

### 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](mailto: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

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### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

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### PARISH SECRETARY

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### Catholic Student Chaplain

Fr Chris Denham phone 303 3852  
[www.actc.net.nz](http://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.



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 31 MARCH 2019

Around the diocese, people this Sunday will be hearing different Gospels. In those places where the readings for Year C of the cycle are being used they will hear the famous parable of the Prodigal Son. In those places where, for the needs of the RCIA programme, the Year A readings are used, they will hear of the healing of a blind man, whom Jesus cures by mixing spittle and earth, placing them in his eyes and sending him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

Although they are different stories, they carry the same message of healing, whether spiritual or physical. They are, therefore, equally appropriate to this Sunday in Lent that is called, from the first word of the entrance antiphon in Latin, "Laetare" Sunday; "Rejoice" Sunday.

If we are true to our vocation, Christians should find it very hard to be solemn for too long. Even in the midst of a penitential season, rejoicing breaks through. So also, in the midst of darkness, spiritual, physical or moral, the light shines. We are people of hope. And the heart of our hope is the knowledge of the healing power of God. Every ill by which we are afflicted, whether it be the literal, physical ills from which we suffer, or the moral ills of the society in which we live, the violence, the mistreatment of the gifts of creation, including our own bodies, and even the spiritual ills of our own sins, all of these can be transformed by the grace of God.

We can see the beginning of this transformation even now, the signs of God's grace among us; but the fullness of it is something to which we must look forward. Just as the joy of the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morn transforms the sorrow of Good Friday, so the glory of the promise of the Lord to us has the power to transform all sorrow, to 'wipe away every tear from our eyes' as the funeral liturgy says.

This moment, near the mid-point of Lent, calls us to reflect on the healing grace of God. As we hear of its power to restore us to our proper state, to make us once again the images of God we were made to be, we ask for the gift of hope. We ask for it, that we may share it with our brothers and sisters. So that, in the midst of the darkness that the world can know, we might, together, have the confidence expressed in the words most of us know so well: "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

*Fr. Chris Denham*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Josh 5: 9-12** :The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise and partake of its produce.  
**2 Cor 5:17-21** : Christ brought about a reconciliation between God and humanity. The Church's task is to bring the benefits of this to all people.  
**Lk 15:1-3,11-32** : The parable of the prodigal son shows that God delights in showing mercy to repentant sinners.

*Next Week's readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8: 1-11*  
 For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheworld.org.nz](http://www.livingtheworld.org.nz)

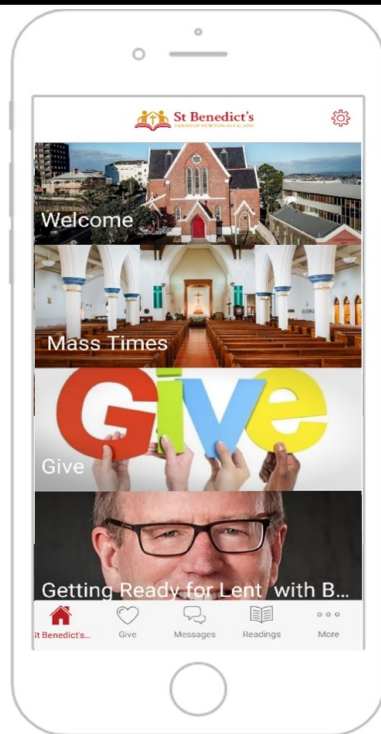
### ST BENEDICT'S APP & PUSHPAY GIVING

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

Have you looked at the Lenten message on the App available from Bishop Barron's series "WORD ON FIRE"

### 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.



### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### SHARE THE JOURNEY WALK

You are invited to a global campaign initiated by Pope Francis to **walk a million kilometres** in an act of solidarity for migrants and refugees who are forced to leave their homes because of war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. Please meet at **Pompallier Diocesan Centre 30 New St Ponsonby 2pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** ready to walk 2, 4 or 6 km alongside those who are new to our community including migrants and former refugees. For further information see <http://journey.caritas.org> or <https://www.sharejourney.org> or contact Christina Tagaloa 021 110 7271 or Peter Garrick 022 1300 730 [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz)

### HUMANITY OF UNBORN CHILD

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH—If you're willing to come against this  
 Email : [tonybrebner@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybrebner@hotmail.com) for full information.

**RECONCILIATION RITE II**  
 Thursday 11 April 2019 7.30pm

### DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

#### SECRETARY – CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES

We are looking for a part-time Secretary (3 days per week) at Catholic Education Services, Pompallier Centre, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019. THE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION ARE to provide administrative and clerical support to the Manager, the RE Advisors, the Board, and the Vicar of Education and to provide effective communication ensuring good relations are established and maintained with schools and other agencies. REQUIREMENTS OF THIS POSITION are Empathy for the Catholic School system ; Competency in Microsoft Word; A willingness to work as a team member To view the full position description for the above role, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration and staff vacancies.

### IMPORTANT EUTHANASIA DEBATE

this Monday 1 April, 7-9pm at Netball North Harbour, 44 Northcote Rd, Takapuna. MPs will soon be voting on this life-or-death issue which will affect all New Zealanders. Hon Maggie Barry MP, Sir Bill English and visiting Canadian palliative care expert Dr Leonie Herx will all speak against the bill, and need our whole-hearted support. Please attend if you can, and also let others know.

*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 :*

Marie bryer, Robert Wilson, Jacob Perepaddan, Pa Hernare Tate, Hendrika Draaijer, Ben Swann, Toma Latu , Michael Clarkin, George Thomas

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

### MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session...  
**5 April** - Entering the Mystery of the Cross: Artworks of Sieger Köder with ANNE WARREN

**REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP Gratitude for Creation: An Invitation to Earth-Care** with MARY BETZ. Mon 1 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Looking for time-out with God's creation? Concerned about our environment, but unsure what to do? We will reflect on the gift, beauty and intricacy of creation through spiritual writers and explore a checklist of practices and behaviours to lessen our environmental footprint.

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS

Friday 5th April 7:00pm at **St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.**  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.  
**All Welcome**