



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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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.



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 01 SEPTEMBER 2019

INHERITING THE PLACE OF HONOUR AT THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. The places that a person ate - at the home of a tax collector Luke 5:29, the people with whom a person ate: 'sinners' Luke 5:30, whether a person washed before eating Luke 11:38, and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating, were all important.

In today's gospel, Jesus warns guests coming for a banquet to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives.

This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is an advice on how to find our true place in the Kingdom of God, and on how we can find true happiness at the heavenly banquet by what we do rightly here on earth.

Jesus invites us to think of ourselves as always, the last and the least, this calls for humility, it has nothing to do with poor self-image nor with psychological problems! Rather, it is an invitation to live in truth with others and to forge a new relationship by changing our way of thinking and dealing with them.

The gospel of today invites us to think about how we think and act in relationship to others. When we are in the company of others, do we put ourselves first or do we stay in the background unless we are called forward?

As a practical spiritual exercise, today we might try to be still and silent and just listen to others and see what that listening does to us. If we listen attentively, we will know that we are humble as humility is regarded as having an attentive ear. Humility is also known in a person who listens attentively to wisdom stories, to proverbs and to real life situations, these help us not only to understand ourselves and others, but also to respect them.

The climax of today's good news is: 'The importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey.'

Most importantly as the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2559 states; "*Humility is the foundation of prayer.*" Only a humble heart can come to God in prayer. "*Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth, honour, and life*" (Proverbs 22, 4).

A humble person is always ready to ask for guidance from God and others. They are also ready to listen and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and, to ask for forgiveness.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of humility for us. Though a guest of honour at a wedding, she does not take the honoured seat, but instead gets involved in household chores, it's there that she notices the shortage of wine, it would be an embarrassment for the Bridal couple, so she in all humility approaches her son and intercedes for them, "Son they have no wine." Jesus could not refuse this humble plea and he works a miracle, but not until the stewards, humbly heed her advice, "Do as he tells you."

So, let us humbly implore the Lord, that we too, may acquire this humility by his grace, as we pray: "*O Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours. From the desire to be honoured and esteemed deliver me!*"

Fr George Carlos

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sir 3:17-20,28-29 : There is praise for the person who is humble.
 Heb 12:18-19,22-24 : This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.
 Lk 14: 1,7-14 : Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.
 Next Week's readings Wis 9:13-18 : Philemon 9-10 : 12-17 : Lk 14: 25-33
 For Sunday and weekday readings see:
 mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz

COMMUNION MINISTER'S & CANTORS 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 and Cantors.

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 379 0624
 Thank you so much for your wonderful works.

18th SEPTEMBER: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Speaker: **Christine Kornman**
 John 2: 1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
 Held at ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL, 336 Wairau Road, GLENFIELD.



To my hero and role model

HAPPY Father's DAY



FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

A talk by Sherry Weddell from USA on Saturday, 21 September, 10am onwards. To register or for more information, email office@parnellcatholic.org.nz or visit the [Facebook events page](#). \$5 koha

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS ON Friday 6th September 7:00pm
 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.**

ROOM WANTED TO RENT
 Apartment, House Auckland CBD, Inner Suburb.
 Stevie Tyree — 02102229994
stevietyreekenworthpeterbilt@gmail.com
 I am 46 single and a shy Person
 No drugs or drinks. Honest.

New ST BENEDICT'S APP & PUSHPAY GIVING

Parishioners are invited to make donations to St Benedict's Parish using our electronic Push Pay system. Tax deductible receipts are available for all contributions received, so for every dollar you contribute the IRD will return 33 cents back to you at the end of the Financial year.

Download the St Benedict's App to your phone and stay in touch with our parish community.

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"



ABORTION LAW REFORM

All Catholics are encouraged to have their say about the proposed alternative abortion law currently before parliament. **The submission process closes in four weeks on Thursday 19 September:**

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

There is a Guide available today in the church foyer which includes basic information about the proposed new law and offers a range of points that will assist people in making a submission. It also includes details of how a submission can be made. Please note the Select Committee will NOT accept emailed submissions. Submissions can either be posted or sent via the Parliamentary website above. Please continue to pray for the protection of unborn children.

CATHEDRAL PASIFIKA DINNER-DANCE

You're invited! Join us for an evening of dinner & dancing - celebrating contributions of Pasifika culture. Bring family and friends.

21 September 2019, 7-11pm, 89 Galway St, Onehunga.
 Tickets \$50 includes food & entertainment. Available for purchase at eventbite.com. Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.

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, Eric Antony, Margaret Macky, Mike Swann, Alice Swann, Bridie Abley, Teresa Rajaratnam.
We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time :
 Patrick Smith, John Gallagher, Maurice Boland, Vicenta Sievert, Clive Paver, Andree Lynch, Telmo Fernandez, Elizabeth Irvine, Isefo Ulugia.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord