

PRAYER INTENTIONS BOX

We invite you to take advantage of the drop box in the foyer for your Prayer Intentions.

These will be prayed for on that day or the day following by one of our Prayer Groups.

Paper is provided. You can place your written intentions in the labelled drop box in the church foyer at any time.

We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity.

The Religious Education Committee

PROLIFE FACTS

The New Zealand Catholic bishops have recently updated and released an important document entitled: "Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life". The updated version has been expanded to address not only traditional life issues but new problems we face in today's society. It is available to download from <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-final-final.pdf>

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2024

3rd March 2024

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REMUEIRA Parish
Eucharist:
Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekday Mass:
Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs,Fri 7am & 12noon
Sat 8am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
After Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
7am Mass and 4th Friday from 7-8pm

Anointing of the Sick:
11.30am First Friday of the Month

Reconciliation / Confession:
Saturday 8:30am, Sunday 4.30pm
or by appointment

PARNELL Parish
Saturday 9am, 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 7am, 9.30am

READINGS THIS SUNDAY
1. *Exodus 20:1-17*
2. *1Corinthians 1:22-25*

Pastor's Column : 3rd Sunday of Lent

Two recent events, that were so "out there" that even the woke main stream media reported them, was the alcohol fueled "Rave in the Nave-dirty dancing" that took place in Canterbury Cathedral, the burial place of St Thomas Becket, and sequestered at the Reformation and now run by the Church of England. The Dean, David Monteith, witnessed spectacularly to the irreverent irrelevance of imagined relevancy. The second was the funeral of Cecilia Gentili at St Patrick's Cathedral New York, celebrated there as St Cecilia the great whore! This event was an uncontrolled twin-towers demolition of a Dedicated space. Cardinal Dolan's limp-wristed response- "we don't do FBI checks" had a peculiar irony, given Biden's FBI has been checking and then harassing pro-life and conservative Catholics. How would Jesus have responded? Perhaps today's Gospel describing Jesus' cleansing of the Temple gives us a clue? Josephus, the Jewish historian said that Passover was such an important feast that up to a million pilgrims would arrive in Jerusalem to celebrate it. The money changers in the Temple were actually performing an important service for these pilgrims, who obviously weren't able to bring animals with them to sacrifice. Instead they exchanged the pilgrim's foreign coinage for Jerusalem coinage, so that the pilgrims could buy animals to fulfil their religious duties. It was an important service. The problem wasn't what they were doing, but where they were doing this- in the Temple precincts. They were doing their business in the outer court of the Temple, erected by Herod, for the Gentiles who came and worshiped Israel's God (and many did accept Yahweh as the one true God), to perform their prayers and worship. These money-changers were effectively stopping or robbing these Gentile worshippers from performing their religious duties. You can't pray in a market place. Jesus wanted to cleanse and purify this place "set apart" made holy for God's worship. The Temple precincts were "Tapu" or "Sacred". Jesus loves his Father's house so much, that he was intolerant of abuses. When John tells us the Jews questioned Jesus, John is referring to the Judeans, the people of the South, not Galileans from the North. The reference to 46 years, refers to Herod's expansion and beautification of the Temple. The Temple had been rebuilt in the 5th century BC by Ezra and Nehemiah. Herod wanted people to imagine he was the new Messiah, because of prophecies saying that when the Messiah came, a great and glorious Temple would come. Jesus was getting the Judeans to shift their focus from Herod's Temple to his own Body. For the Jews the Temple was the dwelling place of God on earth. Jesus was making that claim for Himself, identifying Himself as the true Temple, the dwelling place of God on earth. "The word became flesh and pitched his tent among us." says St John at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus is making a powerful sign, pointing forward to his own death and Resurrection. The Judeans didn't get it, neither did his disciples until after the Resurrection. Jesus knew who would accept and who would reject him and so that is why John points out why Jesus would not entrust himself to the Judeans - they were the one's who would ultimately be responsible for his death. Perhaps we can reflect on what is Tapu or Sacred now; especially the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus present in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine, His very Body and Blood. Do I show my reverence, not only in the

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Come and spend time reflecting and visiting the Stations of the Cross at St Michael's. 6pm on Fridays during Lent. Everyone is welcome. Come and spend some time with us on Friday evenings with Jesus.

IT'S YOUR FUNERAL! The parish can help you plan your funeral liturgy. A friendly, experienced and confidential service is promised. Those interested should contact the parish office for a copy of the parish's planning checklist.

CELEBRATING OUR PARISHIONERS Let us celebrate the achievement and significant events of our parishioners. Please email the parish office office@remueracatholic.org.nz

TRANSPORT TO MASS Do you or someone you know need a lift to Mass on a Sunday? Please notify the parish office with name, contact number and address for pickup and return.

Third Sunday of Lent 2024 [Kids Korner](#) [Parent Ponderings](#)



14 February to 24 March Help save lives this Lent by prayer, fasting, and public witness to the sanctity of all human life from the first moment of existence at conception. Find out how to get involved here: www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife Or contact Simon - 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN We are nearly half-way through the 40 Days for Life Vigil (praying to end abortion and for the healing of all who participate in it and promote it). Join us for our midpoint Candlelight Vigil on Wed 6 March at 7:30pm at Potter's Park (corner Dominion and Balmoral Roads). Contact Simon at FLI on the contact details above.

THE UPPER ROOM Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Danielle Mourits. Thurs 7 March at 7pm at Good George Mission Bay. Tickets \$10. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

SUMMIT YOUNG LEADERS' WEEKEND Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED? We can't wait to see you at the SUMMIT. 22-24 March at Sonshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

EPSOM PARISH YOUTH GROUP After a very long INTERMISSION we will be returning to **The Lido on Monday 8 April at 7.30pm**. Our first movie will be **CABRINI- Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen. Tickets \$20.** Proceeds from this event will go to Epsom Parish's Youth Group ministry. For details/to secure your tickets, please contact Margaret Wong. Mob:0211174505 E: m.wong@slingshot.co.nz

Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life The landmark new Catholic bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* has been reprinted, with paper copies available to schools, parishes, Church organisations and individuals for just \$3 each. *Te Kahu o Te Ora* contains a succinct overview of eight key moral areas including creation; the beginning and end-of-life; discrimination and abuse; poverty; war and peace; justice and correction; and information technology and artificial intelligence. Published by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference last September, it is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. Read more about *Te Kahu o te Ora* and look at electronic and PDF copies of it here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/>

We remember those who have recently died:

Farrokh Tara

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Viki Cullen, Jo Rivalland

Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers, especially:

Peter Kelly, Elizabeth Kidd, Carrie Canapi, Marsha Tan, Annie Chang, Margaret Robins, Marc Espinoza, Father Aloysius Deeney, Isabel Morais, Phil Bawden, Francis Morais, Eugenie Laracy, Jan Flaszynski, Carl Flaszynski, Jan Benedict Ilo, Elisa Sipin, Rosalina Salivio, Teresa Gao, Mary O'Sullivan, Russell Watt, Hendrika Woods and Joshua Woods, Merle Fenwick, Monty Leach, Father Justin Taylor, Stephen Berecz, Sean Lee, Dr Tony Hardy, Beverley Thomas, Peter Connolly, Graeme Matthews, Ernie Cavanagh

way I approach and receive Him at communion, but also in my way of life. Is there a dissonance between my "Amen" "Yes I believe this is the Body/Blood of Christ" and "Yes I too am the Body of Christ" and the way I am living my life?

Fr Tony Dunn

**Third Sunday of Lent
3rd March 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
10th March 2024**

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	Heather Jayamanne(P), Krystal Turner(G)	Andrew Patel(P), Catherine Holden(G)
Sun 10am	Jerome Anthony(P), Rob Fonseca-Ensor, Terisa Cordtz, Carline Santhara(G)	Robert Salivio(P), Jonathan Spencer, Stephenie Wong, Anthony Segedin(G)
Sun 5pm	John Curtin(P), Claire Stirrat, Vanessa Moraes(G)	Nerissa Reyes(P), Robert Sheehan(G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1.Exodus 20:1-17 2. 1Corinthians 1:22-25	1.Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 2. Ephesians 2:4-10
Sun 8am	Russell Watt, Richard Pereira (PoF)	Brian Gubb, Kelsey Turner (PoF)
Sun 10am	Margaret-Mary Farrell, Joshua Ioelu (PoF)	School Mass
Sun 5pm	Stephanie Sheehan, Robert Sheehan (PoF)	Nikhil Prakash, Dennis Dunford (PoF)

Collectors

Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Ernie Cavanagh
Sun 10am	Dirk Van Dort	David Gray

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Marie Olvido	Kerry McKewen
Sun 10am	Yelena Cordtz	School Mass
Sun 5pm	Angela Domingo	Raine Faigao

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Hans Jayamanne, Maria Petrus, Andrew Stevens	Hans Jayamanne, Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas
Sun 10am	Micayla-Jane Elika, Caitlin Fonseca-Ensor, Haily Don Wijesinghe	Lafaale & Isaia Elika, Tom Valerio
Sun 5pm	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Josiah Loming	Kyla & Abigail Faigao, Vincenzo Santhara

Children's Liturgy

Sun 10am	Anna Lu, Venus Itoh	School Mass
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Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	Robbie de la Vega, Anna Nguyen	Christina, Theresa Ulmer
Sun 10am	Auckland Catholic Singers	School Mass
Sun 5pm	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell	Nathaniel Hood, Rebecca Faigao

<p>Until further notice, we are introducing the Sign of the Cross and Response to the Prayer of the Faithful in Te Reo Maori, see the words to the right.</p>	<p>Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)</p> <p>Ki te Ingoa, o te Matua, o te Tamaite, o te Wairua Tapu. Amene</p>	<p>Response to the Prayer of the Faithful in Te Reo</p> <p>O Lord, Listen to us E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou</p>
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St Michael's Mission

We the Eucharistic community of St Michael's parish, by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are called to witness to the living Jesus

Remuera parishioners are welcome to attend Mass at Parnell
Saturday 9am, 5pm (Vigil) | Sunday 7am, 9.30am

In the season of Lent, there are to be no flowers placed in the church. Thank you

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Due to large numbers, enrolments for the

Sacramental Programme will close at the end of this week so we can plan for the course (resources, catechists, etc). If you still would like your child(ren) to participate, **please enrol them by end of day Sunday, 3 March** - <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/sacramental-programme> A reminder that the Parish Sacramental Programme Information evening will be held Tuesday, 12 March in the School Hall at 7pm - we strongly encourage attendance as the programme is significantly different to previous years.

READING TRAINING AT ST MICHAEL'S Anyone wishing to read the scriptures at Sunday Mass are invited to attend the following training sessions: Thursday 7 March at 7pm | Saturday 9 March at 12.30pm
Please register your interest with the office: office@remueracatholic.org.nz

SUNDAY 10 MARCH Welcome to St Michael's School and Parish 2023. A wonderful gathering to welcome families into a bright new year. We shall start with the blessing of the School mass led by the pupils of St Michael's Catholic School at 10am, followed with a simple morning tea hosted by the St Michael's Catholic School PTA at the St Mary MacKillop Hall. Everyone is welcome. Let us all get together in worship and celebrate a unified Parish and School community. We look forward to seeing you there.

EASTER SUNDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND EASTER EGG HUNT following 10am celebration mass.
Please have your children decorate a hard-boiled egg with their name on it, please place them in the basket on the table in our church foyer before Easter Sunday Mass. These will form part of the family fun we are planning.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are urgently seeking more parent helpers for Children's Liturgy at the 10am mass. We currently do not have sufficient volunteers for a session to be held every week for your children. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry that enables our children the opportunity to grow in faith together. Thank you in advance. Please contact Venus Itoh: venus_amelei@yahoo.com Mob: 027 545 3363

ST MICHAEL'S FOODBANK Thank you for your generous donations to the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. Did you know they support two and a half thousand individuals of which 1700 are children? The need is great, and we want these families to have as much support as we can give them. Please place all non-perishable foodstuffs, personal and laundry items in the donation basket in the church porch at the front entrance of the church. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Any special donations or inquiries contact Louise 021 748 834.



HOME VISITS Do you know of a parishioner who would welcome a visit by one of our ministers? Perhaps a family member or close friend who is currently unable to get to Mass for health, age or disability reasons? Someone who would love to resume the regular reception of Holy Communion? If so, please give their contact details to Fr. Tony or to Fiona in the parish office.

ST MICHAEL'S ROSARY GROUP meets weekly on **Tuesday from 12.30-1pm** (after 12noon Mass) in front of the statue of Our Lady to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. All welcome. Contact Vimla Costelloe 027 579 9499 or Anne Cotton 021 644 692.

ST MICHAEL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP – All welcome Wednesdays at 7pm St Michael's Church Crypt. Sr Alice Hardiman smsm 021 1435 475 or Annabella Hosking 022 622 6685.

LEGION of MARY meets weekly on Sundays from 9-10am in the Parish House. All welcome to attend. Contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or carole.kenealy@gmail.com

THE LEGION of MARY has a **Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima** for circulation to Parish homes. If you wish to welcome Our Lady into your home, contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692.

PPC REPORT ON MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2024

The Pastoral Council met on 5 February. Among the matters considered: the assignment of Deacon Mark Rivalland to the parish; directions to the Contingency Committee and Communications Committee to make appropriate preparations regarding Deacon Mark's appointment; adoption of the 2024 Pastoral Plan for the parish with directions to the secretary to arrange publication of the plan to parishioners; approval of templates for the monthly committee reports to the Council; establishment of an Administration Committee to supervise and monitor projects to achieve a list of specific organisation objectives of the Council; appointment of Fr Tony and the Council secretary as the initial members of the Administration Committee; consideration of the Pastoral council report for 2023 which contained a long list of projects completed by the pastoral committees during that year; agreement as to the adoption of a policy regarding the use of substantial donations and bequests. agreement that the name of the Caring and Support Committee be changed to Caring Committee; consideration of the provisional calendar of social, caring and education events for the parish during 2024; a letter to Josephine Hazel thanking her for service as Council member and chair of the Community Committee; advice of the 2024 Lenten Programme to be led by Fr Merv Duffy sm in the parish centre on five Tuesdays from 20 February.