

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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PARISH SECRETARY
Catherine van Veen
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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.



THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -11 NOVEMBER 2018

In our First Reading, Elijah met a poor widow. He wanted some water from the widow who was gathering sticks. She went to fetch it for him. Then he asked for some bread. But there was nothing. She was left only with a handful of flour and a few drops of oil. She was about to prepare a final meal for her and her son before dying. *"Do not fear,"* the prophet said. *"Do as you were planning, but give me some as well. You will not run out."* The three of them were able to eat for a year: the prophet, the woman, the child. The flour did not vanish. The oil did not go dry.

There are times when we are down, and we think we have nothing left to give. Little remains in the barrel of our lives. Then, for some reason, we still manage to give more out of the nothing we have left. Then we realised that it is the **Grace** of God working.

In our Gospel Reading today, our Lord watches a poor widow pull out two small coins and drop them in the temple treasury. We are told that many rich people had given much larger sums, but it was this widow that caught the Lord's eye and moved his heart.

It tells us that Jesus has an unconventional way of appraising gifts. Unlike most of us and the rest of the world, our Lord does not pay too much attention to the material value of gifts. We are too easily focused on price tags - \$10 versus \$9.99, thanks to our consumerist culture and the compulsive acquisitiveness that it often breeds in us. Just as we tend to define ourselves by what we possess; what we wear; what we put on our faces, likewise we tend to value people by the price of the gifts we receive from them.

Not so the Lord. Unimpressed by the rich donors who gave so much more than the widow, our Lord kept his eye on the **HEART of the giver**. Whereas the others offered what was spare change for them, the widow has contributed *"all she has, her entire livelihood."* In other words, she has given **painstakingly**. Her giving cost her a lot, but she has opted to take the **"pain of giving"**.

Our Lord knows all about poor widows. His own mother was a widow, and he might have watched Mary save to make sure they had bread on the table every day. Since she was a pious Jew, it is quite possible that Jesus might have also seen her scrimp just to be able to offer a donation to the temple. Who knows? Maybe the widow in the temple reminded him of his mother and her painstaking generosity.

It seems that God treasures painstaking giving—not because He likes pain, but because the most valuable giving really costs! God is pleased when we engage in painstaking giving because something beautiful happens to our heart. St Ignatius of Loyola has this prayer:

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labour without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

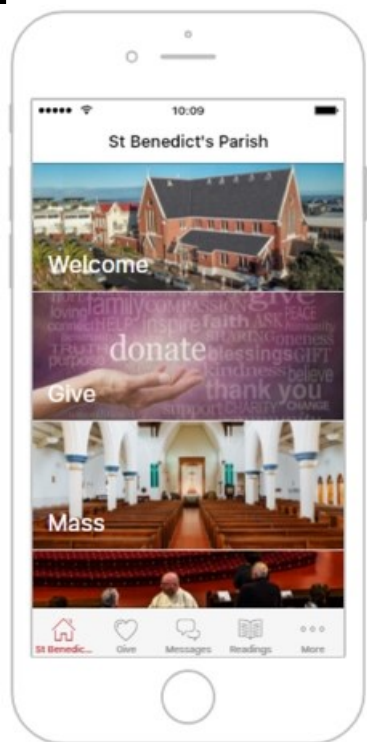
Fr Sherwin Lapaan

Liturgy of the Word

- 1 Kgs 17:10-16 : In the middle of a famine, a poor widow share the last of her food with the prophet Elijah, and far from losing by so doing, she is enriched.
- Heb 9: 24-28 : Through his death Christ has taken our sins upon himself and has opened for us the door to salvation.
- Mk 12:38-44 : In the eyes of others the offering of the widow was the least, but in eyes of Christ it was the greatest.

Next Week's readings: Dan 12:1-3 : Heb 10:11-14,18 : Mk 13: 24-32
For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

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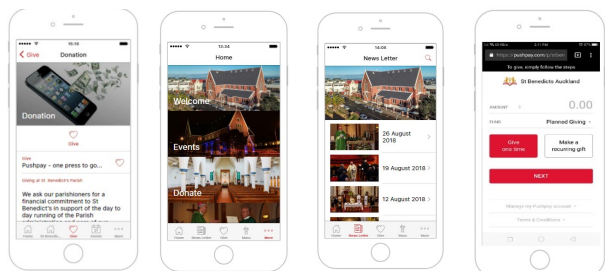
The number of downloads of our St Benedict's App continues to grow weekly. We are encouraging all our parishioners to become involved.

Stay connected

Use our St Benedicts App to stay connected with our Parish. You will get all the information about our Parish events, mass times, parking and many more. It is a great way to stay "in touch".

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Remember it's very easy to
download the APP.



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 :

Des Rosser, Helena Nora Mondeiro, Erin Lister, Michael Rozijn, Bishop John Cunneen, Soane Maimiso Filitonga Watkins, Thomas Matthias Doran, William Craigie

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

Diocesan Job Vacancy Marriage and Family Life (Leader/Co-ordinator)

We are seeking a confident, friendly, welcoming, communicative, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to provide the best possible preparation for a lasting Christian marriage and have superior liaison and organisational skills. This is a part-time role of 32 hours (4 days) per week, with some evening and Saturday work. please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

invites all women to **November Meeting:**
Topic: **STRENGTHENED BY THE SPIRIT**
(Eph 3:16-17) Speaker: **RITA PETERSON**
When: **Wed 21st Nov, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.**
Where: **Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629**
Contact: Sylvia 09 443 77 www.dove.org.nz

Euthanasia Debate hosted by David Seymour
MP: Thursday 15 November from 7pm at the Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road. Maryan Street will be speaking in support of the the End of Life Choice Bill, with Dr Stephen Child presenting the case against it. It is vital to have many supporters of life in the audience. Please also email your views your MP.

Catholic Discipleship College Graduation Mass

Students from the Catholic Discipleship College are graduating, so what better way to celebrate than a graduation Mass! This will be held on **Saturday, 17 November at 10.30am, St Patrick's Church , Pukekohe.** All are welcome to attend!

Help required :

We need assistance to put our large nativity set together in the Church in time for the first Sunday of Advent (2 Dec). We require some able bodied people that can lift heavy items. This project could be done during the last week of November or on Saturday 1 December.

If you are able to assist, please contact Catherine in the Parish Office on 09 379 0624 or office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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2. Type " St Benedicts Auckland " (Font not case sensitive)
3. You can see our App with the St Benedict's logo.
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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