



St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 9.30AM
(WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY)

SUNDAY 5.30PM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE (SEE BELOW)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 17 MARCH 2019

LENT II

The gospel this Sunday takes us to Mount Tabor. What an experience this must have been for Peter, James and John. Over the past years I've envied them; if only I could have my own version of the transfiguration. If only I could hear a voice from the clouds telling me with certainty that God is right here, right now with me.

This probably won't happen – but we're still called to believe, that's the essence of our faith.

We all, look for signs and reassurance; there's nothing wrong with seeking signs and symbols to remind us of God's presence with us.

Lent is rich in sign and symbol that can take us to God- Ashes, the scriptures, prayer, fasting, alms-giving, the sacraments, Lenten traditions and observances.

The observances of Lent can help us to clear a path. But we can't stop there if we want to experience real transformation and spiritual growth. If we really desire renewal and rebirth change cannot be skin deep. "Rend your hearts not your garments". The opening Lenten scripture tells us. Yes! Lent is about our hearts.

I think often in our catholic tradition we put too much focus on "giving up things for Lent" and "doing things for Lent" rather than going inwards to our hearts.

A true Lent means taking a risk by going deeper to the heart to find what really makes us tick.

Start from fasting from sin and endeavour to make a friend of silence. Nourish yourself with the word of God - the scriptures. The daily liturgical scripture readings for the 40 days prior to Easter were originally chosen to educate the catechumens preparing for baptism. There is a sense in which these chosen texts were the original catechism of the church. The daily scripture readings, during Lent are a great way to be in touch with God's word.

Lent is about renewal and rebirth. Together with the sacraments, it's the scriptures that renew us and bring us to new birth. They are essential for any Christian life.

Let's conclude with helpful thoughts from Pope Francis:

Do you want to fast this Lent?
Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
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May this joyful season be yours in abundance.

Monsignor Paul Farmer

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
Phone 09 379 0624

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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
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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 15:12,17-18 : We learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ we are the heirs to this covenant.

Phil 3:17,4:1 : Paul urges his converts to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

Lk 9:28-36 : We hear Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor.

Next Week's readings: Ex 3:1-8,13-15 ; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 ; Lk 13:1-9

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

PUSHPAY GIVING AND ST BENEDICT'S APP

The number of downloads of our St Benedicts App continues to grow. Thank you so much for your donations made via the Pushpay facility.

Notifications via St Benedicts App

The parish is further developing the facilities available with the

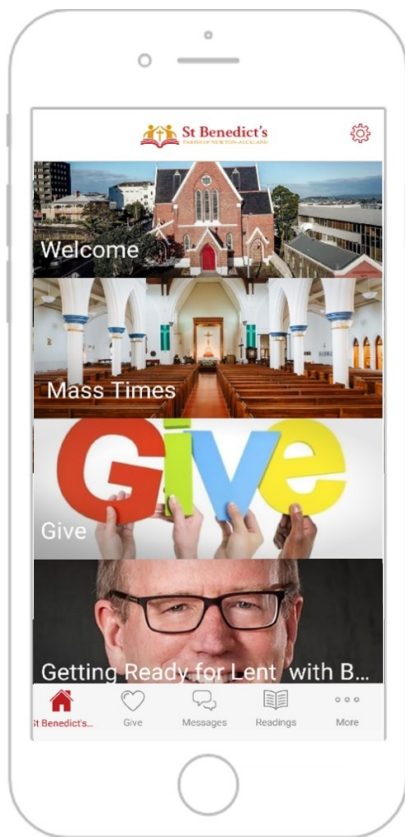
St Benedicts App.

We will soon be able to send messages to our different parish groups such as readers, Communion ministers, musicians, children's liturgy ministers etc. Also different parish communities example Filipinos, Spanish, Tongan, Indonesian etc. These messages will be received on the main screen of your phone.

It is important for successful communication within the parish that as many people as possible have downloaded the App.

Steps to Download

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.



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 :

Maria Mercedes Santiano- Laxamana, Deborah Taurao, Phyllis Mitchell, Milisi Lava, Zella Rankin, Andrea Cook, Fr Mathew Brandy, Maree Bonnar

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or

www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session. This series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. These are all stand-alone events and complimentary events. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all...

22 March – Br Roger of Taize: Man of Forgiveness and Reconciliation with ANNE WARREN chf (Repeated on Wed 27 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15)

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the sick will be available at the 12.10pm Mass on each of the Friday's of Lent.(6th March 2019 —21st April 2019).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6.30pm at St Benedict's Church

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 (TODAY)

Children's Sacramental Programme begins on **Sunday 17 March at 10.30am** (after the 9.30am Mass). Children must be enrolled before the programme begins. Enrolment forms are available from the back of the church or the parish office.

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 10.30am on Sundays 17 March, 24 March, 31 March and 07 April with the children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm

The second part of the programme will be the preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These classes will be held at 10.30am on Sundays 28 April, 05 May, 12 May, 19 May, 26 May and

02 June 2019. The date for the children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be on Pentecost Sunday 09 June at the 9.30am Mass.

If you have any further queries, please contact the parish office on 09 379 0624 or office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz

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 MASS

We are very grateful to those people who have put their names forward for our rosters. **But we are still in need of a few more communion ministers.** If you can help, please contact the parish office on 379 0624 or office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz
Thank you so much for your wonderful works.

The Radiance of GOD



...his clothing became white and dazzling

What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others?

To what extent is the radiance of God visible in your life today?

PROLIFE FACTS

On March 10th the #DefendNZ trailer and website were launched at defendnz.co.nz and DefendNZ

Facebook page, providing a valuable resource for those who wish to become better informed about this issue as our nation grapples with the possibility of decriminalising euthanasia/assisted suicide. For more pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.