



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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Website: ww.stbenedictsauckland.org.nz

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH PRIEST

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 08 SEPTEMBER 2019

The world is full of wishful thinkers who dream and talk but never succeed because they are unprepared to make an effort. While addressing a large crowd who are eager to join up and be his disciples, Jesus bluntly dampens their enthusiasm by challenging them in a way that is off putting. He is not interested in gaining a large following by softening his words and watering down the requirements needed, so he leaves his listeners under no illusion about the cost of discipleship. Nothing short of total commitment, even life itself is required.

In fact he is saying something like this: *'If you want to be disciples of mine, you have got to think seriously. Do not act on the spur of the moment or on impulse because it's not for the starry eyed. Give careful consideration to what it's going to cost because I have no time for half-hearted recruits. I'm not inviting you to walk in my footsteps for a day, a month or even a year but for a lifetime. What's more I am looking for followers who will measure up to my expectations.'*

The gospel presents us with a series of sayings on what the demands of a life of discipleship involves in terms of suffering and self-sacrifice. The life to be led and the conditions laid down are anything but easy: you give God everything and hold nothing back. Whole-hearted service is demanded and there is no room for compromise. The price to be paid is the heavy burden of cross-carrying and it may mean the parting of company with close friends. The journey to God is so valuable that it is worth stripping our lifestyles down to the bare essentials. By doing this we realise that discipleship is more important than acquiring possessions.

This gospel makes us feel uncomfortable because our lives should demonstrate that we are carrying the cross. When the cross is absent from our lives then Christ is not present either. Putting God first in our lives is a choice we must make every day. We can hardly consider ourselves as feeling the pinch and standing up for what we believe if all we show is Sunday mass with communion and a few prayers hastily said. At moments when the struggle becomes too great, it is good to remember we are not alone; Christ is walking along every step of the road with us. We are called to be disciples at home, in the family, in our place of work, in our dealings with our neighbours, treating them all as our friends and appreciating their true worth. To follow Christ through time into eternity costs nothing less than everything!

Fr Peter Tipene

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wis 9:13-18 : Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history and the mind of God.

Philemon 9-10 , 12-17 : Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother.

Lk 14: 25-33 : Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation—we must be prepared to accept the cost.

Next Week's readings **Ex 32:7-11,13-14** : **1 Tim 1:12-17** : **Lk 15:1-32**

For Sunday and weekday readings see:

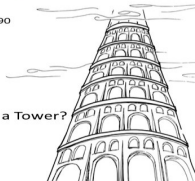
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Teach us that we may gain

Wisdom of Heart - Psalm 90



How unsure are you of your plans?
Do you count the Costs before building a Tower?
What would you let go today?



WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO ACT
- TRUST IN GOD WHO KNOWS MORE THAN WE DO -

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy & parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00 pm on Monday, 16 September** by Bishop Denis Browne.

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.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Woman 18th SEPTEMBER: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE—7.30pm

Speaker: **Christine Kornman**

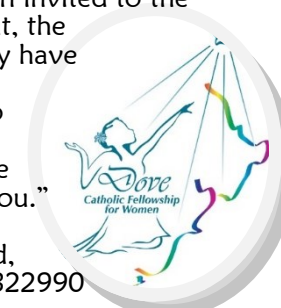
John 2: 1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

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.** Sylvia Hartley 02108822990



PASSION PLAY 2020 — OBERAMMERGAU

Since 1634, the world's most famous Passion Play has taken place every 10 years in the village of Oberammergau. In 2020, it will be performed for the 42nd time. Insight vacations offers 11 day tour beginning 28 August. From \$6499 twin or \$7299 for a single. Airfares are additional.

k.cunningham@helloworld.co.nz OR 04 473 1199.

<https://helloworld.co.nz/lambtonquay/Store/31/eEvent/105>

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 \$5 koha

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/525CAL_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, especially Elisapeta Asi

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time : Peggy Jury, Il-Mook Moses Choi, Nellie Stowers, Irene O'Keefe, Irene Margaret Mary O'Keefe, Douglas Flemming, Finlay Bass, Peter buffett, Antonietta Murrori, Ida Aiga Fialele Swann, Erin Lister, Maimoa Garren
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord