

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)



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
Contact Details: Phone 09 379 0624
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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.



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -14 OCTOBER 2018

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY PASTORAL LETTER, 14 OCTOBER 2018

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Praising God for the gift of life is common to all world religions. **Deep down in the heart of every person is the knowledge that life is precious and often fragile.**

The worldwide human family recently experienced this belief as we watched with bated breath the heart-warming rescue mission of the Thai boys trapped in a cave. How fitting it was that all the boys, soon after their rescue, went to a monastery for a month's retreat as an act of respect for the one who had sacrificed his life saving theirs.

Respect Life Sunday reminds us that every day is an opportunity to reflect on the insight that life, far from being random or an act of self-determination, is in fact a gift. **The beautiful gift of parenthood is a collaboration with God in the creation of a new person made in God's image and likeness.** It is sometimes said that every child is the fruit of God's love and their parents' love, "given a name".

Sometimes, however, the gift of life is not experienced as this profound communion of love, family and joy. Parenthood can be shattered or tested in a number of ways that cry out for mercy, tenderness, accompaniment and deep understanding. When grief or loss or regret come between a parent and a child - or the hope for a child - we see human nature itself express her pain and anguish.

Today, as shepherds or hēpara, **we stand close to those of you who carry the heavy pain and grief of an abortion.** Sometimes that anguish, when shared, met with a cold detached judgement. That was wrong. We encourage those of you who need the burden of regret lifted, to share your story, and, in the words of Jesus, "find rest for your soul" (cf. Mt 11:29-30).

Others carry the pain and grief of what we might call '**empty arms**' in different ways: perhaps the result of an inability to conceive; or the miscarriage of a deeply desired but never held baby; perhaps a child still-born and held only in death; or the result of having parented embryos that will never be implanted; perhaps a child given for adoption, a child given away into the arms of others; or a child who died prematurely through illness or accident, a child no longer present to be held; or perhaps a child now estranged or distant whom you entrust to the care of the Saints and the compassion of fellow human beings.

Pope Francis has called for a **revolution of tenderness** in our world. In that spirit, we offer today not explanations or answers but the assurance of listening hearts and humble prayers: for courage, for healing and forgiveness where needed, and for renewed purpose in our lives.

A burden or pain shared is one that is lightened. For some of you, telling your story to another person will bring forth a kind of **sacred space of deep, respectful listening**; an encounter in which you will feel God's healing love. We might mourn, we might marvel and above all - for all of us - may we come to experience anew that we are the deeply loved family of God. And may we continue to build parishes where doors are open and all are made to feel at home.

+ Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland
+ Steve Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton
+ Charles Drennan, Bishop of Palmerston North
+ John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington
+ Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch
+ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

Liturgy of the Word

Wis 7:7-11 : This is a passage in praise of wisdom. It is presented as a speech of Solomon.

Heb 4:12-13 : God's word is effective and is a source of true Wisdom for us.

Mk 10:17-30 : The case of a good young man who refuses to follow Christ because he is unwilling to part with his wealth.

Next Week's readings: **Is 53:10-11** : **Heb 4:14-16** : **Mk 10:35-45**

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 :

Margaret Blewett, Patricia Borg, Rosario Felix, Valda Catherine Roughan, Peter Smit, Florence Jayetileke,
Oswald Goonetilleke, Jean O'Reilly, Debbie Herbert

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

Let's Take a Walk Through the Mass

This is a workshop presented by the Liturgy Centre, Auckland Diocese, at Christ the King Parish, Ōwairaka on Saturday October 27th, 10 am – 1pm (please arrive 9.30 to begin at 10am). This workshop explores the words and meaning of the Mass and how we participate in the Mass. It is for anyone who would like to know more about the Mass, or who would like to be better at explaining the Mass to their children or grandchildren.

To register Email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

St Francis Retreat Centre—Sunday 28 October at 3.00 pm there will be a Celebration of the Eucharist led by Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, Guardian of St Francis Friary, to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Foundation Stone and the completion of the seismic upgrade of St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.

Enhance your spiritual life and learn more about your Catholic Faith.
Walk by faith introductory Session, 21st October 2-4, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Contact email: dfouhy@cds.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@stbenedicts.auckland.org.nz

**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.

Workshop – Choosing music for Mass
Looking at the function of music in the Mass, using 'Sing to the Lord' (USCCB) and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

Wednesday November 14th 7-9pm.

tinac@cda.org.nz to register.

Mission Sunday next weekend (21 October 2018)

Parishioners are reminded that next weekend is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical

Mission Societies which is directed especially towards the care of children, the immediate relief of the poor, and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. Please give generously next week. <https://missio.nz/>

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our October Meeting

About : SELF-CONTROL Speaker: LOREN O'SULLIVAN (Director of NPH, NZ)
on Wednesday 17th Oct. 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. @ Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

Mercy Spirituality Centre

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info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Connections Series: A Biblical Panoramic World View with Fr KEVIN WALDIE. Weds 17 & 24 Oct, 7-9pm. \$15 each talk. During these talks we will focus on passages of Scripture that offer insight into our common humanity and the faith that binds us together as God's own family.