

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
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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.**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 07 APRIL 2019

THE END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL MISUNDERSTANDS WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE AND TO DIE.

Life and death are not individual events. There are very few people who are on the Earth by themselves. We exist as part of our families, our whānau and our communities. For many Māori, death is a process the whole whānau goes through together because the whānau is farewelling a part of itself. It's a really important time in all of our lives when we are farewelling somebody we love and care for. It is the responsibility of all of us to be at one with one another. The End of Life Choice Bill would invade this sacred space. The bill would allow a person to request a euthanasia death without talking to their family, and a person could be killed without the family knowing. In treating the dying person only as an individual and not as a whānau member, the bill misunderstands what it means to live and to die.

I feel quite sad about this bill because it undermines the essential things we believe in as tangata whenua, saying that that's of no consequence. People, whether they be terminally ill, disabled, or old, are still members of families. It doesn't matter what their circumstances are. About three years ago my husband George had a heart attack and a stroke. He was in intensive care, and a doctor said to me that she would hope I wouldn't expect them to resuscitate him.

And I thought, "Wow." So I said to her, "I don't think I would expect you to do anything for my husband. In fact, as soon as he is well enough, we will go home, and we will decide what treatment he will receive." So we took George home, and right through that first year, we're being told he could go at any time.

But, you know, he's still alive. We all care for him. A grandson gave his job up in Wellington and came to Whanganui to help me look after his grandfather. People need to live in a safe, happy environment, to be loved within their family, to have the family there to help them do what they need to do.

I know there are many people who don't have that safe, happy environment, who have dysfunctional families, and who can't afford the medications and support they need. I have a friend whose boy has cystic fibrosis. His medication costs thousands of dollars a month. And we know of women with particular types of breast cancer who can get the medication they need to survive only if they are able to pay for it. How do we have a system that doesn't cover necessary medications? I wouldn't want anyone choosing a euthanasia death simply because they can't afford treatment.

When I was the Minister for Disabilities there were lots of issues for the disability community — lack of sufficient support, barriers to access, and societal prejudice. But no one from that

community ever said to me they wanted to get assistance to die. They wanted to be assisted to live, in the fullest way possible for them. I've seen some pretty amazing people in my lifetime and it's been a privilege to be a part of their lives. They don't just want to be alive, they want to be able to do the things that are really important to them. And instead of including them on the list of people who can get assistance to die, we should be ensuring they have every assistance to live. *(cond. Pg 3)*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Is 43:16-21 : The prophet assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus. This message of hope should inspire us also.

Phil 3:8-14 : Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ. He hasn't yet arrived but is still running the race of salvation.

Jn 8: 1-11 : Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery.

Next Week's readings: Lk 19:28-40 : Lk 22: 14-23,56

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

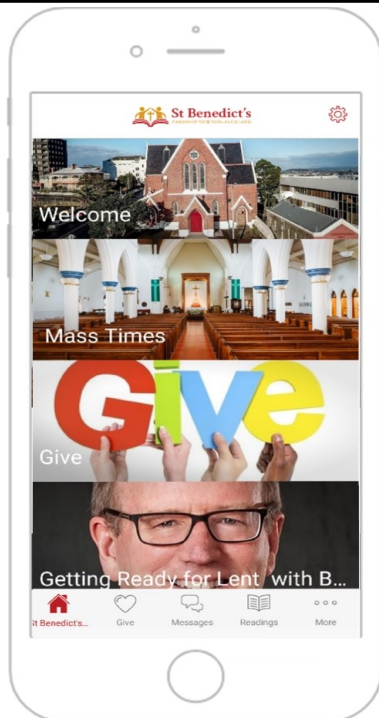
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END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL – PLEASE SIGN PETITION TODAY!

The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its Second Reading and Vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

Some MPs are saying they will vote according to what their people tell them. We need every one of you who is of, or near, voting age to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill by signing a petition. There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish the weekends of 6-7 April and 13-14 April.

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 :

Jeremy Freedman, Bert Walker, Danel Doran, Jan de Haast, Thomas Karl, Kathleen Brandy, Fr Andrew Faith, Sarah Mallon, Mary Whitener, Veronica McCafferty, Mercedes Chung

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

(Cond...) I would say to MPs, the End of Life Choice Bill is not something you should be voting for. MPs are there to run the country, not to make such significant decisions about life and death. They're there to run our country and I can't see how euthanasia contributes to the overall well-being of whānau and communities. Death is not a parliamentary matter, it is a family matter. We exist in families, and we should be cared for to the end in our families. The state can and should support our families and whānau to care for us when we are disabled, ill and old. But it should not pass a law that undercuts our families and whānau and makes death an option for those with limited resources and insufficient support.

Dame Tariana Turia (Ngāti Apa, Ngā Rauru, Tūwharetoa) NZ Herald 2 April 2019.

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 for full information.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 28th April 7.00pm ,

St John Vianney Parish,

317 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.

RECONCILIATION RITE II

Thursday 11 April 2019 7.30pm

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3pm
Spanish –5pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil—7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Mass—9.30am & 5.30pm

EASTER MONDAY AND EASTER TUESDAY

No Mass or Liturgy

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday 14 April is Passion Sunday. We will begin our liturgy outside as is our custom with scripture and the blessing of palms. We will have some palms available but if you are able to bring your own greenery, that would also be helpful.