

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 09 SEPTEMBER 2018

Spending time in the company of people who are deaf and mute makes us realise how precious the gifts of speech and hearing are. Unlike us, they are cut off completely from the world of sound and have no experience of the conversation of friends, the laughter of children and the joy of listening to music. While our sympathy and pity are with the man in today's story, nevertheless, we regard him as one of the lucky ones, to have met Jesus who cured him, gave him a break in life and made him like the rest of us. We take for granted our ability to hear and speak, but both gifts are meant for a purpose even greater than human communication. They are also our means of listening to God and speaking his word, this is something we should never forget. What we hear and what we say determine to a great extent what we do and they make us the people we are.

This is an occasion to express our concern and care for those who live lonely lives on the margins of society because of hearing impairment and speech loss. However, it is good to remember that the deaf mute is not just an historical figure from first century Israel. He resembles the whole human race. His plight is ours in so far as we refuse to listen to what God is saying to us and act upon it. We all need the healing hand of Christ to make us hear and speak the message of God properly. Jesus is the one who can remove deafness and muteness from our being so that we can make full use of these faculties. Is it possible that we are like this man because of our refusal to give a listening ear to the lonely, the troubled, and the worried? How many times have we failed to utter a word of encouragement, of hope and thanks, or have kept a discreet silence when we should have spoken the truth? Then there are the problems we have in speaking to our partner or neighbours, because of a long standing row or simply out of jealousy, envy or pride. What Jesus is saying to us is that the greatest tragedy of all is not to be born deaf and mute, but to have ears and fail to hear and to have tongues and fail to speak. We are the deaf and mute who need to be brought to Jesus for his healing touch, which brings communication where there are silences, companionship where there is loneliness, and encouragement where there is despair.

Social Justice Week was established by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference in 1997 as an ongoing commitment in the Catholic calendar for the week beginning the second Sunday of September.

This year the Social Justice Week theme is: Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – My achievements and strengths are not those of the individual, but those of the many

Disability has different connotations for different people. Some see it as a negative term to be avoided. Others see it as a source of identity and even a badge of honour.

And there are those who see it signifying barriers to people's full participation in community. Encountering disability can force us to re-evaluate our understanding of God, humanity and the attitudes we hold. Our Bishops recently reflected together on disability and participation in the life of the church and society. They remembered the many disabled people they know and love and who have helped inspire us in our journey of faith and life.

Joy and a sense of inner satisfaction in service are indicators of the Holy Spirit at work in us as we follow the path God intends for us. When we see this in others, we recognise the precious gift each person is called to be.

We enable this in our parishes and schools when we welcome and enable each person to contribute to the life of the community. Each of us, with our unique gifts and challenges, are interdependent. By becoming involved in each other's lives by our presence and service, we grow together as the Body of Christ. In this regard our Bishops encourage each of us to reflect on how we welcome each person, without exception, into the heart of our communities as a precious gift.

For more information go to www.caritas.org.nz

Fr Peter Tipene

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 12.10pm
Tuesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

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

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

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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

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Catherine van Veen
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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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 35:4-7 : The prophet urges the people to take courage, because God is coming to save his people.

James 2:1-5: Class distinction should have no place among Christians.

Mark 7:31-37 : Jesus cures a gentle man who is deaf and has a speech impediment.

Next Week's readings: Isaiah 50: 5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

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

Electronic Giving with Push Pay

This week we are highlighting the Giving Function that will be available on the St Benedict's App when we go live shortly. A tap on the Giving Function of the App will take you to the Screen shown here. You can simply insert an amount to give just once, or you can set up a recurring gift.

The first time you do this will require your card details. Next time after that, you can make your donation in just a few seconds.

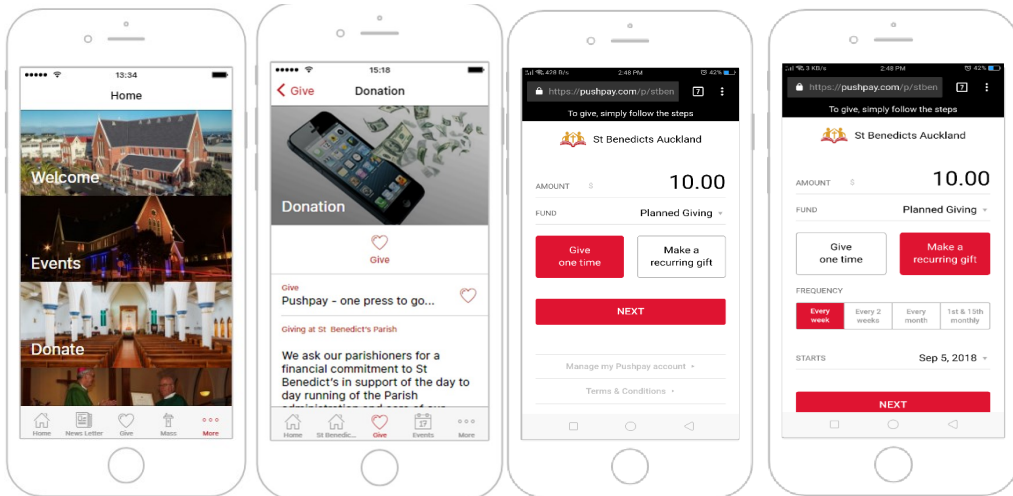
Very Simple .

Your donations are automatically recorded in the Parish Push Pay system. Annual receipts are available, and this is important because the IRD will give you back \$1 for every \$3 that you donate to our Parish.

'Push Pay Giving' is better for you than putting money in the collection plate.

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 :

Manel Ambiptyaia, Siulva Foliaki Kisina, Kathryn Jennings, Fr. Ormond, Elizabeth Morris, David Lewis O P

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

St Benedict's 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 office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection or betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom." "But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live out our baptismal calling to become missionary disciples and accept the life-giving words of Christ, even when they are difficult."

Pope Francis



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

Happy Birthday Monsignor Paul – 70 years young!!

On Sunday 23 September we are celebrating Monsignor Paul's 70th birthday! All are invited to join us after the 9.30am Mass for the celebration. Please bring a small plate of finger food.

'Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference: This amazing weekend conference will help you, your family and our entire culture rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to enlighten and transform our communities. This is also once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the daughter of St Gianna Beretta Molla – the daughter she gave her life for. Experience beautiful liturgies, pray and learn how we can live of Christ and allow Him to encounter our culture– a culture that is in desperate need of His Love and Mercy. 5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

LIFEFEST 2018: Attention young people and youth groups! A one day hands-on event providing young people, 13 to 19 years, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4th OCTOBER: 9 am- 9 pm** Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: **cheap accommodation** available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.