

# PARISH of St MICHAEL

## 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

We support efforts to bring about affordable housing. Excessive rents and inflated house prices are leaving families homeless and young couple despondent. Without effective policies to support regional and provincial economic development and consequent employment we miss opportunities to alleviate this problem, which is worst in our biggest cities.

**Every life is precious!** 40 years since the passing of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act almost 500,000 preborn New Zealanders have been aborted and countless women have been wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually. There is an increasing call for abortion laws to be liberalised for social reasons right up to birth. **Join pro-life New Zealanders in Wellington Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2pm for a National March for Life.** Be a voice for the voiceless and let New Zealand know that we love them both! Limited cost effective accommodation available. The March starts at the Civic Square and will end in the Parliament Grounds. More information at [marchforlifenz.org.nz](http://marchforlifenz.org.nz) and Facebook or phone/text Michael Loretz 021 825 955

### 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](http://www.caringfoundation.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.

**Central Auckland Grief Support** is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11am followed by a shared lunch in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

### Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group ABUNDANCE - A Life in the Spirit Seminar

Enjoy a weekend of Praise & Worship, Inspiration Talks, Confession & Mass and Fellowship Activities Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 | 9am to 4.30pm | Fr. David Nolan Hall, St Joseph's School; 2 Taharoto Rd, Takapuna | Cost: \$15 | Register online <http://tiny.cc/LISS2017> | email [admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](mailto:admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz) | Contact Goretti on 021 025 63164 or Teresa on 021 242 7400

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

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 11am.

### Auckland Organ Association | Historic Organ Tour | 30 September 2017

Ron Newton and Walter Nicholls are leading a bus tour of historic pipe organs around Waikato for the Auckland Organ Association. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Mt Albert Methodist, 831 New North Rd (parking on Alexis around Asquith & New North Rd). Running commentary throughout the day of organ, church and local history; organ demonstrations; hymn singing; photo opportunities; morning and afternoon teas provided; bring own packed lunch. If any organ enthusiasts at St Michael's Parish would be interested in participating contact Ron 027 204 7228 or Walter 09 444 0580.

### PROLIFE FACTS

In early July Australian politician Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins visited New Zealand and addressed a large gathering at an event hosted by Focus on the Family. She shared a cautionary tale of the reform of abortion laws in the Victoria, warning it is very hard to turn back the tide once abortion is decriminalised. Now in Victoria there is abortion up to birth for any reason and viable babies born alive are left to die. *For more pro-life info, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).*

**9 September 2017**

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**Baptism Preparation:** Viki Cullen

**Religious Education:**  
Sr Francis Kelly (adults) &  
Carlo (CJ) David (children)

**Caring Co-ordinator:**  
Kathryn Schollum

**Music Rosters:** Tony Vela

### 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10

### Pastor's Column 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 2017

Liberté, égalité, fraternité, were the catch cry of the French revolution, used effectively as a marketing tool by Maximilien Robespierre. The guillotine was its effective tool in decapitating any kind of hierarchy. Robespierre, himself, eventually falling victim to his own efficient and bloody methodology! The ideas birthed in the French revolution have been absorbed into the western cultural matrix, especially its individualistic mindset; "nobody is going to tell me how to live my life!" We are all equal, there are no essential differences, either of gender, race or ability etc! This mindset, of course, impacts on the Church; we see it in a creeping congregationalism; there is only one priesthood, the priesthood of the laity! Today's Gospel focus' on Jesus intent for His Church, which transcends time, culture, and political "isms"! We find him talking to his apostles, that close, inner circle of disciples! He has just established the Petrine office which is to bear His own authority of defining dogma and discipline and now he extends that authority of binding and losing to the apostolic college, from whom bishops derive their charism! He gives them a map for dealing with dissension in their ranks; clearly expecting that it will be so! He also underscores the power of their collective prayer! The context is inclusive, not exclusive of other disciples; but Jesus words are primarily and emphatically given to those to whom He gives His unique authority! Jesus ecclesial model is not congregationalistic, but one of hierarchical ministry; authority given, not for power or status, but in the service of the Word of God, in the service of truth! When we belong to the "ecclesia", called out of the world, we enter a different cultural matrix, often diametrically opposed to the values of the world!

Father Tony Dunn

### Fatima Celebration

St Michael's Parish are holding a rosary/novena for St Michael's School after 9.15am mass on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Mary's appearing at Fatima. In the evening we will have a rosary and novena starting at 6.45pm.  
**All Welcome**

### 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.

**24th Week Ordinary Time : 16th & 17th September 2017 : Roster**

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm P. Pinto, J. Rooney, M. Rooney, J. Salivio, N. Aguirre  
 Sunday 8.00am F. Hay-MacKenzie, J. Hazel-Esguerra, D. Hern, J. Hill, L. Lyons  
 Sunday 10.00am H. Davies, M. D'Souza, J. Eggermont, A. Ekeroma, P. Ekeroma, R. Katigbak, S. Kingston, M. Leong

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:**

Saturday 5.00pm Francis Morais, Cynthia Agustin  
 Sunday 8.00am Patrick Davidson, Catherine Husheer  
 Sunday 10.00am SCHOOL MASS

**COLLECTORS:**

Saturday 5.00pm John Rooney  
 Sunday 8.00am Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan  
 Sunday 10.00am Buysers Family  
 Heather Jayamanne & Family

**COUNTERS:**

**LAPTOP OPERATORS:**

Saturday 5.00pm Marie Olvido  
 Sunday 8.00am Surajith Fernando  
 Sunday 10.00am TBC

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Saturday 5.00pm Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Esmenia D'Souza  
 Sunday 10.00am Denzel Devaraj, Liam Houghton, Keira Croad

**SANCTUARY CARE:**

Albert & Cynthia Augustine

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

SCHOOL MASS

**MUSICIANS/CANTORS:**

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neill, Carole Kenealy  
 Sunday 8.00am Tony Vela  
 Sunday 10.00am School Choir

**Readings Sunday 16/9**  
 1. Ecus 27:30-28:7  
 2. Romans 14:7-9

**LET US PRAY:**  
 For those we remember and for those  
 whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
**Eugenio Surreda**

**NOTICES**

**Join our Parish and School in Celebrating the Feast of St Michael Archangel**

Sunday 17th September 2017 | Mass 10am | Morning tea to follow in the Mary MacKillop Hall  
 Please bring a plate of sweets to share | RSVP in the Church Porch

**Altar Servers Training** (for Year 4 and older; must have received their First Holy Communion already).

The next Altar Servers Training will be on Sunday 24th September 2017 (11am - 12.30pm) at St Michael's Parish.  
 For more information and to register please contact Issa on 021 179 3801 or email: [issa\\_ilo@yahoo.com](mailto:issa_ilo@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:r.wasley@smcs.school.nz) for more information.

**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.



**Sr. Therese of the Beatitudes Community** will speak at all masses this week about a national Fourviere retreat centre which is being developed in North Canterbury. Donations would be very much appreciated toward this wonderful project. If you are able to help, we include the bank number here for your convenience. More information about the community and the project can be found at [www.beatitudes.nz](http://www.beatitudes.nz) and [www.fourviere.nz](http://www.fourviere.nz)  
 Bank Account Details: The Beatitudes: 03-0802-0900799-00 Bank: Westpac



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.

**Engagement Manager, Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC)**

We are looking for a creative and innovative person to help take the message and mission of the Catholic Church into the digital continent!

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) connects people to the message and mission of the Catholic Church and has been helping people for nearly 60 years! We're moving from a reliance on print and television advertising to a focus on digital and social forms of media and we need someone to lead us through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser and will require expertise in digital media and communications, project management skills, and the ability to build relationships, influence others and champion change.

For more details on the role, or to apply, contact Amanda Gregan at [agregan@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:agregan@nzcbc.org.nz) or (021) 611 052.

**Applications close Monday, 18 September.**

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.**

**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](mailto:tinac@cda.org.nz) **See Parish Noticeboard for further details.**

**2018 Columban Art Calendar** are available for sale in the Church Foyer. \$12 each.

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

**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. **See Parish Noticeboard for further details.**

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

- **WISDOM: A Female Figure in the Bible** with Sr ALICE SINNOTT rsm. Thurs 14 Sept. 7-9pm. \$15. Sr Alice will look at the reawakening of interest in biblical wisdom literature, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes/Qoheleth, Ecclesiasticus/Sirach, Wisdom of Solomon and Baruch and in particular how the astonishing feature of these books is the appearance of Wisdom as a female figure who speaks and teaches in public places.
- **RETREAT Day with Joy Cowley** – 'From Head to Heart' Sat 23 Sept. 9.30am-4pm. \$65 limited places available. The retreat is about coming home to who we are - spiritual beings on a human journey. It is based on Catholic mysticism and how the maps of religious teaching guide us on the journey to the spaciousness of the heart. The path from the head to the heart can be called "devotion."
- **Ignatian RETREAT in Daily Life** with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Thurs' 7-9pm (6-week course) starting 28 Sept. \$118 incl. book

See website for details. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)