

### 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  
Wednesday - 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  
Contact Details: Phone 09 379 0624  
Email: [office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](mailto:office@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz)  
Website: [www.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](http://www.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz)

### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

Monsignor Paul Farmer  
[paul@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](mailto:paul@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz)

### PARISH SECRETARY

Catherine van Veen  
[catherine@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz](mailto:catherine@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz)

### 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 EASTER—12 MAY 2019

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday during Easter Season is called the Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel of the day talks about the Jesus our good shepherd. The Bible is filled with different forms of literary styles, like: "I am the vine you are the branches" or "fishers of men". Here in this passage when talking about being the Good Shepherd, Jesus is referring to a typical shepherd in Palestine who brought the sheep into the sheepfold every night.

The sheepfold normally had a circular stone wall with an opening or door where the sheep entered. Once the sheep were inside for the night the shepherd slept in that opening or door all night. The sheep could not get out without stepping over the shepherd's body which meant they would not get out at all during the night.

Jesus is the gate, anyone who enters through him will be safe, and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. Others steal and kill and destroy but Jesus is the Good Shepherd, he is ready to lay down his life for his sheep, he is even ready to go on an endless search for his lost sheep and does not rest until he finds it, that's his tremendous love for us.

Jesus loves and cares for us like a shepherd and we must trust and follow Him like his faithful sheep.

The image of the Good Shepherd reminds us of the intimacy and friendship between Jesus and us. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

The intimacy between Jesus and us is such that Jesus says: "No one can take them out of my hand." (John 10:28) This is a beautiful description of Jesus being close to us and protecting us; we are safe in Jesus' hand. Just as a father or mother holds a child up in its arms, Jesus holds us up in his hands to protect us and promises us eternal life through Baptism and the Eucharist. Jesus wants us to respond by opening our hearts to him and by staying close to him always just as he is close to us.

As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd today Pope John Paul II also declared the fourth Sunday of Easter a Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus the Good Shepherd continues to love us and care for us by calling men into the priesthood and religious life so that they can shepherd us.

The priesthood is a sign of God's love and concern for us. Today, Vocations Sunday, we pray that many will answer the Lord's call to give themselves to Him in the priesthood and religious life.

We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls them, that they may enter the sheepfold through him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest.

*Fr George Carlos*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 (51C)** : Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch where they entered the synagogue to teach. Some Jews became their followers while others expelled them from the town. "So they shook dust from their feet" and went on to Iconium.

**Revelation 7:9, 14b-17** : The author of Revelation had a vision of a large crowd of people from every nation and race, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches, standing before the Lamb.

**John 10:27-30** : "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life....No one can take them out of my hand. My Father... is greater than all....The Father and I are one."

Next Week's readings: **Acts 14:21-27 : Rev 21:1-5 : Jn 13:31-35**

For Sunday and weekday readings see: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheworld.org.nz](http://www.livingtheworld.org.nz)

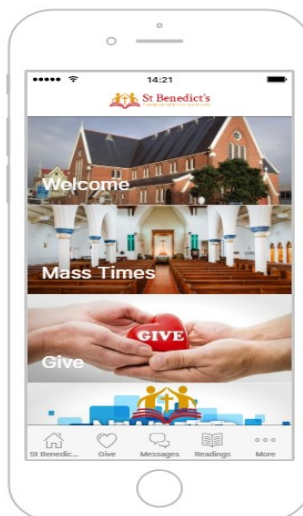
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2. Type " St Benedicts Auckland " (Font not case sensitive)
3. You can see our App with the St Benedict's logo.
4. Press Install.

Now you have our St Benedict's App.



PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE  
SAY NO TO THE EUTHANASIA BILL



If you haven't already signed your name to the petition rejecting David Seymour's Euthanasia Bill, we ask that you consider visiting this link and providing your details to oppose this. The euthanasia Bill is fundamentally flawed and dangerous. There are no effective safeguards that can adequately protect vulnerable people from coercion and wrongful deaths. If more than one person in your household would like to sign the petition this is allowed, but each person needs to use a different device (PC, Mac, tablet, phone, etc).

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>

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 :

William Felix Rodriguez- Gomez, Kevin Courtney, Patricia Malone, Lawrence McNamara, Violet Ruby Dossa, Sr Mary Aloysius, Bartholomew Roach, Martin Fairebrace

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

*The LORD'S kindness endures forever*



HE gives us eternal life, we shall never perish

-St John 10:28

### TUESDAY MASS CANCELLED

There will be no Mass or liturgy on Tuesdays at 12.10pm until further notice.



Jubilee Bursaries for University theological education Application invited for Semester 2, 2019

[michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz) or 09 360 3091

### NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME

Diocese of Auckland

Thursday 23 May 7.30pm

Pompallier Centre, Ponsonby

This training session is to comply with the Church's National Office of Professional Standards and is intended for all church volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults.

If you are a volunteer in one of these areas and are able to attend, please notify the parish office on [office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz) or email the diocese at [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

### COMMUNION 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](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

### APPEAL FOR SRI LANKA

Appeal for Sri Lanka to help the victims of the terrorist attacks and to help rebuild the churches destroyed in the attacks.

You can donate through the Missionz Office website

<https://missio.nz/rebuilding-churches-in-sri-lanka-after-easter-bombings/>

or place donations in the appeal boxes today.

### DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our May Meeting:

Topic: LOOK TO JESUS (Romans 12: 9 – 11A)

Speaker: Judy Olsen

When: Wednesday 15th May, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Where: Parish hall, St.Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

