



**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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 07 OCTOBER 2018**

What Jesus was being asked by the Pharisees was where he stood concerning marriage and divorce. He left them in no doubt about his position, emphasising that marriage is a state of life created by God himself, a lifelong union between one man and one woman kept together by a pledge of love and loyalty made in the presence of God. It's a union that cannot be undone, so when a couple marry there is no power on earth, short of death, that can free them to remarry. "What God has joined together we must not separate." We are called then to reflect on the dignity of marriage and the permanence of the marriage commitment. This is a question that is surfacing more and more in today's church as Christians are bombarded from all sides with the worldly view that lifelong marriage is unacceptable. Few beliefs set us so much apart from the world as Christ's teaching on marriage which directs us to obey God and not humanity.

Life could be described as a journey, and marriage is two people making that journey together in partnership. The wedding day is but the starting point when the church blesses the couple and family and friends gather to celebrate their departure and to wish them good luck for the road ahead. The sight of newlyweds pledging themselves to each other stirs something deep within us. It's an acknowledgement to the community that their lives have taken a new direction through the power of love, which demands mutual respect and trust of each other. Together they go forward to meet the rough and the smooth of life and to weather the storms that even true love cannot escape. The church's blessing and family smiles are no magic wand to smooth the way for instant happiness.

A good marriage must be created. It's not so much about finding the right partner as being the right person. In marriage the little things are the most important, like speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways. It's having the capacity to forgive and to forget which means never going to sleep angry. A married couple cannot stand together and face the world unless their union is based on love. Love is what cements and binds that relationship together for life. It's a hope and a trust that has to be lived down the years through the good times and bad times. Love can be easily reneged upon and then marriage fades away and dies. The solemn pledge, made at the altar of God, to love each other for better or for worse, should not trip lightly off any tongue.

**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

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**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE**

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

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**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST**

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**PARISH SECRETARY**

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

**Gen 2:18-24:** God made man and woman for each other. The bond of marriage means they are no longer two but one.

**Heb 2:9-11:** By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Christ became a brother and a saviour to all people.

**Mk 10:2-16:** Christ teaches that the marriage bond comes from God and is therefore indissoluble.

Next Week's readings: **Wis 7:7-11** : **Heb 4:12-13** : **Mk 10:17-30**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheworld.org.nz](http://www.livingtheworld.org.nz)



## Do you have our St Benedict's App On your Mobile!!!

You can now download our St Benedict's App on to your smart phone. Go to the app store and search for Stbenedicts Auckland.



Just one click you are there.

**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 :**

*Hazel Reid, Stephen Batterton, June Wilkins, John Casey, Fr. Peter Kay, Senia Aura'a, Darry M'Carthy, Victor Jesu's Aguino, Mary Mahoney,*  
**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

**Married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible.**



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@cda.org.nz](mailto:dfouhy@cda.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](mailto:office@stbenedicts.auckland.org.nz)

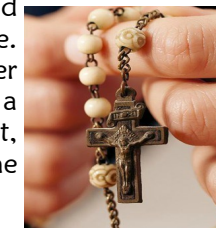
### Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Candlelight Rosary Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
Sacred Heart College  
250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes  
All are invited.

**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.

### Rosary Aotearoa: Sunday 7th October - Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Join us at **St Benedicts Church at 3pm** to pray the rosary as we join others throughout the world to pray at this time. We will pray together the Holy Rosary as a one nation, one heart, one mind and one spirit .



### Mercy Spirituality Centre

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- **The Laudato Si Pledge** with Fr NEIL DARRAGH. Thurs 11 Oct, 7-9pm. \$15. A key concept in 'Laudato Si' is that of an 'integral ecology' that is both realistic and respectful of the interconnectedness of all things. This talk explores the concept and how it could change our lifestyles.
- **Connectedness: Christian Adult Resilience Programme** with JENNY BELL. Sat 13 Oct, 9.30am - 3.30pm. \$75 incl. book BYO lunch. In the workshop you will learn social and emotional resilient strategies that foster your sense of connectedness.

**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.