



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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

THE PASTOR'S NOTE

JOY AND HUMOUR

Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. We see this clearly, for example, in Saint Thomas More, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Philip Neri. Ill humour is no sign of holiness." Remove vexation from our mind"(Eccl 11:10). We receive so much from the Lord" for our enjoyment"(1Tim 6:17), that sadness can be a sign of ingratitude. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognise God's gifts.

With the love of a father, God tells us: " My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day" (Sir 14:11.14). He wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated: "In the day of prosperity, be joyful... God created human beings straightforward, but they have devised many schemes."(Eccl 7:14.29). Whatever the case, we should remain resilient and imitate Saint Paul. " I have learnt to be content with what I have" (Phil 4:11). Saint Francis of Assisi lived by this; he could be overwhelmed with gratitude before a piece of hard bread, or joyfully praise God simply for the breeze that caressed his face.

This is not the joy held out by today's individualistic and consumerist culture. Consumerism only bloats the heart. It can offer occasional and passing pleasures, but not joy. Here I am speaking of a joy lived in communion, which shares and is shared, since "there is more happiness in giving than in receiving "(Acts 20:35) and "God loves a cheerful giver"(2 Cor 9:7). Fraternal love increases our capacity for joy, since it makes us capable of rejoicing in the good of others: "Rejoice with those who rejoice"(Rom 12:15). "We rejoice when we are weak and you are strong." (2 Cor 13:9). On the other hand , when we " focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence".

Pope Francis

Gaudete Et Exultate

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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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

Wisdom 2:12,17-20 :The godless plot to do away with the just one, because his blameless life is a reproach to them.

Jam 3:16,4:3 : Jealousy, ambition, and self seeking lead to disharmony and fighting. Gentleness. Reasonableness and mercy lead to peace.

Mk 9:30-37 : Jesus tells his apostles that he will suffer bitter humiliation and death, and says that true greatness shows itself in service towards the weaker members of the community.

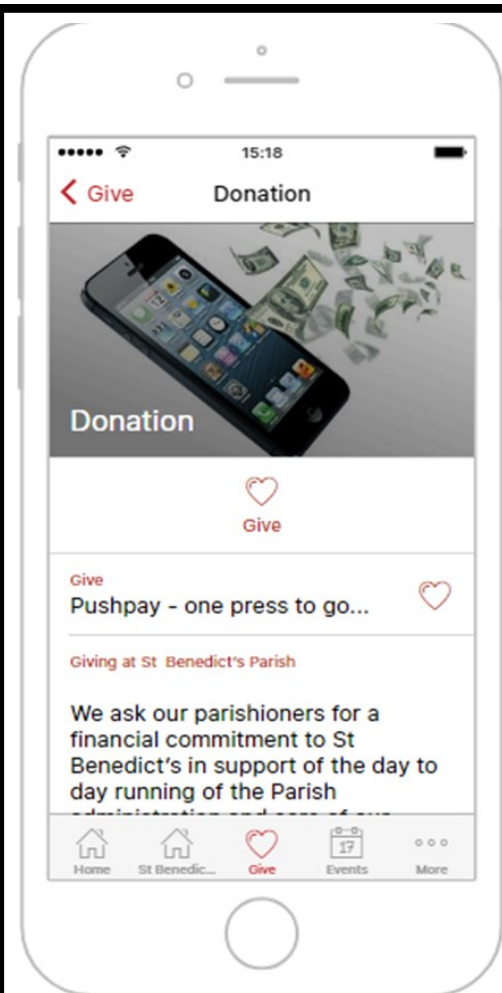
Next Week's readings: Num 11:25-29 : Jam 5:1-6 : Mk 9:38-43,47-48:

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

St Benedict's App

St Benedict's App will be available for you to download from next week end .

At every mass we will have a facilitator to guide us through our new electronic System.



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 :

Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hassan, Jouito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, Laurence McCarthy, Fine Tamaso Laty, Simon Anae

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

Youth will be hosting the **Diocesan Youth Mass** this month, with the theme *Live In Me*. Everyone is welcome to join so make sure to invite whanau, friends, parishioners and youth members to celebrate Mass together. Mass will be held on **30 September, St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm** and celebrated by Msgr Bernard Kiely.

Monsignor Paul Farmer Is 70 Years Young Today !!!

Please join us after 9.30am Mass today for the celebration!!!



Urgent boarding accommodation required (1 room only) for a young mother & 8 year old child. City areas or North Shore City preferred but will consider anything! Works Full Time, Quiet, Pays rent on time. Reference available. Please contact Parish Office at Newton 09 379 0624

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.

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**

Responding to the NZ Housing Crisis

In his 16 September Pastoral letter to all Parishioners Bishop Pat asked 'whether your Parish, or individuals within it, can provide affordable rental accommodation or emergency housing or furnishings to help a homeless family'. If you think you may be in a position to assist in this way, please contact Catholic Social Services: 378 9650 johnm@ccsackland.org.nz.

Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.

Pope Francis



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.**

Feast of St Faustina 5th October 7:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

St Mary's Church,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.
All Welcome

Thank you all !!!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.