



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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 03 MARCH 2019

Our attention is drawn to a number of practical points on Christian living, which are broad in scope and rich in truth. Following Jesus is a serious occupation and leaves no room for comfortable complacency. Our words and conversation, the fruit of our tongues are a true indication of our spiritual health and our Christian life. When we open our lips we should be intent on praising God and refrain from hurting our neighbour. We are asked to search as carefully for our own faults as we do for the faults of others, because concentrating on ridding ourselves of the big blotches in our personal lives will leave precious little time for comment on the failures of others. The person who is aware of their own weaknesses and is striving to overcome them is slow to judge and swift to give benefit of the doubt.

When preaching, Jesus drew his examples from the obvious in everyday life and here we have him commenting on the people who are preoccupied with spotlighting someone else's faults and yet are blind to their own. The appealing thing about fault finding in others is that it takes the focus off our own deficiencies and helps us to feel ever so self-righteous. How miserable it all becomes when it spills over into spiteful personal gossip. It's no exaggeration to say that gossip is the most vicious and dangerous type of talk. All this business of tittle tattle, passing on scandalous tales about people, does untold damage as it results in tearing reputations to shreds. All who have been victims of wagging tongues know the pain inflicted. Socrates once said that nature has given us two ears, two eyes and only one tongue so that we should hear more than we speak! If we cannot say something good about another person then it is better to remain silent. Isn't it lovely when occasionally we meet someone who isn't interested in people's failing but only their good points.

The lesson on how dangerous it is to pass judgement on others stands at the heart of the gospel message. Jesus was never in the judgement business. He used words to heal, restore and to bring back life, joy and hope. Our striving to imitate the Lord and produce the fruits of good living is seriously hampered when we allow judgemental attitudes to take root in our lives. The honest and perceptive Christian will pay more attention to personal shortcomings, knowing that it is only with God's help that they can be overcome.

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
Phone 09 379 0624
Email: office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

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

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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

Sir 27:4-7 : A person's talk shows the kind of person he or she is.

1 Cor 15:54-58 : the resurrection of Christ takes the sting out of death for those who believe in him.

Luke 6:39-45 : A blind guide cannot lead others. A person's words flow from what fills his heart.

*Next Week's readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
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

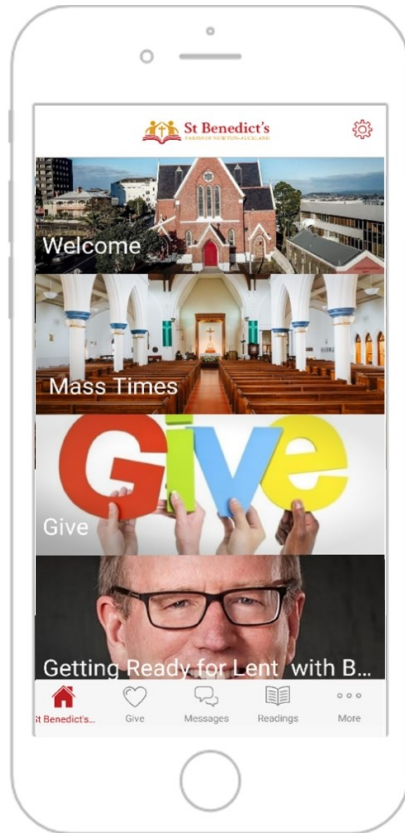
St Benedicts App.

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 :

Br John Prendergast, Roy Cho, Vising Marababol, Stephen Fox, Roy Holley, Joseph Morris, Dianne Hill, Heather Kearns, William John Duggan,
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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).

ASH WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

Mass at St Benedict's Parish - 7am and 12.10pm
Ecumenical Service with distribution of ashes 7.30pm
At St Barnabas Anglican Church, 283 Mt Eden Road

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

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@stbenedictsuckland.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 SUNDAY 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 readers and communion ministers. If you can help, please contact the parish office on 379 0624 or office@stbenedictsuckland.org.nz. Many thanks for your wonderful contribution to these important ministries.