

THE BREAKTHROUGH CONCERT IS BACK!

18th August 2018, 7pm

Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna

Cost: \$25.00

Theme: *The battle rages on,
but the war's already won!*

Come experience the bible in song, drama and dance. Unravel the mystery of suffering in life and discover the grace of God and our victory in Jesus Christ.

NZ Catholic Newspaper - The latest edition is available in the main foyer for \$4 per copy.

PILGRIMAGE TO ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

17 September to 7 October 2018 – Buenos Aires & places of Pope Francis – Rio de Janeiro and statue of Christ – Aparecida and shrine of Mary Iguazu Falls. Chaplain: Msgr David Tonks.

Inquiries to Laura Yap at laura@skytrain.co.nz
or Ph 09 921 5106

Cans for Christmas Charitable Trust

In 2017 the trust collected 19000 cans of food.

This was then distributed throughout the Auckland region by St Vincent de Paul to over 200 families. For 2018 they are in need of financial help so that they can provide transport, containers, posters and helpers. If you could please help with any donation please visit www.cans4christmas.com.

You are invited to come along to the **Diocesan Youth Mass** hosted by West Region on Sunday, 26 August at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Our theme is 'I Choose God Always'.

Church Life Survey to be held in all churches in our diocese over the weekend of August 18/19. It is a nation wide survey organised by the Christian Research Association, and has been run in the same year as the official census to correlate the immediate availability of reports. Reports are automatically produced from the data submitted to the site., and can be accessed immediately by parishes. Apart from demographic questions, the rest of the survey is an attitudinal one. The questions ask you how you feel about belonging to your church and your parish, what you most value; and ask the same questions about your faith. Questions are asked about outreach into the community and your involvement. All of this data leads to great tools for parishes to plan to meet the expressed needs of their congregations. **Survey forms will be distributed next Sunday. (Bring a pen).**

WELCOME

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

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Spirituality of ST IGNATIUS of Loyola

Contemplative in Action 14 Aug 10am-12noon. \$15

Finding God in All Things Wed 15 Aug 7-9pm. \$15.

Each of these talks will focus on aspects of the spirituality of St Ignatius Loyola and how we allow conversations between our spirituality and our daily life experiences.

Society of Mary Priests & Brothers:

Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother, there is an information & prayer weekend on 24-26 August.

www.maristseminary.org.nz

[facebook.com/marists](https://www.facebook.com/marists)

Fr Pat Breeze SM : vocations@smnz.org.nz.

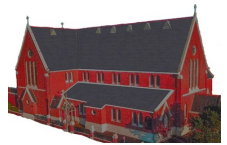
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE

Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship to be known as the *Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College*. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2019. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Email: lindam@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 15 October 2018.**



St Benedict's

PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12 AUGUST 2018

One of the themes that bobs along under the surface of the scriptures could be summed up in the phrase, “who does he think he is?” The prophets often encountered it, so does Jesus in our Gospel this Sunday.

The late Terry Pratchett in one of his novels came up with the wonderful aphorism – “wisdom is the only thing in the universe that seems bigger the further away it is.” The temptation is always to think that revelation will come from afar off and to struggle to recognise it when it is close at hand and, apparently, ordinary.

The crowd know Jesus's family. They know the man they believe to be his father was a local craftsman; a decent man, but not someone at all important. They can probably recite a fair bit of his genealogy themselves. And so they find it impossible to believe that here is God's messenger among them. They expect God's word to be accompanied by thunder and lightning, signs and portents. And they miss the fact that the Word of God is standing there.

We like to think we wouldn't make the same mistake. But we all too often forget that the people around us, in the Church, our parish, and even our family, can be the means God uses to show us the way. If we pray asking God to show us the way, we can focus on the great events around us, looking for the message, when it may well come from someone we know and see every day.

At the heart of the problem, both for the people of Israel in Jesus's day, and for ourselves, is misunderstanding what God's plan is about. Jesus tells them, and us, that it is to raise them up on the last day. They were looking for the Messiah who would lead them to victory over their oppressors, and thought they found him in the one who miraculously fed them from five loaves and two fish. Jesus is trying to tell them that He is the one who will lead them into eternal life.

We may not be looking for a victorious war-leader, but we have our own temptations to forget the great goal in favour of lesser ones. While we can, and should, ask the Lord for guidance in our daily tasks, we should not forget that every day He is calling us to walk the path that leads to eternal life, to Him. That call is accompanied by great help and guidance at every step. But if we, like the people of Israel, are murmuring about the messenger, we may miss it.

Fr. Chris Denham

Liturgy of the Word

1 Kings 19:4-8: Fed by an angel, a broken and dispirited Elijah is able to walk all the way to the mountain of God.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2: St Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the way of love and thus live up to their calling.

John 6:41-51 : Jesus is the new manna from heaven. Those who eat this food will live forever.

Next Week's readings : Prov 9: 1-6 : Eph 5: 15-20: Jn 6: 51-58 :

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



Website and Electronic Giving

I am most excited to announce our new St Benedict's Website.

www.stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

I hope you enjoy our new Gallery of pictures and some stunning photographic shots.

Our former site was operated under the umbrella of the Diocese and has now been de-commissioned.

In conjunction with the new site, we are also rolling out our new **Electronic Pushpay Giving System**. You will see the **Donate button** on the Home page, and in several other places within the site.

In the coming weeks this system will be further enhanced by the introduction of a **St Benedicts App** for your mobile phones. This will allow a new level of interaction and communication with our parishioners. You will be carrying St Benedict's in your pocket !!!!!

Please do try the **Donate** facility, particularly if you are not already enrolled in an existing giving programme by way of weekly envelopes or Automatic Payments.

You can do this with a minimal dollar amount to see how it works.

It is not our intention to do away with the existing giving systems, but rather to increase our engagement with parishioners and offer a modern alternative in today's cashless society.

We welcome your feedback on the Website and any aspect of the new venture. You can easily do this by an email to office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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 :

Bert Morgen, Oscar Miranda, Maree Bernadette, Fr. Neville Browne, Peter Hughes, William O' Donnell, Mary Smith, Ron Grinter, Patricia Bryne

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)



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

Weekdays 11.30 am - 12.10pm (at Cathedral)

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
Phone 09 379 0624

Email: office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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

Rosary 10am - 20 Decade Rosary
held downstairs in meeting room,
access through parish carpark
at back of church.

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

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
Contact Details: Phone 09 379 0624

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Website: www.stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

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Catholic Student Chaplain

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

St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank

Ph 815 6122

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.

