



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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26 AUGUST 2018

23 August 2018

STATEMENT FROM NZCBC PRESIDENT BISHOP PATRICK DUNN

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops welcome the Letter this week to the People of God from Pope Francis asking forgiveness for the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults perpetrated by clergy and consecrated persons. As Pope Francis notes, these heinous crimes inflict deep wounds on the victims themselves and on their family members, and on the larger community of believers and non-believers alike. These wounds never go away. As a Church community, we apologise again to those who have been so deeply hurt. We acknowledge also that there must be significant changes in the Church, especially the rooting out of a culture of clericalism, whether among priests or people, which ignores the dignity of all the baptised. Since 1998, we have had in place procedures for responding to complaints of abuse in the Church. These procedures are constantly being revised and are now managed by our National Office for Professional Standards. In addition, we are asking all parishes and communities to adopt our National Safeguarding Guidelines which mandate police vetting and ongoing formation for priests, employees and volunteers who have interaction with children and vulnerable adults. The Catholic Church will also co-operate fully with the New Zealand Royal Commission on abuse, whatever its Terms of Reference may be. In his letter, Pope Francis writes:

"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion."

May the Holy Spirit give us the grace of conversion before these crimes and the resolve to courageously combat them.

As we seek to heal past hurts and address the harm caused by the church's ministers and others in leadership, may we listen sensitively, act justly, and walk humbly and honestly with one another.

If you want to make a complaint of abuse we urge you to contact the National Office for Professional Standards on 03 365 1993 or email prof_standards@nzcbc.org.nz or alternatively directly contact the police.

To read in full Pope Francis' Letter to the people follow the link below.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180820_lettera-popolo-didio.html

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 12.10pm

Tuesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
Contact Details: Phone 09 379 0624
Email: office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz
www.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

Monsignor Paul Farmer
paul@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 pm - 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
Phone 09 379 0624

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

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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision—to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Ephesians 5:21-32 St Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.

John 6:60-69 The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision—to stay with Jesus or to leave him.

Next Week's readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

Website and Electronic Giving

www.stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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.

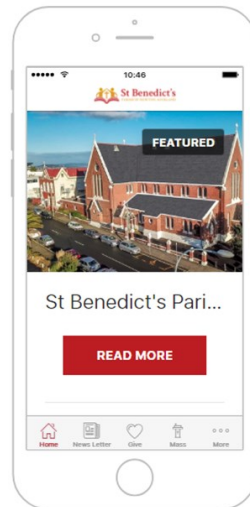
PushPay offers a modern electronic alternative for donating in today's cashless society and provides the advantage of tax deductible receipts.

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

With thanks.

Richard Hurley for Parish Finance Committee

App Coming Soon...



CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2018

Please return your completed Church Life Survey and place in the box marked—Church Life Survey.

Or you can go online at <https://www.clsnz.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.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.

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ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 5 – 7

October Sunday afternoon. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2nd September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022-089-0458 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive, Epsom www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

DREAMWORK 202: Skill Development Group with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 7 Sept, 9.30am- 12.30pm. \$35. This workshop is open to people who have previously attended an Introductory workshop, and seek to improve their skills. Booking essential.

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

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 :

Maurice Boland, Mary Reardon, Patrick Smith, Clive Power, Andre Lynch, Vicenta Sievert

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

Diocesan Youth Mass

hosted by West Region

Sunday 26 August 7pm

St Patrick's Cathedral.

Our theme is 'I Choose God Always'

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 4th 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.

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.**