



St Benedict's

PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

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12. Photographers and videographers:

Because of the sacred nature of the ceremony we would ask you to tell photographers and videographers to be extremely discreet and refrain from entering the Sanctuary (raised platform area of the Church). They must introduce themselves to the Priest before the ceremony for further instructions.

13. Confetti or rice are not permitted in or outside the Church.

14. Parking: Free parking is available from midday Saturday until Sunday evening at the Wilsons car park, corner St Benedict's Street and Alex Evans Street. Some spaces are allocated to nearby residents. Please only park in the pay and display parks (payment not necessary during stated times) and do not block other cars or the exit.

15. Please feel free to contact the Parish Secretary or the Parish Priest if you have any further questions.

Monsignor Paul Farmer
Parish Priest



WEDDING BROCHURE

We welcome your enquiry about celebrating your marriage at St. Benedict's Church. The following are some guidelines that I hope you will find helpful:

1. Before booking a date for the wedding, you will need to make contact with a Priest to act as celebrant. You are welcome to bring a Priest from another parish if you have no connection with those at St Benedict's.
2. Contact the Parish Secretary to ascertain the availability of the Church.
3. Fill in and return the attached wedding booking form to the Parish Secretary.
4. A pre-marriage education course is a pre-requisite for marriage in the Auckland Diocese. Your Priest will talk to you about this and you might like to contact Mrs Sandra Armstrong on 360 3025 or sandraa@cda.org.nz about the Diocesan programmes. Places can be booked on line at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz
5. The Priest officiating at your marriage will take you through the necessary paper work. Details of your baptism are essential. Mixed faith marriages are common and your Priest will let you know what is involved if one of you is of another faith or not baptised.
6. A **marriage license** is required by law and can be obtained from the Department of Internal Affairs, phone 0800 225252. No marriage can be celebrated without a Civil Marriage License.



7. The usual donation would be \$400.00. However if you are unable to pay this please feel free to contact the Parish Priest to discuss your circumstances. It is also usual to make a donation / koha to the officiating Priest and this should reflect his involvement in your wedding ceremony.
 8. Due to the demand for St Benedict's Church for weddings we are unable to take pencil bookings. Your booking will be confirmed once the booking form and donation have been received by the Parish Office. Usually there are a number of services including funerals, weddings, baptisms and Parish Masses on a particular day therefore, brides **must** be on time.
 9. Flowers. We are fortunate to have the services of a professional and well known florist, David Bell-Booth. Because there is regularly more than one wedding on a weekend, and space is limited we would ask that all arrangements for Church flowers be made through David. If there is more than one wedding David is very good at co-ordinating the needs of the couples involved. Couples often then share the cost of flowers.
- David Bell-Booth phone 09 537 4694**
Email davidbellbooth@gmail.com
- Except during Lent, the parish is always grateful for arrangements being left in the church at the conclusion of the service.
10. Ceremony: Your Priest celebrant will help you plan your ceremony. There are some good resources available including a booklet "Together for Life" which can be purchased from the Catholic Shop in Wyndham Street, Auckland.
 11. Music: When it comes to choosing music we would ask that you choose music that is sacred in design and appropriate for the Church setting. If you need assistance you could contact the parish secretary on 09 379 0624.