

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



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Sunday 7th April • 9am-2pm
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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.

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

NZ CATHOLIC for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ. Hamilton bishop urges blokes to know Jesus. Wellington cathedral to open in June. Divine Mercy advert controversy surprises advertiser. As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied [HERE](#)

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

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

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN, is celebrating 40years of ministry to the women of New Zealand. There are celebration days planned in North Shore, Hamilton and Nelson. For information on these, as well as sharing of memories, testimonies and our current vision, please check out our website: www.dove.org.nz or look for us on Facebook. Blessings, Gloria Stafford, National Leader.

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/

ACCOUNTANT - GRADUATE ROLE - 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. This role will suit a recent graduate of a Bachelor's degree or relevant tertiary qualification (Accounting). 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 12 April 2024.

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 12 April 2024.

We remember those who have recently died:

Monique George, Diana Fenwick, Sr Rita Phillipon SMSM

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, Sean Lee, Dr Tony Hardy, Beverley Thomas, Peter Connolly, Graeme Matthews, Ernie Cavanagh

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

7th April 2024

Parish of St Michael, Remuera
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Parish Office
Fiona Twomey / Fran Carne

Baptism Preparation:
Pauline loelu

RCIA:
Peter Hay-MacKenzie

Sacramental Programme:
Pauline loelu

Music Co-ordinator:
James loelu

Safeguarding Co-ordinator:
Fiona Twomey

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 4:32-35
2. John 5:1-6

Pastor's Column : 2nd Sunday of Easter

John's Gospel has two, as it were book-ends; its magnificent beginning, contemplating the Word, through whom all things had being and in the end parts of the Gospel, Thomas' unique exclamation, "My Lord and my God". Here he not only professes Jesus Lordship, but also his Divinity, using titles from the Old Testament attributed only to God.

"Shalom" even in our time, is the very beautiful greeting Jews bestow on each other- "Peace!" Jesus uses it emphatically and repetitively in his Resurrection appearances. In this context, it has rich significance. Just imagine the state of mind of these, his closest followers, his intimate disciples; apart from John, they all had betrayed, abandoned and left him to be crucified and there he is, three days later, bodily, standing before them.

Extraordinarily, after sinning by rejecting him, out of fear for their lives, he takes away their fear, guilt and remorse by saying, "Shalom!" and he gifts them with power to forgive sins by breathing on them individually. This gesture echoes at the beginning of creation, God breathing life into the clay of the earth, making Adam a living being. Here Jesus, initiating the new Creation, institutes the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), not only to mediate His forgiving of all sins, but also to retain forgiveness to the insincere penitent. This Sunday celebrates the institution of the Sacrament of Penance and is so designated, "Mercy Sunday."

Thomas is the archetype of the sophisticated modern. Thomas wanted empirical evidence and he got it! Just as the Church, the Bride of Christ was born from Jesus pierced side in the sleep of death, (As Eve was from the side of Adam in his sleep) by water representing Baptism and Blood the Eucharist, so Thomas putting his fingers into Jesus side, is in a sense, sacramentally encountering Jesus Risen Presence.

We hear from Thomas, for the first time in John's Gospel, an exclamation of Jesus, Divinity, the second book-end.

Thomas' profession also evokes from Jesus a "beatitude" for us who were not blessed with his earthly presence; "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!"

Thomas' name comes from the Aramaic name, Teoma (Hebrew Te'om) meaning Twin. The Greek word is Didymus. Because the "Twin" is not named, we can imagine ourselves to be his "twin". Like Thomas, we may be besieged by difficulties and even doubts about Jesus, Risen, particularly because of ongoing evil in the world and worse in the Church itself. By taking to heart Jesus words, "You did it to Me" and by reaching out and touching the wounded members of humanity, may we, like Thomas, come to renewed faith in Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God."

Fr Tony Dunn

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

**Third Sunday of Easter
14th April 2024**

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	BJ Bauzon(P), Canice Lobo(G)	Catherine Holden(P), Shobha Johson(G)
Sun 10am	Stephenie Wong(P), Rob Fonseca-Ensor, Jonathan Spencer(G)	Anthony Segedin(P), Robert Salivio, Issa Ilo-Cabiling(G)
Sun 5pm	John Curtin(P), Rhodora Faigao(G)	Vanessa Moraes(P), Nerissa Reyes(G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 4:32-35	2. John 5:1-6	1. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	2. John 2:1-5
Sun 8am	Arthur Lewis, Eileen Robinson-Piper (PoF)	Richard Pereira, Simon Glass (PoF)		
Sun 10am	David Gray, Louise Gordon (PoF)	Joshua Ioelu, Micayla-Jane Elika (PoF)		
Sun 5pm	Francis Morais, Francine Morais (PoF)	David Unger, Brenda Brightwell (PoF)		

Collectors

Sun 8am	Yvonne McMillan, Tom Piggan	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Dirk Van Dort	Cordtz Family

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Marie Olvido	Kerry McKewen
Sun 10am	Samuel Wong	Ezra Balderas
Sun 5pm	Angela Domingo	Ana Simarro

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Hans Jayamanne, Holly Spora, Andrew Strevens	Miguel & Michaela Chu, Andrew Strevens
Sun 10am	Aidan Cruz, Caitlin Fonseca-Ensor, Hailey Wijesinghe	Simon & Lachie Tighe-Umbers, Sebastian Yan
Sun 5pm	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Josiah Loming	Kyla & Abigail Faigao, Vincenzo Santhara

Children's Liturgy

Sun 10am Children's Liturgy will resume after the school holidays in Term 2.

Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	Robbie de la Vega, Anna Nguyen	James Ioelu, Faith
Sun 10am	Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell	Alleluia Choir
Sun 5pm	Nathaniel Hood, Gino Pimentel	Nathaniel Hood, James Ioelu

<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

A BELATED MESSAGE FROM ELAINE AT MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST FOR EASTER DONATIONS

Thank you for giving big smiles and joy to our Monte Cecilia families. Thank you for your time and energy. Very much appreciated and gratefully received. Easter blessings to you and your family. God bless, Elaine

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.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY 1 APRIL. Among the matters covered: congratulations to all those involved in the planning and presentation of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies; a warm welcome to Deacon Mark Rivalland who had been invited to attend the meeting to meet the Council members and to discuss his role as a permanent deacon in our parish; the appointment of Fleur Ford as Community Committee chair; agreement on the terms of a recommended parish policy regarding the handling of unbudgeted large donations and bequests; a report on a meeting with Bishop Steve regarding diocesan planning strategy; the start of planning for the parish annual meeting, which will be held on Sunday 13 August from 11.15am; updates from the Administration Committee about how the parish office can give further support to the promotion of committee projects, additional parking on the parish site, the working bee for the parish centre, clustering arrangements with Parnell parish safety procedures for parish buildings; training workshops organised by the Liturgy Committee for new readers and new altar servers; updates from the Communications Committee about the upload of homilies on the parish website, the use of new graphic design software by the parish office; the publication by the Caring Committee of a leaflet outlining the ministries it offers to parishioners and the ways in which parishioners can access and support those ministries; completion of the six evening talks in the Lenten Programme with an average attendance of nearly 70 per meeting; a very large number of applicants for this year's Sacramental programme which starts on 19 May; prayer intentions can now be lodged through the parish website; thanks to the Community Committee for organising the successful Easter Egg hunt and barbecue after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday.

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

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 | 25 May | 22 June | 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).

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

How does Holy Communion change me?

Every Holy → COMMUNION unites me more deeply with Christ, makes me a living member of the Body of Christ, renews the graces that I received in Baptism and → CONFIRMATION, and fortifies me for the battle against sin.

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.

CONFIRMATION – (from Latin *confirmatio* = strengthening, consolidation): Confirmation, like Baptism and the Eucharist, is one of the three sacraments of initiation of the Catholic Church. As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered on Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit comes to every baptised person for whom the Church requests the gift of the Holy Spirit. It secures and strengthens him to be a living witness to Christ.