



St Benedict's
PARISH OF NEWTON-AUCKLAND

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 9.30AM

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday - Friday: Mass 12.10pm

ETHNIC MASS TIMES

Filipino: Every Sunday at 11.30am

Tongan: 3rd Sunday of the month
1.30pm

Indonesian: 4th Sunday of the month
1:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Weekdays at the Cathedral
11.30am– 12.10pm

ALSO AT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

First Friday of the month

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

Third Friday of the month

Holy Child Jesus, Senor Santo Niño
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

Every Wednesday

Mother of Perpetual Help
Rosary at 6.40pm, Novena at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm-8.30pm

Saturdays

Rosary 10am - 20 Decade Rosary
Temporarily moved online
<https://www.facebook.com/20decaderosary>

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office
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ST BENEDICT'S PARISH OFFICE

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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 are marked reserved for tenant parking and are 24 hour tow away. These parks are allocated to nearby residents not the Church



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 24 JULY 2022

As Jesus travels towards Jerusalem, he instructs his followers about the meaning of discipleship, so it is not surprising that at some stage of the journey Jesus focus' on prayer.

Jesus is a model of prayer and in Luke's Gospel is regularly at prayer. Prayer becomes the mark of the true disciple and distinguishes the follower of Jesus from others.

Prayer emerges from the fact that it puts those who pray in touch with the generosity of God and therefore prayer isn't about strategies or words, but rather a God who listens.

In the "Our Father", Jesus sets before his disciples a model of prayer that has two important aspects: *familiarity* and *petition*. Jesus addresses God as "Father" in prayer, a word that expresses an intimate relationship (*familiarity*) with the creator. The "Our Father" is also a prayer of *petition*, where the disciples are taught what their real needs are and to whom they need to go for satisfaction. The petition, in turn, asks of God to fulfil his name, reign and care and protection of God's people.

The parable that follows places emphasis on the high value placed on hospitality in Middle Eastern cultures. Travellers depended on friends of friends for lodging along the way and it was unthinkable that a request would be denied. In the light of this, the neighbour finally responds, not because he was badgered, but because he feared the shame that would accompany refusal. So, if the neighbour who is initially prone to refuse requests finally responds to avoid shame, how much more will God respond to the pleas of the people of God? Emphatically, God can be trusted to answer our calls for mercy and help.

Prayer is rooted in the kindness and generosity of God, thus making it possible for even the unworthy, stumbling disciple to offer petition for the journey.

There is something comforting about the listening presence of God. Prayer becomes an accompaniment for the disciple. Life changes regularly and the need to pray really anchors oneself to the certainty of the generous and kind God. With at world of change, this changeless nature of God gently directs the disciple to their true eternal home.

There is something comforting about the listening presence of God. Prayer becomes a necessary aspect of discipleship. Life changes regularly, so prayer and reflection really anchors oneself to the certainty of the generous and kind God. With this world of change, this changeless nature of God gently directs the prayerful disciple to their true eternal home.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

St Augustine.

Fr Stephen Berecz.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ~ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading (Genesis 18:20-32) Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil.

Second Reading (Colossians 2:12-14) Through Baptism a Christian dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to live a new life.

Gospel (Luke 11:1-13) Jesus urges the apostles to pray to God with childlike trust for all their spiritual and temporal needs.

Next weeks readings: Eccles 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

For Sunday /weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com

CDA CONNECT

Check out this month's issue of CDA CONNECT: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/> it is a great way to find out all that is happening in the diocese and how you can get involved.

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23-25 Sept. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. The total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials, and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 8 Aug. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or (09) 4789742 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

What's the secret to finding true lasting happiness? Join us for a Youth Retreat Day of faith, fellowship, food and fun with the Community of the Beatitudes (Mass, Talks, Lunch, Prayer) 9am- 3.30pm Saturday, 13 August 2022, Holy Family Parish Hall, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, Bring a plate, a friend & a small koha. For more info call Danielle 0212506318

Eucharistic Healing Evening – Saturday 13 August 2022 at 7pm at Holy Family Parish, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. Prayers and singing will be led by the Beatitudes Community. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 8346677 or email hfparish@xtra.co.nz.

Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute We have a course beginning in August entitled “Understanding the Old Testament” that will run one Saturday each month from August to October at St Columba Centre, Ponsonby. This course will be delivered by theologian and Biblical Studies lecturer, Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, SM. Saturdays 6 August, 3 September and 1 October 9am-4pm. Enquire at office@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Find out more <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college-old/so-you-want-to-study/timetables-calendars/auckland/>

Welcome to St Benedict's

At the **Orange Light** level of the Covid Alert traffic light system there is no limit for indoor or outdoor gatherings.

You do not need to wear a face mask inside the church, but it is encouraged. Scanning QR codes and vaccine passes are no longer required. If unwell, please stay home.

Have you Installed “St Benedict's Auckland” App yet? It is regularly updated to keep our parish community informed. Download the St Benedict's App from the App store on your mobile phone or tablet.

NZ Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition is available in the foyer for \$4.

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL – CARING SUNDAY

Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal on **Caring Sunday – July 31st** The need in our community is even greater this year! A donation to our annual appeal will help families in need throughout the diocese! For ways to donate, go to www.caringfoundation.org.nz or please take home our latest newsletter.

Monthly Intention and Prayer for July

For our Grandparents

God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.

May they know your goodness and love always.

Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Alice Swann, Teresa Rajaratnam, Phil Bawden, Peter Courtney, Jason Oxenham, Rus Quinn, Gladys Borgueta.

**We remember those who have died recently
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Demetrius Fernandes, Ray Abley, Robert Wilson, Ella Reid, Veronica O'Neill, Kevin Pereira, Mervin Smith, Sister Rosalie O.P, Joan Redmond, Dorothea Stevenson, Sarah Madigan, John Payne, Nell Johnson, Molly Griffiths, Patrick Leamy, Ricardo Cruz, Aileen Lynch.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord