



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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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.**



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11 AUGUST 2019

For those who believe in God, life is a journey of searching in the valley of shadows and darkness, full of fear and doubts. Every person remains to themselves a mystery and an unsolved problem. We are dissatisfied with our present life – in terms of this world it does not add up or reach fulfilment. We see ourselves as strangers and exiles on this earth, pilgrims in search of a homeland and a better country beyond our present situation.

The only beacon of light we have on our passageway is faith. It is our attempt at solving the dark mystery of where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. We believe that there is a purpose to life and a divine providence at work within us. Somehow the hand of God is in action weaving a pattern in and out of our lives, shaping our destiny. It is God's world and he knows what he is doing with it. This is our belief – it is our faith. It is not something we can describe. Faith is a type of window we look through which helps us to see life from a viewpoint beyond this world, enabling us to take God at his word when he makes promises about the future and calls us to be his people, in a special way.

The Jews could never think about trust in God and not recall the story of Abraham, their father in faith. He left family, friends and country and went as a pilgrim on life's journey. The only thing he had was a promise from God. His faith was so unshakeable that on one occasion he drew a knife and was willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac if God wanted it that way. Abraham never knew where the road of life would take him, but he believed at the end of it he would meet God.

The call from God to go forward into the unknown, moving step by step as light or darkness allows, is made to all of us. We, no less than Abraham, are called to leave behind the old ways of sin and selfishness and to put our trust in God, who calls us to walk the way he has planned for us. We cannot settle down in this world. Each day we have countless opportunities of showing our faithfulness as Christians. To have faith in Christ, we must live his life and do his works appointed by him, willing to expose ourselves to the wear and tear of caring for others.

Every day we are presented with opportunities of demonstrating our faithfulness as followers of Christ. If we avail ourselves of them, we will be prepared and ready for the arrival of the master of the house and whatever hour he chooses to come.

Fr Peter Tipene

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wis 18:6-9 : Just as God came to the rescue of the Jews in Egypt, so he will save those who put their trust in him.

Heb 11:1-2,8-19 : We are called to imitate the faith of the patriarchs , especially that of Abraham, 'our father in faith'.

Lk 12: 32-48 : The parable of the waiting servants urges a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

Next Week's readings: **Jer 38 : 4-6,8-10** : **Heb 12:1-4** : **Lk 12: 49-53**

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



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**"



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Thursday 15 August 2019 Masses will be at 12.10pm & 7.30pm

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.

Catholic Overseas Aid Committee / Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

50th anniversary Mass Saturday 24 August 5pm at St Therèse's Church 10 Wickman Way, Mangere

FLATMATE WANTED

Double room available at Mount Eden. Looking for single person only. Student or Full time worker. Female preferred. Please contact 0284134862 (No pets/No Smokers)

Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

MUFFIN MEETING: Touching the Holy – Pilgrimage with MARY BARKER. Thurs 8 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Mary is using art to show the journey of a pilgrim and what a pilgrimage actually involves. It will be a visual description of pilgrimage through the ages.

EVENING TALK: Ecology – The importance of actioning gratitude with BRIDGET CRISP rsm. Tuesday 13 Aug, 7-9pm. \$15. This session will explore the grace and gratitude given to us by the planet, and our common response given in return. It will also include some strategies to help you explore giving gratitude and grace to creation, while at the same time strengthening your own receiving of grace.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our

AUGUST Meeting:

Topic: LIVING BY GOD'S STANDARDS

Speaker: LINDA FISHER

When: Wednesday 21st AUG, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

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

Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477

www.dove.org.nz

Spring is almost here.

How do you wait for your favorite season?

At your wedding feast, how do you wait on your guests?

Do you "put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them?" Luke 12:37

CHRIST CONSTANTLY REMINDS US THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES TO BE VIGILANT, TO BE EVER MORE ATTENTIVE.

HOW MAY I BE MORE ATTENTIVE TO CHRIST?

PRESENT CHRIST IN THE PEOPLE WE MEET AND IN THE EVENTS OF OUR DAILY LIVES.

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 :

Audrey O'Carroll, Patricia Kelly, Murray Lee, Anne Jennifer Medrano, William Crimmins, Bert Morgan, Oscar Miranda, Dorothea Kelly, Maree Bernadette, Fr Neville Browne, William O'Donnell, Peter Hughes, Norman Mitchell, Mary Smith, Kitty Wilkin

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord