2026

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus speaks of a master who entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Two servants use what they have received and produce more, while the third, out of fear, buries his talent in the ground. Upon the master's return, the first two are praised for their faithfulness, while the third is challenged for failing to use what had been entrusted to him.

When Jesus talks about talents, he does not mean simply a musical talent, the talent of a great architect, or some exceptional ability. He is speaking about what we make of ourselves and how we use the gifts God has placed within our lives. These gifts are not reserved for the extraordinarily gifted or successful. Everyone possesses talents that can enrich the lives of others: the talent to listen, to comfort, to smile, to be faithful, to support, and to be caring, wise and good.

Often, we underestimate the importance of these ordinary gifts. A person who takes time to listen to someone who is lonely may never receive public recognition, yet their kindness can transform another person's day. A comforting word, a faithful friendship or a generous act of support can become a powerful expression of God's love.

The third servant allows fear to prevent him from acting. His story reminds us that we can bury our gifts through insecurity, complacency or the belief that what we have to offer is insignificant. Jesus calls us instead to recognise our responsibility to nurture and share our gifts.

The Christian life is not about comparing ourselves with others but faithfully offering what we have received. God asks us to use our talents in the service of love, community and the Gospel.

May we have the courage to discover our gifts, the generosity to share them and the faith to trust that even our smallest acts of goodness can bear lasting fruit in God's kingdom.

Fr Stephen Berecz

Liturgy of the Word ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Prov 31:10-13.19-20.30-31) By today's standards the woman at the centre of this reading would hardly be called a talented person. Yet she is held up as a model.
Second Reading (1 Thess 5:1-6) Since they don't know exactly when the Lord will return, Paul urges the disciples to be ready lest they be caught unawares.
Gospel (Mt 25:14-30) The parable of the talents tells us how best to await the Lord's return.

Next week's readings: Ezek 34:11-12.15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26.28; Mt 25:31-46.

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 office@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!

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.

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).

• *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.

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, Bob Singer.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Lilian Nelson, Joanne Ahmu, Tom Wilkin, Theodore Casey, Catherine Daly, Julia Webb, Ada Mullins, Fr William O'Meara, Leslie Baker, Ila Connelly, Edward Murphy, David Wilkie, Austin Lister, Barry Hogan, Eleanor Dunn, Neil McKinney, Rose Smith, Sue Bourne, John Cheetham, Dennis Murray, Bill Shanly, Malcolm Diaz, Ruth McClay, George O'Neill, Ellen Malcolm, Kevin Ryan, Ethel Dunne, Kenneth Mooney, Joanne Ahmu, Joe Regan, Robert Merger.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord