



**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  
Contact Details: Phone 09 379 0624  
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**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST**

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**PARISH SECRETARY**  
Catherine van Veen  
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**Catholic Student Chaplain**

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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**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 AUGUST 2019**

The question Jesus is asked in today's Gospel, is one which many people would no doubt like answered. "Will many be saved, or only a few?" Is heaven just for an elite few, or does almost everyone get in? Some people's optimistic thought is that everybody except a few very evil people, like Hitler, will be there. Others, hearing some of Jesus's harsher statements about the commitment needed, worry that almost no one will get in.

So there seems to be a lot of interest in the question. And yet, Jesus doesn't answer it! In effect, he tells us that it's none of our business. Because the way the question is asked is, as so often, about others. Are that bunch over there going to be saved?

Whereas the subject we should be paying attention to is ourselves. So Jesus tells the questioner to focus on their own call to enter the gates of the kingdom. Jesus makes it very clear that it is possible to fail, and that if we spend our time saying this one or that won't get in, we may end up looking at them from the outside.

But it isn't just a reminder of our own need to respond to the Lord's call that Jesus points out. He also uses it as an opportunity to confirm something that the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading. There is no people, no subset of humanity which is excluded from the possibility of salvation. Just as no one is guaranteed a place in heaven, because of their birth, or race, or even that they ate and drank with the Lord, so also no people are beyond the reach of God's grace and mercy.

It's always tempting to speculate about others. Even St Peter did it: "What about him?", peaking of St John. But the Lord's response is always the one St Peter got. "What is that to you? You, follow me." There are many things that can distract us from following the Lord. There are all sorts of difficulties and problems. But the greatest distractions are often the ones we create ourselves. And Jesus makes clear that trying to determine the fate of others is one of them.

Although there is quite a bit of severity in Jesus's response, the sort of chastisement we hear of in our second reading, it is also a message of great hope. Everyone can hope for the kingdom to be theirs. No one is automatically excluded. For each of us there is the call to follow the Lord on a way which, we know, passes through the narrow gate into joy. And with God's grace, all of us can.

**Fr Chris Denham**  
**St John the Baptist, Parnell**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Is 66 : 18-21** : Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings.  
**Heb 12: 5-7,11-13** : As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering.

**Lk 13: 22-30** : The kingdom of god is offered, not just to the Jews, but to people from the four corners of the world.

Next Week's readings: **Sir 3:17-20,28-29** : **Heb 12:18-19,22-24** : **Lk 14: 1,7-14**

For Sunday and weekday readings see:

**mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheworld.org.nz**

All parishioners are welcome to avail themselves of the facilities at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library. Based at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Saint Marys Bay, parking is available on the grounds and the hours of operation are: **Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am to 2:30pm**, or by appointment if these times are not suitable. CDA Library has a range of resources for anyone seeking to explore their faith development, as well as resources for those wishing to undertake research or who are studying religion and theology. Our collection can be browsed online at:

<http://aucklandcatholiclibrary.org.nz>. For more information please contact

Lynette Harris (09) 360 3050 or [library@cda.org.nz](mailto:library@cda.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.*

### 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)

**I am coming to gather all nations they shall see my glory** - Isaiah 66

How do you bring your families and friends to a gathering?

- Do you place a signage, balloons on the road?
- Do you send out FB, Instagram or email invites?
- Or do you visit them in person to spread the news?



**Go! Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!**

### 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**

### 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](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 [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.

**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"



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 :

Ron Grinter, Patricia Bryne, Sr Clare Timpany, Billie Tony, Donald Lawson, Edward Hurtubise, Kathleen Smith, Stan Sargon, Henry Reid, Muriel Prendergast, Alfred Stowers, Joan Watt, Patricia Jones, Terry Bannister

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord