

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS IS NOW ONLINE!

Your prayer intentions are now able to be submitted online through the parish website homepage

<https://www.remuercatholic.org.nz/prayer-intention>

and also in the box in the church foyer.

Intentions will be prayed for by the daily prayer group.



PARISH HOLY HOUR – Friday 26 April at 7pm

St Michael's next Holy Hour with Adoration, Benediction & communal prayer

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now" St Theresa of Calcutta



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Kids Korner](#)

[Parent Ponderings](#)

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.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 - The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards [Jubilee 2025- Pilgrims of Hope](#)

THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT FATHER JOHN O'CONNOR'S FOOD FOR FAITH forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@ff.org.nz More information here → [Food for Faith](#)

RELICS TOUR From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience → [Details about Relics Tour](#)

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/

THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART have a new executive management position available, NZ Services and Property Manager. This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy, with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Diverse capability in strategy and hands-on management of planning, communications, property, IT, HR, Health and Safety is sought and ideally a tertiary degree in business, social services or similar. Further information is available on the [ad in Seek](#), under the heading "[Community Services & Development: Management](#)." Applications close 6 May.

We remember those who have recently died:

Esther Geraldine Reid, Michael Maiquez

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Philip Morrow

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

14th April 2024

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Pauline loelu

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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 3:13-15, 17-19
2. John 2:1-5

Pastor's Column 3rd Sunday of Easter 2024

I recently had a rare experience, quite astonishing actually, that a book I had lent someone was returned. Given the person concerned, I wasn't surprised, but in general, books, like ball-point pens, seem to have fallen outside any considerations of moral theology. The basic principle of justice, "res clamat domino," "the thing calls to its owner" in the case of books seem to have been muted. The book was "Ring of Truth" by an Anglican Biblical scholar, J B Phillips. In it, though sceptical of such things, he recounts two sudden and uninvited encounters with the ghost of the then recently deceased C S Lewis. In them, Lewis, "rosily radiant," as he described him, messaged him on a personal issue he was grappling with at the time. Phillips mentioned these visitations to a saintly bishop he knew, who remarked, "My dear J...this sort of thing is happening all the time!"

Ghosts are a real and not uncommon phenomenon, not only now, but also in the time of Jesus.

His disciples can be forgiven for thinking, Jesus appearing among them was a ghost, a disembodied soul.

There were different beliefs about the afterlife in first century Judaism. The Sadducees believed death was a literal full-stop. We just stopped existing. Others, like Herod, believed that a form of reincarnation was possible. The Pharisees believed in an ultimate general resurrection of all from the dead. Jews knew about Saul consulting the witch at Endor, who summoned Samuel from the dead.

In today's colloquialisms, we would say that Jesus' disciples "freaked out," in spite of him greeting them with, "Shalom-peace!" Jesus proves to them his realness and bodiliness, by inviting them to touch him, especially his wounds and asking for something to eat; still they disbelieved.

Jesus teaches them that the law of Moses (Torah), the prophetic books, (Nebi'im) and the psalms (Ketubim), collectively called "TaNaKh," pointed to the reality of what they were experiencing. He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

This is a key message of today's Gospel - when we take up the Scriptures to read, we must first pray, asking Jesus to open our minds to understand His Word communicated through the Holy Spirit. Human effort can only go so far in understanding Scripture, grace too, is necessary.

The bodily Resurrection of Jesus is the Archimedean point of human history, promising and looking forward to our own bodily resurrection- in and by which we will live forever. Think about it and be astonished. Think about it and be full of hope. Think about it and be full of joy!

Fr Tony Dunn

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
21st April 2024**

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	Catherine Holden(P), Shobha Johson(G)	Krystal Turner(P), Canice Lobo(G)
Sun 10am	Anthony Segedin(P), Robert Salivio, Issa Ilo-Cabiling(G)	Jerome Anthony(P), Jonathan Spencer, Hester Leung(G)
Sun 5pm	Brenda Brightwell(P), Nerissa Reyes(G)	Robert Sheehan(P), Brenda Brightwell(G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	2. 1 John 2:1-5	1. Acts 4:8-12	2. John 3:1-2
Sun 8am	Richard Pereira, Simon Glass (PoF)		Kelsey Turner, Brian Gubb (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Joshua loelu, Micayla-Jane Elika (PoF)		Lucy Clements, Emma Houghton (PoF)	
Sun 5pm	David Unger, Brenda Brightwell (PoF)		Arthur Lewis, Philip Tighe-Umbers (PoF)	

Collectors

Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Yvonne McMillan, Tom Piggin
Sun 10am	Cordtz Family	Paul Chen

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Ezra Balderas	Ashalena Cordtz
Sun 5pm	Ana Simarro	John Britto

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Miguel & Michaela Chu, Andrew Strevens	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas, Maria Petrus
Sun 10am	Samuel Wong, Lachie Tighe-Umbers, Sebastian Yan	Samuel & Francis Wong, Rebecca Houghton
Sun 5pm	Kyla & Abigail Faigao, Vincenzo Santhara	Kyla & James Faigao, Ellery Balderas

Children's Liturgy

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

Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	James loelu, Faith Munapeyi	Neil Moraes, Theresa Ulmer
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Steve Hughes, Meileen Huang, Tim Gasson
Sun 5pm	Nathaniel Hood, James loelu	Nathaniel Hood, Rebecca Mae Faigao

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

On behalf of the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust and the families we support, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your recent donation of Easter eggs. Thanks to donations like yours we were able to give out more than 180 Easter gift packs to families living in Monte Cecilia housing.

An Easter Egg might seem like a small thing, but it serves as a powerful reminder to those in Monte Cecilia accommodation that people in their community are thinking of them and their wellbeing.

Your donation not only provided a sweet treat but also conveyed a message of hope and solidarity to those we serve. We are grateful for your contribution and are hopeful that this act of generosity will inspire others to give back in similar ways. Thank

you for showing us that together, we can make a positive change in the world.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler 20, \$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35 /\$25. Register by 17 April

All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

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)

May the Eucharist be administered to non-Catholic Christians also?

Holy → COMMUNION is the expression of the unity of the Body of Christ. To belong to the Catholic → CHURCH, one must be baptised in her, share her faith, and live in union with her. It would be a contradiction if the Church were to invite to Communion people who do not (yet) share the faith and life of the Church. It would damage the credibility of the sign of the → EUCHARIST.

Individual Orthodox Christians may ask to receive Holy Communion at a Catholic liturgy, because they share the Eucharistic faith of the Catholic Church, although their Church is not yet full communion with the Catholic Church. In the case of members of other Christian "ecclesial communities" or denominations, Holy Communion may be administered to an individual if there is a grave necessity and evidence of faith in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Joint celebrations of the Eucharist / Lord's Supper by Catholics and Protestants are the goal and the wish of all ecumenical efforts; to anticipate them, however, without having established the reality of the Body of Christ in one faith and in the one Church is dishonest and therefore not allowed. Other ecumenical liturgies, in which Christians of various denominations pray together, are good and are also desired by the Catholic Church.

COMMUNION - (from Latin *communio* = fellowship): 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 - (from the Greek *kyriake* = belonging to the Lord): consists of those called together from all nations (from Greek *ex kaleo, ekklesia*) who through Baptism belong to the Body of Christ.

EUCHARIST - (Greek *eucharistia* = thanksgiving): Eucharist was at first the name for the prayer of thanksgiving that preceded the transformation of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood in the liturgy of the early Church. Later the term was applied to the whole celebration of the Mass.