

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.

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EASTER SUNDAY 2024

31st March 2024

Parish of St Michael, Remuera

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REMUERA 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. Acts 10:34, 37-43

2. Colossians 3:1-4

Pastor's Column : Easter Sunday

AI has initiated us into the world of alternative realities. We can no longer be sure that pictorial representations or video-graphic ones' correspond to what we call "objective reality." One ancient burial cloth, though, predates AI, in fact it predates photography itself.

This ancient cloth allegedly provides fascinating evidence of Jesus Resurrection, supposedly one of the burial cloths remarked upon by John in his Gospel, not just once, but twice. There must have been something significant about them?

Fr Robert Spitzer, a Jesuit and philosopher of science, argues cogently as to the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin being one of those burial cloths and the other, the Sudarium of Oviedo, being the bloodied face cloth that also enveloped Jesus face. (the cloth that had been over his head; this had not been with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself) The percentage correlation of blood type and blood stains connecting both cloths is indisputable. Fr Spitzer argues that the formation of the image on the Shroud is a silent witness to the Resurrection event itself!

A cogent case has also been argued as to the identity of the beloved disciple, being the man Jesus loved, his friend Lazarus. Given his recent encounter with death and exiting his own tomb, would explain his reluctance to enter Jesus tomb, even though he arrived first.

The mystical and otherworldly insights of John's Gospel and other writings bespeaks of a man who has seen things well beyond earthly experience.

As Churchill said of Russia, we can say too of the Resurrection of Jesus; a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. Jesus Resurrection was emphatically a bodily Resurrection, He ate and was touched, not a resuscitation, like that of Lazarus, but an event both historical and a-historical, in time and not of time.

It is, as St Paul tells us, the lynch-pin on which hinges our faith in Jesus and the hope we have of sharing in His Resurrection. Simply put, Christians don't stay dead!

Fr Tony Dunn

Thank you for your donations of Easter Goodies to Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. The families will be delighted!

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.

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.

Easter Sunday [Kids Korner](#) [Parent Ponderings](#)

DIVINE MERCY FEAST Sunday 7 April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free Parking at Wilson carpark & street parking is also free on Sunday.

FULFILLED: THE PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss in Christ. Dates: Sat 13 and Sun 14 April, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome. For more information and to register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY COORDINATOR – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY (NGAWHA) – CATHOLIC PRISON CHAPLAINCY
We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week – days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 5 April 2024.

ACCOUNTANT – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and position description go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 19 April 2024.

CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (EA) VACANCY to support the Chief Executive Caritas. Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Daniel Barrington

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

Peter Kelly, Elizabeth Kidd, Carrie Canapi, Marsha Tan, Annie Chang, Margaret Robins, Isabel Morais, Phil Bawden, Francis Morais, Eugenie Laracy, Jan 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

**Easter Sunday
31st March 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter
7th April 2024**

The full Holy Week Timetable is available on the Ministries noticeboard in the Church Porch

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	Dn Mark Rivalland(P), Deepak Albert, Krystal Turner, Josephine Hazel(G)	BJ Bazon(P), Canice Lobo(G)
Sun 10am	Robert Salivio(P), Jonathan Spencer, Anthony Segedin, Stephenie Wong(G)	Stephenie Wong(P), Rob Fonseca-Ensor, Jonathan Spencer(G)
Sun 5pm	Nerissa Reyes(P), Rhodora Faigao, Robert Sheehan(G)	John Curtin(P), Rhodora Faigao(G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 10:34, 37-43	2. Colossians 3:1-4	1. Acts 4:32-35	2. John 5:1-6
Sun 8am	John Shaw, Clare Wade (PoF)		Arthur Lewis, Simon Glass (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Niki Smith, Jane Gordon (PoF)		David Gray, Louise Gordon (PoF)	
Sun 5pm	Rebecca Faigao, John Curtin (PoF)		Francis Morais, Francine Morais (PoF)	

Collectors

Sun 8am	Tom Pigin, Yvonne McMillan	Tom Pigin, Yvonne McMillan
Sun 10am	David Gray, Paul Chen	Dirk Van Dort

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Rosie Hazel	Marie Olvido
Sun 10am	Zander Ilo-Cabiling	Simon Cordtz
Sun 5pm	John Britto	Angela Domingo

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Holly Spora, Miguel Chu, Michaela Chu	Hans Jayamanne, Maria Petrus, Andrew Strevens
Sun 10am	Patrick, Simon, Lachie Tighe-Umbers, Zayne Ilo-Cabiling	Aidan Cruz, Caitin Fonseca-Ensor, Hailey Don Wijesinghe
Sun 5pm	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Vincenzo Santhara	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Josiah Loming

Children's Liturgy

Sun 10am	Venus Itoh, Leilani and Roel Isidro	To be confirmed
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Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	Matthew Harris, Anna Dolan	}
Sun 10am	Auckland Catholic Singers	} To be confirmed
Sun 5pm	Nathaniel Hood, Theresa Ulmer	}

Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

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.

Ki te Ingoa,
o te Matua,
o te Tamaite,
o te Wairua Tapu.
Amene

Response to the Prayer of the Faithful in Te Reo
O Lord, Listen to us
E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

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

WANTED : VOLUNTEERS We have a plan to smarten up the parish centre (crypt). The first step will be a cleaning working bee on a Saturday during the school holidays (13 to 20 April). All equipment and materials will be supplied. Work will be supervised by an experienced person. If you want to help, please complete the form in the porch and leave it in the drop box. You will be contacted about the start date. Thank you.

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 7.30pm** 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.

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

CONCERT with FR CHRIS SKINNER SM Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10.

JOIN TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE for its new webinar series. A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology

THE STUDIO OF JOHN THE BAPTIST presents **DIVINE MYSTERIES FOR OUR TIME** Open Studio and Sacred Art Exhibition. Sacred Art for Sale. View a legacy of 20 year's work. 10am - 4pm 8th – 13th and 15th – 20th April 2024. 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland

THE ARCHIVES of the AUCKLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE will be providing a presentation and exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups.

The presentation and tour will take approximately one hour on a Saturday morning. Bookings will be essential.

The times will be 9.30am and 11.00am and the dates are;

27 April 2024 | 25 May 2024 | 22 June 2024 | 27 July 2024

You are invited to organise a group to visit and connect with our rich heritage. Once you have a group of up to 12 contact us to set a date. You can either email archives@cda.org.nz or phone (09) 360 3064.

We look forward to seeing a group from your parish community. Keith and Trish (Archives team).

PROLIFE FACTS

Earlier this year, a group of students set up a pro-life club at Manchester University. Their first meeting attracted a large crowd of students who supported abortion.

The pro-abortion students were beside themselves with rage, contorted faces, screaming and spitting, shouting threats of violence. The Police were called to protect the pro-life students.

For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Explaining parts of the Mass, an excerpt from YOUCAT (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

What sort of preparation do I need in order to be able to receive Holy Communion?

Someone who would like to receive Holy → EUCHARIST must be Catholic. If he has a serious sin on his conscience, he must first make a confession. Before approaching the altar, one should be reconciled with his neighbors.

Until a few years ago, the practice was to eat nothing for at least three hours before Mass; that was how people prepared to encounter Christ in Holy → **COMMUNION**. Today the → **CHURCH** requires at least one hour of fasting. Another sign of reverence is to wear one's finest clothing – after all, we have a rendezvous with the Lord of the world.

COMMUNION - By Communion, we mean receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the transformed (consecrated) gifts of bread and wine. This occurs as a rule during Holy Mass, but also on certain occasions outside of Mass (for instance, when Holy Communion is brought to the sick). Communion only under the species of bread is also a full communion with Christ.

CHURCH - consists of those called together from all nations (from Greek ex kaleo, ekklesia) who through Baptism belong to the Body of Christ.