



St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM

(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)

ETHNIC MASS TIMES

Spanish 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month
12:00 Noon

Tongan 3rd Sunday of the Month
12:00 Noon

Indonesian 4th Sunday of the Month
1:30 pm



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 02 SEPTEMBER 2018

Justice is a word that gets used a lot, but isn't always thought about. It is good to remember that justice is not an abstract ideal, but rather one of the virtues which we are meant to practice daily. Properly speaking, in fact, justice is defined as giving each person what is their due. Everyone is entitled to life, and so taking an innocent person's life is always unjust, for example. That seems reasonably obvious and has some equally obvious implications for how we treat one another. What can be less obvious in how this applies to our relationship with God.

St Thomas Aquinas said that there is a part of the virtue of justice that applies to God: religion. Religion, properly understood, is us giving to God what is His due. We can understand that easily enough in the context of worship; but St James, in our second reading this week, shows us some other aspects that we, in company with the Pharisees in the Gospel, can easily forget.

True religion, he says, involves keeping ourselves uncontaminated by the world. This is not a case of withdrawing from the world into a little enclave of our own. It is our call to recognise that God is to be the centre of our lives. When we hear the world saying "this is the most important thing" or "you should obsess about this", whether it be possessions or experiences or status, we should not let that dictate to us or control us. What is proper for us is that we respond to God, who made us in His image and likeness, and loves us completely, by ensuring that our relationship with Him is the most important thing in our lives.

The temptation, however, is to think, like the Pharisees, that this means concentrating on prayers and rituals. These are important, but they are only part of the story. St James points out the other part: coming to the aid of widows and orphans, by extension, all those in need. God, after all, does not need anything from us. So He gives us those who are in need, our brothers and sisters. As Jesus told us, if we do it for them, we do it for Him.

Just as we shouldn't regard going to Mass as an obligation, but rather a wonderful opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters to say 'thank you' to God. So also we should not regard those in need as an inconvenience, or a burden, but rather our chance to give to God what we owe, to be in the truest sense religious.

Fr Chris Denham

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 12.10pm

Tuesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 pm - 5.45 pm

ALSO AT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

First Friday of the month

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 6.30pm
then Mass in devotion to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30 pm

Third Friday of the month

Rosary 6.45pm followed by
Novena & Mass
in devotion to the Holy Child Jesus,
Senor Santo Nino at 7.30pm

Every Wednesday

Novena & Mass
to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 6.45pm

Saturdays

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
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BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
Phone 09 379 0624

Catholic Student Chaplain

Fr Chris Denham phone 303 3852
www.actc.net.nz

PARKING FOR ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Free parking is available from Saturday midday
to Sunday evening in the
Wilson carpark on corner of
St Benedict's & Alex Evans Street.

**Please NOTE: A few parks in top park are
marked reserved for tenant parking.**

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to new members and visitors to St Benedict's Parish.

Liturgy of the Word

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's law, which is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom.
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; It is not enough to listen to the word of God; we must put it into practice.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Jesus tells the Pharisees that they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God, and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of heart.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

Website and Electronic Giving

www.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

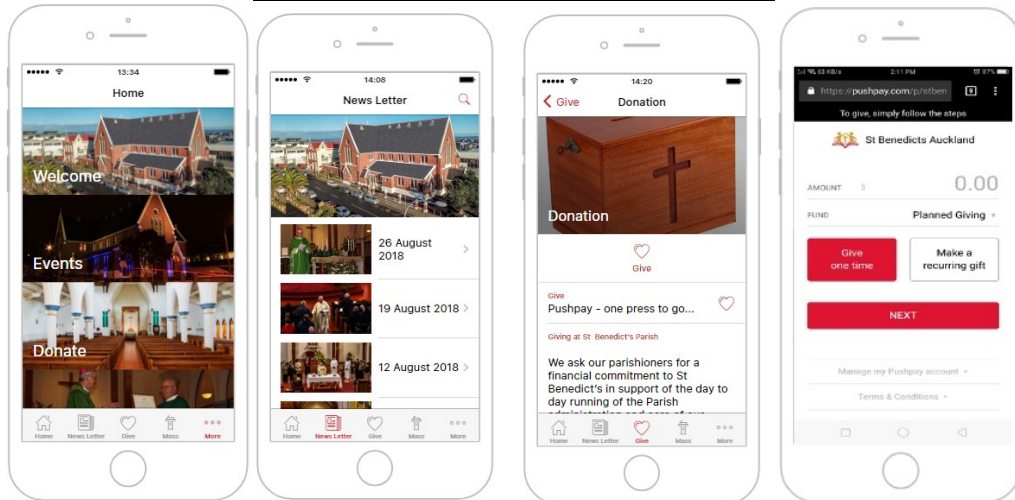
This week we are introducing Pushpay App features, while we are still waiting for the app to go live. The App will feature a scrolling menu with topics such as Events, Newsletters, Mass times and Giving.

This modern technology will enable the App users to be connected with the parish in real time with updates at our finger tips.

PushPay offers a modern electronic alternative for donating in today's cashless society and provides the advantage of tax deductible receipts.

With thanks.

Richard Hurley for Parish Finance Committee



Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Zeena Edgar, Mary Kitson, John Selby-Wootton, Bernice Edwards, Simon Khan, Vic Stoddard, Donald Jenkins, Peter Hindle, Hugh McAllum, Joshua Suisala, Ian McLeish, Annette Jenkins, Margaret Macky, Bridie Abley.

We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time :

Patrick Smith, Il Mook Moses Choi, Ida Swann, Nellie Stowers, Peggy Jury, Marcellina de Souza, Irene O'Keefe, Catherine Reardon, Peter Buffett, Antonietta Murrone, Verona Edwards, Maimoa Garren.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

St Benedicts Parish is looking to employ a sacristan part-time for approximately 10-12 hours per week. This position involves overseeing sacristy and church requirements including setting up for weekend masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and occasionally weekday services. Some flexibility of hours required and occasionally evenings. In particular extra hours required at Easter and Christmas.

Applicants must be eligible to work in New Zealand.

To apply please send your CV and cover letter to:

Monsignor Paul Farmer,

St Benedicts Parish, 1 St Benedicts Street, Newton, Auckland 1010

or stbenedicts@xtra.co.nz

"Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such (abuse) situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated," Pope Francis stated. He said the words of St. Paul, that "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it"... forcefully echo" in his heart.



Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Candlelight Rosary Procession and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday Oct 7th at 7pm

Sacred Heart College

250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes

All are invited

Feast of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross

Mass to be held at Sacred Heart Church,
16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at
5pm on Monday 17 September.

St Francis Retreat Centre

You are invited to a day of Prayer and Quiet Reflection on 13 September at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill. The day will commence and 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm. The cost for the day is \$30pp including lunch.

Please ring 09 625 6651 to book or

email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass Friday 7th September 7pm

St Mary's Church,
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

Clevedon Valley Music Foundation Trust presents

Music in the North East West South

Sunday 9 September 2.30-4.30pm

St Benedict's Church

Tickets available from

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/sep/music-in-the-news>

Email: enquiries@cvmft.org

www.cvmft.org

More details on parish website and notice board