



St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM

(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Our Gospel this Sunday speaks of devils, casting them out, and, above all, about sin. It's a collection in other words of all those things that the modern world finds difficult about Christianity.

In particular, the world isn't fond of the word "sin". That shouldn't be a surprise, since it is linked so strongly to a lack of belief in God. In order to speak about sin you have to believe in God. Anyone can speak of right and wrong. Anyone with an understanding of morality can speak of good and evil. But to recognize sin, to know it as a turning away from God, a harming of a relationship, requires faith.

In this Gospel Jesus uses the word for a stumbling block, to describe the consequences of sins. If we have faith, this helps us to understand the impact of sin as something that gets in the way of our love for God. Sins damage the most important relationship in our lives, sometimes in little ways, sometimes in ways that completely rupture it. It helps to understand why Jesus uses such dramatic language to demonstrate the proper response.

If I am deeply in love with someone, if my relationship with them is the most important thing in my life, I can't tolerate anything getting in the way. I may be very fond of, say, video games. I may enjoy them very much. But if my attraction to them, and how I play them, makes me less able to share the life of my beloved, I'm going to have to give up video games. Indeed, I am not going to allow anything in my life, however attractive it may be on the surface, to harm that relationship. It's one of the ways we know whether such a relationship is 'for real' in fact. That we prioritize it above other interests.

Surprising as it is to some, there is a joy in coming to really understand that we are sinners. To be a sinner, you have to have a relationship of God that can be hurt. Acknowledging sin isn't just finding out what's wrong, it's much more about understanding there is a precious thing in my life that is worth more than any lesser good – my relationship with the most wonderful lover I will ever know.

The challenge then of this Gospel is to recognize that relationship, and to put it in its proper place in my life. If I truly understand this relationship as being the way to the greatest possible joy for me, there will be nothing I will not sacrifice to attain it.

Fr. Christopher Denham

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

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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

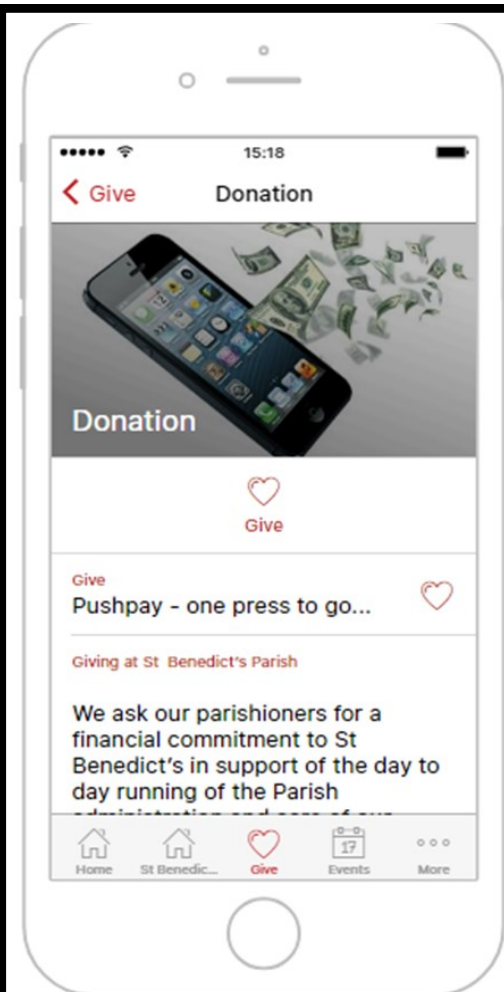
Num 11:25-29 :Joshua resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses himself welcomes it.

Jam 5:1-6 : We hear a strong condemnation of wealth, especially when it is obtained through exploitation of the weak.

Mk 9:38-43,47-48: This contains a lesson in tolerance and in the avoidance of scandal and occasions of sin.

Next Week's readings: **Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16**

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



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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 :

Jovito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, Laurence McCarthy, Fine Tamaso Latu, Simon Anae, Fr. Peter Dunn, Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hassan, Laurence Netto, Elizabeth Hurley

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

70th birthday - Grateful thanks

May I express to each and all of you my grateful thanks and appreciation for all that you did to honour my 70th birthday last Sunday. The memory of this special day will always remain with me. Special thanks to those who organised the food, cake and entertainment. It was a wonderful time together and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did.

May God bless you all.

Monsignor Paul

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@ccsauckland.org.nz.

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 & 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

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.

"We are all called, in our respective roles, to cultivate and promote respect for the intrinsic dignity of every human person," Pope Francis (Re Welcoming migrants & refugees). 20/9/18



Marlena Devoe Concert – Tuesday 16 October at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Entry by donation. Marlena was cantor at the Cathedral for some time and is fundraising to help with the costs of her tuition in Italy.

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

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**

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