



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)



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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
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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

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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.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21 JULY 2019

Last Sunday our gospel scripture showed us Christian life as a life of active care. To balance this story of action Luke presents us today with the story of a woman simply listening to Jesus.

Jesus comes to visit friends Martha and Mary – one looks after him with a helping hand – the other sits with him with a listening ear.

Today's gospel gives us a homely story of two sisters who warmly welcome Jesus as they seek to open their hearts to his presence so that they may hear the word that he speaks.

We all need friends, we are social animals. Jesus was no exception; Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus were part of his circle of friends. We all value the warmth and comfort of friends. We love to listen to friends and waste time with them. We love to share food and drink and hospitality with those we are close to.

The gospel today takes us to the family home of Jesus' friends. Tradition tells us that this family was well known to him. This was a place where he could visit, and share his life with those who he was close to. He was welcome there; his hosts shared with him their table, their love and affection. This may have been a place where Jesus could rest from demands of ministry, may be it was a refuge for silence in the midst of a busy life.

There are two reactions to Martha and Mary as they offer hospitality to Jesus. Martha wants everything perfect, she prepares the meal, she wants the best for her friend.

Mary does little, she sits at the visitor's feet enjoying his company and listening to his words.

Martha expresses her annoyance at Mary. For Martha, Mary should be doing something more for their friend than simply sitting and listening.

At this point Jesus guides the encounter. He challenges all of the busy activity of Martha. Martha is missing the opportunity of the moment, the one thing "necessary", and that is to listen to the word that he speaks.

Our world is a busy place; our homes, our work places, even our places of worship can be busy. Life has to be attended to. The gospel is not downing life in action- but it does call and challenge us to reflect on which activity is necessary - and that which is not. The danger of being busy with many things and always on the go means that we often miss the joys of life.

Mary is telling us that it's a good thing to sit and be present with the Lord without doing or saying anything.

We all need to find the BALANCE between our many activities and our need for silence and reflection.

Both are essential for healthy living. The challenge is to integrate both into our everyday lives.

Monsignor Paul Farmer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gen 18:1-10 :When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself, who would reward him with good news.

Col 1:24-28 : Paul, a minister of the good news of the calling of the Gentiles to salvation, suffers for his converts.

Lk 10:38-42 : The Gospel contracts Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord.
Next Week's readings: **Gen 18: 20-32 : Col 2:12-14 : Lk 11: 1-13**



ST BENEDICT'S APP & PUSHPAY GIVING NEW FEATURE NOW AVAILABLE

We can now send notification messages to all our App users according to the ministries and ethnic communities to which they belong as well as just the Parish News.

The categories available for selections on the App settings are as follows :

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| 1. Parish news | 6. Filipino |
| 2. Communion Ministers | 7. Indonesian |
| 3. Readers | 8. Tongan |
| 4. Children Liturgy Leaders | 9. Spanish |
| 5. Musicians | |

Messages to the various ethnic communities will be in their own languages.

It is important that App users select only the categories which you would like to receive, otherwise you will receive all messages by default.

It is very simple to do this :
Steps (or follow the blue finger)

1. Click on the **Settings wheel** at the top of the App as shown.
2. Click on **Notification Categories**.
3. Choose the categories for which you would like to receive a message. (Colour **red** means selected). By default all options are selected.
4. Click " **Done**"



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

Thank you so much for your wonderful works.

St Benedicts Parish is looking to employ a sacristan part-time for approximately 10-12 hours per week. This position involves overseeing sacristy and church requirements including setting up for weekend masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and occasionally weekday services. Some flexibility of hours required and occasionally evenings. In particular extra hours required at Easter and Christmas.

Applicants must be eligible to work in New Zealand.

To apply please send your CV and cover letter to:

Monsignor Paul Farmer,
St Benedicts Parish,

1 St Benedicts Street, Newton, Auckland 1010
or stbenedicts@xtra.co.nz

NOTICE—NO MONDAY LITURGY

We no longer have a Liturgy on Monday.

Weekday masses will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12.10pm

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from 29th August to 8th September 2019 at 6.30pm at St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale Holy Mass each evening.

CARING SUNDAY

This Sunday is the Caring Sunday Appeal for Bishop Pat's Catholic Caring Foundation. The Foundation cares for families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Your gift will support families in need of a safe place to live, emergency housing, counselling, nutritious food, youth support, and special needs of our elderly, victims of domestic violence, parenting programmes for struggling families and so much more. If you would like to support the work of the Foundation through a gift, please take home our newsletter or visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Baradene and St Peter's Colleges Gala Concert. Come and listen to the best music groups from the 2 schools. Holy Trinity Cathedral, Tues 6 August, 7pm. Entry by gold coin donation, programmes \$5, raffles and refreshments for sale .

Diocesan Youth Mass on Sunday, 28 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn who will also be celebrating his 25th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary.

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, Mike Swann, Bridie Abley, Teresa Rajaratnam.

We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time :

Nigel Mercer, Fr Tom Ryder, Micheal Parker, Raymond Edmondson, Harold Turner, Roger Beckman, Julius Swann, Ray Abley, Demetrius Fernandes , Nell Johnson, Robert Wilson, Ella Reid, Veronica Mary O'Neill, Kevin Pereira, Mervin Smith

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord