



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)



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

Pastoral Letter on the New Zealand Housing Crisis

My dear people, This Sunday marks the end of our Social Justice Week. In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples and each of us: 'Who do people say that I am?'

This is a question that is at the heart of our personal responsibility as followers of Jesus, who stood with the poorest and most vulnerable in society and who asks us to do the same.

Today I want to draw your attention to the Mission of the Church and in particular to the social services and justice and peace arm of the Diocese. It is wide-ranging and includes organisations such as De Paul House, St Vincent de Paul, Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge, Caritas, Catholic Social Services, Monte Cecilia, the Justice & Peace Commission and the Catholic Caring Foundation, to name a few. These organisations and many others provide care, services, advocacy, programmes and practical support to ensure family wellbeing is nurtured and enhanced. In addition, many of our primary and secondary schools make an enormous contribution through their outreach projects.

I acknowledge with deep gratitude all the works of mercy and justice that are being done daily in the name of the Church. Pope Francis says it like this: "Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people" [The Joy of the Gospel n.268].

One of the biggest issues in Auckland Diocese at the present time is housing. Jesus was born in a stable and, with his family, was a refugee in Egypt. During his public life he often had nowhere to lay his head. He calls on us to open our hearts to families living among us today who have no housing, who have to sleep in cars, or live in substandard or overcrowded dwellings where their children often suffer ill health and risk having their education disrupted from housing insecurity. As St James reminds us in today's second reading: "If a brother or a sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm, and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:15-17.

15-16 September 2018 Page 2 Pastoral Letter on the New Zealand Housing Crisis Often the task can seem too hard to even begin to address personally. Parishes, though, can work together and with others, to be a Church that reaches beyond itself and becomes a centre of missionary outreach. I offer some examples of how this missionary outreach is making a difference in our Diocese today.

- Two Auckland based Catholic organisations, Monte Cecilia and De Paul House, make a significant contribution to housing the homeless. They are supported by many parishioners across Auckland. In recent years, they have worked closely with a number of Parishes.

- Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven have made a Parish house available for De Paul House to use for emergency housing.

- Thirty years ago the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden, responded to the Diocesan Pastoral Council's plea on behalf of homeless families by purchasing a fire damaged house that parishioners worked hard to make liveable and they committed themselves to a 25 year mortgage. Since then it has provided housing for over 20 families and helped them into their own accommodation.

- In 2015, the Dominican Sisters made one of their houses in Blockhouse Bay available to De Paul House for 3 years. This enabled a homeless working family to be supported to save for the deposit required to buy a house. In June of this year the family, through an Affordable Equity Programme with the NZ Housing Foundation, moved into a home of their own.

- St Ignatius Parish, St Heliers, has provided beds and bedding for every family in a low decile school in order to make their houses more liveable.

Many Parishes, from the resources they have available, have helped those in greatest need in their midst and yet the need continues to be great. As your Shepherd, I encourage you not to lose heart and together as a parish community to find renewed and creative ways to be "an evangelizing community that gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives". [The Joy of the Gospel n.24].

I urge you as a faith community to consider what response your Parish can make and whether your Parish, or individuals within it, can provide affordable rental accommodation or emergency housing or furnishings to help a homeless family.

Yours in Christ,
Patrick Dunn
Bishop of Auckland

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@stbenedictsauckland.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
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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 50:5-9 – The just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

James 2: 14-18 – Faith without good works is dead.

Mark 8 :27-35 – Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.

Next Week's readings: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 : Jam 3:16,4:3 : Mk 9:30-37

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.

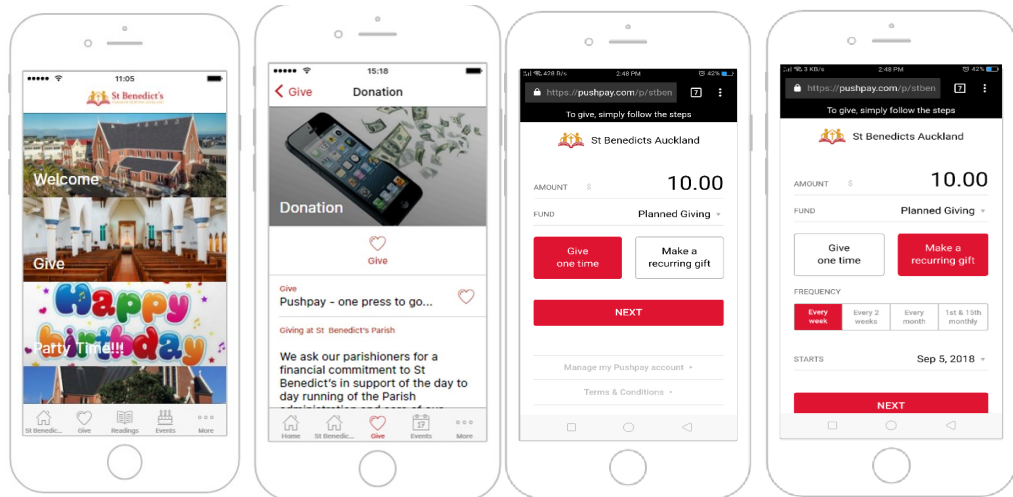
Very Simple .

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 :

Socoso Gallego, Hilary Shackleton, Alice Bridget Gordon, Bert Grinter, Cherie Simeti, Merlyn Charlotte, Gwen Murnane, Mark Gleeson, Henriette Schaumkell, Ernie Leano, Charles Joseph M'Menamin

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@stbenedictsuckland.org.nz

"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others." Pope Francis Laudato Si #95



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.**

You are Invited to the Special Mass For Pope Francis On his Patronal Feast Day
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn On Thursday, 4th October 2018 at 12.15 p.m., at St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland City
Followed by light refreshments & celebratory cake in Liston Hall **Please Bring a plate**

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 Girls' Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

LIFEEST 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.