



**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**

Monsignor Paul Farmer  
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Catherine van Veen  
catherine@stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

**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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**LAZARUS AT OUR GATES**

In today's readings, Amos warns God's chosen people that they have forgotten their divine benefactor 'God' and have thought only of themselves and their own comfort, he also tells them that this God of the poor was not happy with the current neglect and exploitation of the poor by the powerful. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, we see the same neglect of the poor and the needy. The rich man had everything a man could desire on earth, but clearly visible to him he had a beggar in dire need whom he neglected to attend to.

The rich man on facing his last judgement, knows that he has no one to blame but himself, he is also ashamed of his bad example that would lead his siblings to a similar fate as his.

This rich man is in eternal torment because he let his wealth on earth become his master and forgot God and his neighbour, he also neglected his own welfare - 'Eternal Life.'

It's a reminder to us that our stay on this earth is of a very short duration and we must not act as if we have a permanent home here.

We often recite in the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Yet, we can be so busy in our day to day routines that we do not have a moment to spare for the things that really matter: our future and unending life after death.

The readings of today call us to love and uphold our dignity and the dignity of all people who are equally made in the 'IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD' and to set our hopes on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. We are called to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

The readings also give us some insight as to how God feels about humankind's lack of charity. It is often said that "Charity covers many sins," but charity is not just giving money to the poor. We can extend charity in our speech and our actions aside from money.

We have many Lazarus's sitting at our gates! Acknowledging them and being aware of their need gives us the opportunity to exercise loving and generous charity. We are called to be true brothers and sisters to them.

Fortunately for us there are many organized charities that through our resourcing are able to provide funds and food parcels etc to help those less fortunate. So, the question we need to ask ourselves is: "If God asked me today for an account of my time, talents, and treasures, how would I respond?" Something to think and pray about during this week.

*Fr George Carlos*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Amos 6:1,4-7** : Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel.  
**1 Tim 6:11-16** : As Jesus was faithful to his call in face of an hostility that led to his death, so Christians facing persecution should be faithful to god's call.  
**Lk 16:19-31** : We hear the story of a very rich man who ignored the plight of a beggar sitting at his gate.

Next Week's readings **Hab 1:2-3, 2: 2-4** : **2 Tim 1 : 6-8,13-14** : **Lk 17 : 5-10**

For Sunday and weekday readings see:  
[mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com) AND [www.livingtheworld.org.nz](http://www.livingtheworld.org.nz)

## 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.**

### ROSARY AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND - 6 October

Join us for the nationwide praying of the Holy Rosary at 3pm here at St Benedict's Church. Let us pray for the needs of our nation, church, our government leaders as they decide on the Abortion Law & Euthanasia.

### DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

16<sup>th</sup> OCT, 7:30 p.m LOVING LIKE JESUS  
Speaker: Pam Wood : Romans 8:37-39  
At ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL,  
336 Wairau Road, GLENFIELD.  
Contact no : Sylvia Hartley 02108822990



### 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](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz).

### THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER THANKS GIVING MASS

Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph Saturday 9th November 2019—5.30pm

### DIOCESAN STAFF VACANCY: FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

The Diocese is seeking a commercially savvy Financial Controller, reporting into the Chief Financial Officer. Preferred candidates should be CA qualified For more information & to download a position description please visit [www.sheffield.co.nz](http://www.sheffield.co.nz), job number: 226441.

## Choral Mass for the Month of the Rosary

Saturday 5 October  
6.45 pm Rosary  
& 7.30 pm Mass

The Cathedral of  
St Patrick & St Joseph  
43 Wyndham Street

With the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes  
Validated parking available at the Wilson's Car parks Hobson Street (3A) or Durham Lane (B2)

### 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>  
Greg Sullivan [greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz) or 021 437 747

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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**

Welcome to a vocation expo hosted by St Joseph's Parish, Grey Lynn on **Saturday, 5 October**, 8.15am - 1pm at the parish hall, 456 Great North Rd.

### 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. **Application closes on 14 October**  
Contact Linda McQuade : [lindam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz)

### FAMILY LIFE CATHOLIC GIFTS – COMBAT ROSARY

The Rosary is the weapon for our times and as the month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we are pleased to announce the arrival of the Combat Rosary. The beautiful Rosary comes with a black leather pouch and is available at 569 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill at the special price of \$25.00. Phone 09 6290820.

### MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238

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**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](mailto: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 especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time :  
Anne Courtney, Lawrie Hussan, Jouito Valle, Calvert Tait, Andria Tolich, Laurence McCarthy, Fine Tamaso latu  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**