

PARISH of St MICHAEL

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 2017

What would it mean to be a radical Catholic! The word radical comes from the latin, "radix" meaning a root. It means burrowing down into the deepest meaning of something. St Paul exhorts us, "may your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him!" Of course the image of "roots," births the image of a tree! Today's Gospel confronts us with the "tree of the cross!" Discipleship means going where the Master goes, thinking as the Master thinks, acting as the Master does, speaking as the Master would! Jesus tells us in his inimitable and uncompromising way, that to be His disciple, means suffering, even suffering to death. A cross-less Christianity is not Christianity. To preach the "health and wealth" evangelical gospel, is not Christianity. To preach that the Gospel can be accommodated to the world and its values, deserves the name, "satanic". It is thinking as man, not as God. The saints are the best commentators of the Word of God in Scripture, not theologians or scripture scholars. They have internalised the Gospel message under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Saints are radical Catholics. The Saints all have entered, in their own way, into the mystery of suffering, as a "will-filled" entry into Jesus paschal mystery; His suffering, death and resurrection. As disciples of Jesus we are challenged to believe in him, to profess our faith in the apostolic Creed, to celebrate it in the Liturgy and to live it in freedom; doing what pleases Him! C S Lewis once commented that the mysterious thing about life, is not that people suffer, but that some people don't. For most of us, suffering will be a given; either given by the vicissitudes of fate, or as a consequence of our freely made choices. This given can be all fight with me, or all right with me! God, in the God-man Jesus, has experienced human suffering in its radical depths and so has imparted to our suffering, the possibility of acceptance, meaning and purpose. When we consciously, through faith, unite our sufferings with His, we participate in His redemptive work for the world of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Like Him, we too will encounter Mary, whose steely resolve will embolden our faith, intensify our hope and deepen our love.

Father Tony Dunn

St Michael's Mission Statement

We the parishioners of St Michael's as a Eucharistic family seek to live and share our faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Sunday Masses:

Sunday Eucharist:
8.00am and 10.00am
Saturday Evening 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday Cluny Convent 7:15am
NOT DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday (St Michael's) 8:00am
Tues, Thurs & Sat 8:00am
Wednesday 9:15am
Friday 12:05pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11am-12noon

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9:30am Friday 11:30am
or by appointment

READINGS THIS SUNDAY
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2

This week's reflection from the Catholic Bishops' statement on the 2017 General Election

The wellbeing of all New Zealanders is of concern to everyone. **Mental health services and facilities** are a telling measure of a **society's attitude to its vulnerable**. Years of inadequate funding are resulting in much stress and angst in families, and our suicide rates bring shame upon us as a nation. We advocate a thorough review and strengthening of the mental health sector as part of an integrated health system.

With praise and thanksgiving to God Holy Cross Seminary and the Catholic Diocese of Auckland joyfully invite the **Parishioners of St. Michael's, Remuera** to the **Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons** of Tony Oswald Jost King-Archer & Anthony Joseph Trenwith at Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby, on Saturday 30th September 2017 at 11am.

Catholic Caring Foundation gives \$650,000 in community grants for 2017

Thanks to the loyal support of Catholics throughout the diocese, over 45 social agencies have received grants of a combined \$650,000 to care and support the most vulnerable in our community. These grants would not be possible without the support of caring and compassionate donors in parishes, schools and communities throughout the Auckland diocese. Please join us to continue to provide care and support for our most vulnerable. To donate and learn more, please visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz

St Dominic's Catholic College at Henderson are celebrating their 50th Jubilee on September 15th and 16th. Registrations are now open on their Facebook page: St Dominic's College at Henderson - 50th Jubilee OR on their website www.stdoms.ac.nz OR contact the Principal's PA Tina Allingham at tina@stdoms.ac.nz

Kua Tonoa E Te Karaiti – Sent By Christ

This is a four week home based program of faith sharing and exploration. This New Zealand produced program covering four weeks encourages open conversation, reflection and prayer in the small group and in private. It is based on the call to discipleship with significant Scripture passages. The idea is that by taking time, together to pray and discuss our mission we may grow in faith and understanding as individuals and as a community of joyful and committed believers. The cost is \$1.00 per participant for the booklet.

Wednesday 6 September, Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre 7pm

We will hold an information session that will enable interested persons to view the program, ask questions and place initial orders. Orders placed at the evening will only cost .80c each per booklet.

As a light supper will be provided we ask that you let us know attendance by Monday 4 September re.team@cda.org.nz

'Becoming Catholic' - do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Tell them about the St Michael's parish 'Becoming Catholic' programme, and invite them to the initial Enquiry Evening on **Thursday 14 September 7.30 p.m. in the Parish House**. For further information ring Sr Francis Kelly Ph 520 0445.

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

An all-day discernment retreat with Sr Clare of the Beatitudes Community | Saturday 9th September, 9am-4:30pm | Talks – Eucharistic Adoration – Mass | Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided | Early bird (register & pay by Sept 6th): Single \$30, couple \$50; On the door: single \$40, couples \$70 | Eftpos available | Email cheryl@cdc.ac.nz to register | 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna | cdc.ac.nz

CDC Night School | 'Be transformed by the renewal of your mind' (Rom 12:2) | Every Wednesday until 27th September | Evening classes of Catholic formation in philosophy, theology and Scripture | September 6th & 13th – Theology of the Body; September 20th & 27th – Living the Beatitudes | \$15 on the door | Eftpos available | Light supper provided | 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna | www.cdc.ac.nz

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

- MEDITATION WEEKEND: Finding God in All Things – *An Ignatian Spirituality Seminar* with KEVIN GALLAGHER & LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Sat 9th 10am till Sun 10th Sept 3.30pm. Including all meals: Residential \$170 Non-Residential \$95.
- WISDOM: A Female Figure in the Bible with Sr ALICE SINNOTT rsm. Thurs 14th Sept. 7-9pm. \$15.
- RETREAT Day with Joy Cowley – 'From Head to Heart' Sat 23rd Sept. 9.30am-4pm. \$65 limited places available.
- Ignatian RETREAT in Daily Life with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Thurs' 7-9pm (6-week course) starting 28th Sept. \$118 incl. book

Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

23rd Week Ordinary Time : 9th & 10th September 2017 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm I. Ilo-Cabiling, A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsens, M. Parsons
Sunday 8.00am C. Stirrat, T. Wong, R. Bakker, J. Esguerra, T. Fitness
Sunday 10.00am C. Tse, N. Tse, P. van Ryn, R. Vohan, D. Albert, E. Atienza, A. Clegg, T. Cordtz

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Kevin Pickworth, Sr Alice
Sunday 8.00am John Shaw, Bernard Kendall
Sunday 10.00am Ron Seeto, Simon Glass

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Ant Martin
Sunday 8.00am Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sunday 10.00am Gray Family
Helen Turner, Tony Tuner

COUNTERS:

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Trenwith
Sunday 8.00am Anne Stevenson
Sunday 10.00am Jennifer & Yelena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Sofya Sulit, Santiago Aguirre, Sydelle Kumar
Sunday 10.00am: Denzel Devaraj, Kyla Faigao, Raine Faigao

SANCTUARY CARE:

Gina Dignan, Cecilia Cruz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Susan Woolley, Jessica MacDonald

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neil, Louise Porter
Sunday 8.00am Royce Creamer
Sunday 10.00am Steve's Group

Readings Sunday 9/9

1. Ezekiel 33:7-9
2. Romans 13:8-10

LET US PRAY:

For those recently deceased:
Margaret Dowd

NOTICES

Breakfast 1st Saturday of the month after 8am mass - Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Laptop operators - 10am Mass Sunday

Thanks to those who attended the laptop operators training two weeks ago and who have nominated themselves to help out. We are short of people to help with the 10am Mass on Sundays. If you feel you could assist us could you please be in touch with Fiona in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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Catholic Playgroup for Mums and Preschoolers held in the Parish Centre on Thursday mornings during term time. Please join the Facebook group 'St Michaels Playgroup Remuera' for more information and updates. Contact Becky at rebecca.strevens@gmail.com for more info.

Voice for Life Waihi : Essay Competition

Young people (aged 13 - 35) are invited to think and write about how families are important to society and in particular how families can affect society's attitudes towards issues of life (e.g. euthanasia and abortion).

See Parish Noticeboard for further details.

Married Couples Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -15-17 September at Allenby Park Hotel, Manukau. Book now! - Phone (0800 362 686) or Christine & David Sloan, Phone 372-3581 or email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com



Advent Retreat Sunday 3 December-Friday 8 December 2017, St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road email: admin@sfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz **See Parish Noticeboard for further details.**

Beginning Experience Grief Weekend 8-10 September 2017

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience's is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 8-10 Sept 2017. Cost \$245 or early bird price of \$195 if paid by 27 August. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol evenings 09 428-4445 or leave a message on 09 360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Social Justice Week: 10th - 16th September 2017

Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours

"I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome." - Pope Francis

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference promotes Social Justice Week. During this week we apply Catholic social teaching to one particular issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is *Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours*. Pope Francis highlights that many of the social issues we face today reflect a decline in social connectedness. This Social Justice Week, we invite everyone to take up the challenge to creatively reach out and weave deeper bonds of belonging in our whānau, our parish, and our wider community.



Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross with the seminary staff and students.

Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on Monday 18 September. Celebrant will be Bishop Emeritus Denis Browne.

The Legion of Mary NZ is holding a **Marian Day** on Saturday, 7th October from 8am to 4pm, at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Onehunga. **See Parish Noticeboard for further details.**

Current of Grace' Conference

Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand.

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 Sept 2017 at Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all!

For further information / to register on line visit www.ccmz.org/register2017 or contact Val Morrison 07 542 5537

Coming to Auckland: David Haas, well known composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music, will present workshops and share his music with us on Sunday, 15th October, 1 - 7 pm, Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. A light meal will be served between 4 - 5 pm to those who register in advance and pay the \$10 registration fee. Registrations close Friday, 6th October. Please contact Tina Coll at the Liturgy Centre, tinac@cda.org.nz **See Parish Noticeboard for further details.**

EXALT Music Conference 2017

EXALT is for all musicians, lovers of music, art, dance, film and photography to meet people who share the same passions and grow in their gifts given intentionally to them by God to be used for His glory, organised by the Diocese of Christchurch.

Time, Date, Venue: From 5.00pm Friday 20 October - Sunday 22 October 2017, St Bede's College, Main North Road, Christchurch **Registration cost:** \$159 per person, group discount available. *Please contact Jessica Bond if you require financial assistance for your registration cost.*

Online registration and information: www.exalt.cyt.org.nz or Jessica Bond: jbond@chch.catholic.org.nz (Registration closes on 15 September)

APPA choir performance (with St Michael's School Choir performing) Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm at the town hall. Tickets will be available online closer to the performance date and there will be limited door sales on the night. Email Rebecca Wasley r.wasley@smcs.school.nz for more information.

Mentoring for Mission provides everyday parishioners the skills and confidence to walk with fellow pilgrims in their journey of faith so that together we might all be on mission to Go! Make disciples of all peoples.

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