



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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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

Hopefully it doesn't need saying that Our Lord is not recommending dishonesty in today's Gospel. The point to the story of the dishonest steward is found in what Jesus goes on to say about money. The whole reason that the steward has been dishonest, presumably, is that he is obsessed with money. Yet when he finds himself in trouble he realises that there is something more important than physical money, and that is how others regard him. And so rather than one last attempt to extract money from his masters accounts for himself, he uses them to assist others, in the hope that he will be assisted himself. He isn't any more virtuous than he was; he is still very much, as Our Lord calls him, one of the children of the world, but he is a little wiser.

If that perspective can come even to the children of the world, how much more, Jesus suggests, should those who hope to be children of light see things. This Gospel passage remind me of a homily preached by emeritus Pope Benedict in the days when he was still Cardinal Ratzinger. He was reflecting on what truly lasts, and points out that very little that we count as human achievement does. The most splendid buildings will one day be demolished or fall down. The most popular songs will be forgotten. Once successful books will be left unread to moulder away. In fact the only truly lasting impact we have is on the only truly eternal things we encounter: human souls.

Worldly success and fame, even if honestly and worthily achieved, are of little account compared to what effect we have on those among whom we live. It is never a pretty sight when we see those who have had success show no care for others. Which is why Jesus stresses the point about two masters.

We are all, I hope, aware that it is always and everywhere wrong to treat people as the means to an end. Our fellow men and women are always ends in themselves, not just tools to achieve something we desire. But it is also wrong to treat things that are only meant to be the means to something better as ends in themselves.

That is the great problem with greed and materialism. It is making something that is meant to be only a tool into an object of desire, seeing it as a goal. It is like the man who needs a warm home obsessing about his magnificent collection of hammers, rather than using them to create a house.

That is Our Lord's great point. There is a wonderful house prepared for us, which God wants to give us. But if we obsess about our tools, rather than using them for what they were designed, we shut ourselves off from that great gift. A proper use of those worldly tools, however, opens the way for us to receive the gift.

Even a dishonest steward, Our Lord says, can get some glimpse of that truth, and in his own flawed way start to move towards it. How much more then should we, who wish to be children of light, seek to live that truth in our daily lives, and seek to use the things of this world for the good of our brothers and sisters.

Fr Chris Denham

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Amos 8:4-7 The prophet Amos condemn the exploitation of the poor.
1 Tim 2:1-8 : Since god wants everyone to be saved, we should pray for everyone, but especially for those who bear the responsibility of public office.
Lk 16:1-13 : Jesus shows how greed for money can ruin a person, and insists that we can't serve both God and money.

Next Week's readings **Amos 6:1,4-7** : **1 Tim 6:11-16** : **Lk 16:19-31**

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

How do you deepen your faith commitments?

Do you struggle to be in service to God?



**Make the Poor and those who care for them joyfully sing,
"Praise the Lord who lifts up the Poor." - Psalm 113**

NZCatholic
The latest issue in your church Sunday Sept. 22

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 MEN'S RETREAT

The annual Catholic Men's Retreat will be held in Auckland over the weekend of 18-20 October 2019. Register at : <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn> Or Contact Greg Sullivan greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz or 021 437 747

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS

Friday 4th October 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. **All Welcome**

MAYORAL ELECTION FORUM

This is your chance to ask all the Mayoral candidates where they stand on issues important to the Catholic community. 7-9pm at St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby on Wednesday 25th September. All welcome. Supper provided.

Scholarship for study at Good Shepherd College

Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased call for applications for a scholarship known as the *Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College*. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Graduate Diploma of Bachelor of Theology degree in 2020. For further information Contact Linda McQuade : lindam@cda.org.nz.
The closing date for applications is 14 October 2019.

SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR

9 November 10am-12 noon,
Sacred Heart Church, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby
an opportunity for those who have not attended previously.
lisam@cda.org.nz.

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"



Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238

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WEEKEND WORKSHOP Rediscovering Fire: Exploring the Spirituality of Teilhard de Chardin with KEVIN GALLAGHER. Fri 27 Sept, 7-9pm & Sat 28 Sept, 9.30am-4pm. \$95 incl. lunch. \$145 also incl. accommodation Fri night. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a French idealist, philosopher and Jesuit priest. This seminar will explore some key concepts of Teilhard's spirituality and vision and offer opportunities to taste & experience Christ at the heart of all things.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE OLDER PERSON: Tai Chi with JOCELYN WATKIN. Tues 1 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15. Jocelyn will give a short talk on the philosophy and fascinating history of tai chi. This will be followed by a cup of tea or coffee and then the opportunity to learn a short section of *Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention*. All welcome, especially those aged 60+.

KOREAN CULTURE: Korean Tea Ceremony (darye) with CECILIA KIM. Thurs 3 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15. This event is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Korean Culture.

EVENING EVENT: "Dance and be Glad! (Jeremiah 31:13) Expressing gratitude through dance with MARTA CULLEN. Fri 4 Oct, 7-9pm. \$15. See website for details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

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 :
Socorro Gallego, Bert Grinter, Cherie Simeti, Anthony Michael Murray, Mark Gleeson, Henrietta Schaumkell, Ernie Leano, Jackie Doorman, Mary Netto, Charles Joseph M'Menamin
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord