



**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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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19 AUGUST 2018**

In the year 304 AD 49 Christians were martyred in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. Assemblies of Christians were banned by imperial decree; however the martyrs of Abitina, in North Africa were courageous enough to defy the decree. They accepted death rather than miss Sunday Eucharist.

When asked why they continued to gather for this ritual each Sunday; they replied, "Without the Lord's day we cannot live." "Without the Lord's Supper we cannot live."

Today, in our time, we should never forget the extraordinary faith and heroism of the priests and people who have faced great danger and even death for gathering to celebrate the Mass. There are numerous accounts of Christians being persecuted for coming together in prayer and worship from the first centuries of Christianity up to our own time.

The Eucharist is about life! Our gospel (John: 6) reminds us that the Eucharist is about the life of Jesus and our sharing in it. John links the Eucharist to the Passover. The Passover is the setting for the multiplication of the loaves and fishes that linked it to the gift of the manna in the wilderness. This gift kept the chosen people alive in their desert years. Later they embraced the Torah in a similar way." People do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Deut 8 : 3).

The gift of the Scriptures is a word of life to nourish the life of Jesus within us. John tells us that all of God's gifts are made present in the person of Jesus. He is the Living Water, the Bread of Life, the True Vine, the Good Shepherd. He is the Light, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We need the Eucharist, let us never take it for granted. Like the martyrs of Abitina, we cannot live without the Eucharist. If ever there was a challenge for us it's to be faithful to the keeping of Sunday.

Do we really think of Sunday as the Lord's Day – the Day of the Eucharist?

Could I invite you ask why we need to gather each Sunday?

Do we endeavour to participate as fully as we can with our bodies, minds and hearts in an enthusiastic way?

Let us not forget that every Eucharist that we participate in draws us into the life of Jesus.

We need that life!

**Monsignor Paul Farmer**

**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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**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST**

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**PARISH SECRETARY**

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES**

Contact the Parish Office  
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Email: office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

**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

**Prov 9: 1-6** : Wisdom is described in terms of a banquet. Christians will see this as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet.

**Eph 5: 15-20:** The wise Christian will make the most of the present time, being alert to the will of God, and shaping conduct accordingly.

**Jn 6: 51-58** : this contains Christ's great promise of eternal life to those who eat his body and drink his blood (in the Eucharist).

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

*For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheworld.org.nz](http://www.livingtheworld.org.nz)*

### Website and Electronic Giving

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

[www.stbenedictsaukland.org.nz](http://www.stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

A good example of using digital media is an American Bishop Robert Barron; he's setting about to revolutionise how the Church reached out to the wider Catholic community using social and other media tools. You will find this series on Catholicism presently running to be most interesting; it's very enlightening and done in a documentary style as the Bishop travels to various religious sites across the world. You can go through the News & Link tab on our website for the link.

We anticipate that next week we will be able to introduce the St Benedicts App for your mobile phone. This will allow a new level of interaction and communication with our community, and also provide easy access to the PushPay giving System.

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

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](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

With thanks.

*Richard Hurley for Parish Finance Committee*

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](mailto:enquiries@cvmft.org)

[www.cvmft.org](http://www.cvmft.org)

*More details on notice board*

*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 : Ron Grinter, Patricia Bryne, Billie Tong, Sr Clare Timpany OP, Vincent Santos, Donald Lawson, Stan Sargon, Alfred Stowers, Muriel Prendergast, Henry Reid, Joan Watt.*

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

### CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2018

On the weekend of **18 & 19 August**, I am asking that all parishes and communities celebrating Sunday Eucharist take part in this Survey. I ask that all those (over 15 years of age) attending each Mass fill in one of the Survey questionnaires. The Church Life Survey is carried out in each year that the national census is carried out in order to match the data gathered. The Survey is a 50-question multiple-choice questionnaire (i.e. tick the box), and the data collected will be invaluable as a pastoral planning tool for both parishes and the Diocese. The annual Mass count taken in November only gives us numbers - not any demographic data, nor any attitudinal answers.

Surveys can be filled in and returned to the parish or you can go online at <https://www.clnz.com/> and enter church code **WMYPSYSQ**. You will be asked to verify your email address and sent a further code to use for your survey. We appreciate you taking the time to take part in this church life survey.

Yours sincerely in Christ  
+ Pat Dunn  
Bishop of Auckland

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR SURVEY TODAY AND RETURN BY NEXT WEEKEND AND PLACE IN THE BOX LABELLED CHURCH LIFE SURVEY. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN GO ON-LINE TO COMPLETE AS PER ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS. THANK YOU**

#### **Diocesan Youth Mass**

hosted by West Region

Sunday 26 August 7pm

St Patrick's Cathedral.

Our theme is 'I Choose God Always'

#### **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.

Enquiries to Laura Yap at [laura@skytrain.co.nz](mailto:laura@skytrain.co.nz)

or Phone 09 921 5106

#### **Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to Play**

A Social Justice Week workshop providing an opportunity to listen to the stories and challenges of people with disabilities will be held 7pm - 9pm

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont St Ponsonby. Come and see how you can help your Parish become more an even more welcoming and caring community.

All welcome.

#### **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](http://www.maristseminary.org.nz)

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

Fr Pat Breeze SM : [vocations@smnz.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz). **The closing date for applications is 15 October 2018.**