

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

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 Website: ww.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—19 MAY 2019

It may come as a surprise to realise that Jesus gave us the command to love one another at the Last Supper shortly after Judas had left the upper room on his mission of betrayal. This was the new order the Saviour had come to bring, and the sign by which the world would recognise his followers. Christ paid a great price to love us. It meant crucifixion and death on the cross at Calvary. If we are to live by this new commandment we must undergo many trials, for this love makes as many demands upon us as it did upon Christ. We need to learn how to go about loving others for the sake of God because in the evening of life, we will be judged on how well we have loved.

Christ's rule for living life properly may not present problems as far as loving our friends is concerned. Most of us are fairly good at overlooking their faults, making allowances for their shortcomings and forgiving their failures. It is easy to love those who are kind and loving towards us but Christian love calls us to do more than this. Nobody must be excluded from our loving. What about our enemies – those who have done us harm and perhaps still do? We fail miserably when we retaliate and our good intentions are shattered as we gossip maliciously about them. The making of ourselves into real Christians is the work of a lifetime. Conversion does not take place overnight and requires much patience.

The one thing we all need to experience is the kind of love that Jesus lived and preached. It's a love which finds its source in God, is a fragment of eternity within our being and without which our lives have no meaning. This is the one commandment on which we are called to base every action and it is the very core of the gospel. Love has the power to give meaning to impossible situations, to bring light into darkness, to inspire people, fill them with hope and give them courage to continue on the road ahead. The Lord may not be walking our pathway today in his physical body but in every age he continues the work of making the whole creation new through his disciples. The good news is that we have been chosen to be instruments of his grace, channels through which others may experience his love. It may simply be a smile which costs nothing but means so much, because it comes from our heart. In one sense the only failure facing any Christian in life is the failure to love.

Fr Peter Tipene

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 14:21-27: Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities of Christians they had founded.

Rev 21:1-5: Taken from the final part of Apocalypse, this opens with the vision of a new world and the new order of things inaugurated by Christ.

Jn 13:31-35: During the Last Supper Jesus gives his apostles a new commandment—to love one another as he has loved them.

Next Week's readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29: Rev 21:10-14,22-23: Jn 14:23-29
For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

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- 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.
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PROLIFE FACTS

Though the sperm and ovum are human cellular material, they will never become human beings.

The zygote is a complete human being with the potential to grow into an adult. The zygote does not have the potential to become a human; a zygote is a human being. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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 :

Bernard Keith Glynn, Trudi Johnston, Patrick Moose Gilroy, John Numa, Seamns Casey, Bill Mitchell, Lucina Dolon, George Peciulaitis, Iris Macedo

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

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- Weekend WORKSHOP: Slavery in the New Testament and Displacement of Peoples Today with KATHLEEN RUSHTON rsm. Fri 24 May, 7-9pm & Sat 25 May, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$60 incl. lunch, \$100 also incl. accommodation Friday night.
- **DREAMWORK 201:** *Resolving Nightmares* with MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 25 May, 9.30am-4pm. \$95. BYO lunch.
- DREAMWORK 202 Workshop: A Skill-Development Group Fri 31 May, 9.30am-12.30pm. \$40. This workshop is open to people who have previously attended an Introductory workshop, and seek to improve their skills.
- The Meaning of PENTECOST with Br KIERAN FENN fms. Wed 5 Jun, 10.30am-12.30pm. Koha/Donation talk. Together with Br Kieran, we will explore the past, present and future of the Feast of the Pentecost.

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.

A Choral Mass in Celebration of St Gregory VII & Gregorian Chant: Saturday 25 May at 6 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph – the unaccompanied sacred song of the Roman Catholic Church. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (the old Farmers car park \$4) and Durham Lane (\$2). Please bring your ticket to validate in the Cathedral.

New Zealand Catholic Medical Association - Inaugural Meeting Sat: 25 May 10am -3pm St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland - Cost \$25 per person. Mass presider Bishop Patrick Dunn. An opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development. Registration by 20 May. info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz.

Mass of the Neophytes Saturday 8 June, 5.30pm, Cathedral of St Patrick's & St Joseph. Bishop Pat invites all those who were baptised or received into full communion with the Church, during Easter (or indeed the last 12 months) to join him at the Mass of the Neophytes to praise and thank God for the gift of faith. Family, sponsors, Godparents, RCIA teams and parishioners are welcome and in fact encouraged to attend this special celebration of faith. It will be the vigil Mass ofPentecost. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (the old Farmers car park \$4) and Durham Lane (\$2). Please bring your ticket to validate in the Cathedral. Flyer and Photo attached

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will speak on Mission and Prayer, St John Vianney Hall, 317 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough Saturday July 20 10am-3pm FREE - Lunch provided RSVP re.team@cda.org.nz by 16 July.