

### 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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### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

Monsignor Paul Farmer

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### PARISH SECRETARY

Catherine van Veen

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### Catholic Student Chaplain

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www.actc.net.nz

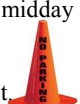
### St Vincent de Paul & Foodbank

Ph 815 6122

### PARKING FOR ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

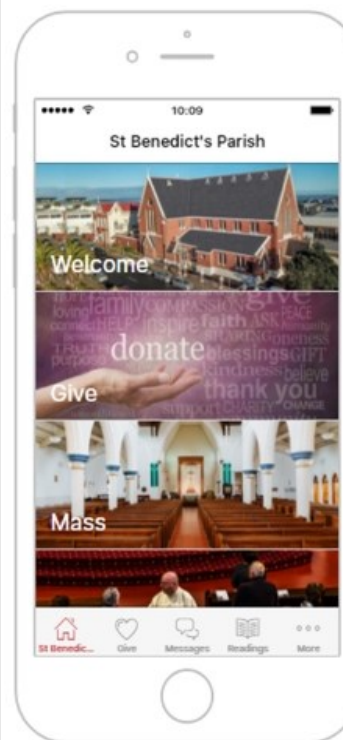
Free parking is available from Saturday midday  
to Sunday evening in the  
Wilson carpark on corner of  
St Benedict's & Alex Evans Street.

Please NOTE: A few parks in top park are  
marked reserved for tenant parking.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 2 DECEMBER 2018

## St Benedicts App Free Download



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

### Today Giving Sunday 2 December 2018

To further promote the St Benedicts App in our parish we will be asking all our users to make a donation via the PushPay facility within the App at all masses this weekend.

**(Steps to follow)**

**Remember it's very easy to download**

### Steps to follow

1. Go to Play Store (For Android Mobiles) or App Store (For Apple Mobiles)
  2. Type "St Benedicts Auckland" (Font not case sensitive)
  3. You can see our App with the St Benedict's logo.
  4. Press Install.
- Now you have our St Benedict's App.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**Jer 33:14-16:** The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah

**1 Thess 3:12,4:2 :** Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other, and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ.

**Lk 21:25-28,34-36 :** In language borrowed from the Old Testament, Luke describes the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for it confidence, vigilance and prayer.

**Next Week's readings: Bar 5:1-9 : Phil 1:3-6,8-11 : Lk 3:1-6**

## PASTOR'S NOTE

It's always a little bit of a shock that, as we begin the season of Advent, preparing for Christmas, our readings on the first Sunday are about the end of the world. To most people the joy of Christmas and the fear of Armageddon don't seem very compatible. And yet the heart of this season is the fact that they are.

The season of Advent, the very word means 'coming towards', is about the coming of Christ. Not just his first coming in the stable at Bethlehem, but also his coming in glory at the end of time. Indeed, the first coming was all about making possible for us the second. Jesus came into the world in order that, in the fullness of time, our world might be remade into His world, and that we might live in that new world for all eternity.

So for us, as Christians, the end of the world isn't, or shouldn't be, a source of fear, but of hope. It doesn't mean that this world is worthless. It was made by God, after all, and it is our home at the moment. It is here that we are called to live as God's people. But always remembering that it isn't our true home. And the way to that true home is through the end of this one.

The end of the world seems a fair way a way, however. I could be wrong about that: the world may in fact end tomorrow. We have no knowledge of when it will be. But it probably won't be tomorrow, or the next day, or even the next fifty years.

But there is an end that probably will happen in the next fifty years: my end. Because for all of us who may not be called to wait until the end there is another coming of Christ that is certain. Our death – when we shall meet Christ face to face.

The solemn readings of this part of Advent are to remind us of that coming of Christ, and to encourage us to look towards it as we do to the celebration of His first coming into the world. Because of that first coming, and His passion, death and resurrection that He accomplished, I can look forward, as can we all, in hope and trust.

So the challenge of this first Sunday of Advent, as we turn our thoughts towards preparing for Christmas is this: Do I look forward to the end with the same hope and joy with which I look forward to Christmas?

Because we all should.

*Fr Chris Denham*

***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 :***

Nita Grinter, Monsignor James Shennalan, Tony Blaskarch, Albert Lisala, Walte Peasente, James Ropato, B J Nathan, Jean Webb, Fifita Ramanlal

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

**SEMINAR** the Liturgy Centre is holding on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. This is a seminar for readers and cantors. Five speakers will present material on various aspects of the Ministry of the Word. This is an excellent opportunity for readers, cantors and all involved with the preparation of liturgy, to deepen their knowledge and skills. We are very hopeful that parishes will encourage their readers and cantors to attend this seminar.

**Venue : Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Church St, Onehunga, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm. *Bring your own Lunch.***



Catholic Discipleship College are hosting a three day Discipleship Retreat for young adults from **14 - 16 December**. Cost of \$50 includes food and accommodation.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1270448283092957/>

## Rite II

**St Benedict's Parish : 13 December 2018 , 7.30pm**

**St Patrick's Cathedral : 11 December 2018 , 7.30pm**

## MUSICIANS REQUIRED

we are in need of more musicians particularly for the 5.30pm Mass and the 9.30am Mass. If you are able to play the organ, piano, guitar or appropriate accompaniment and would like to commit to a regular Sunday, please contact the parish office. It is hoped we will have enough musicians so that you would only be rostered once or twice a month at the most. Cantors also welcome.

## MINISTER'S REQUIRED FOR 5.30PM SUNDAY MASS

We are looking for more people who would like to be on our roster for the 5.30pm Mass for both reading and communion ministry. If you would like to contribute to one of these ministries, please contact the parish office. Many thanks

**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 Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Newton, Auckland 1010 or [office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](mailto:office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz)

Thank you from Vinnies for your very generous donations to their FeedaFamily Christmas Appeal Project last weekend. We are extremely grateful to you all