

PRAYER INTENTIONS IS NOW ONLINE!

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

<https://www.remueraatholic.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

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

Friday 26 April at 7pm

"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



PARISH of ST MICHAEL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

Pastor's Column 4th Sunday of Easter 2024
(Good Shepherd Sunday)

21st April 2024

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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 4:8-12
2. 1 John 3:1-2

It is said that men follow courage. It is also said that a young man wants three things; a leader to follow, a battle to fight and a woman to impress. If we do "exegesis" allowing the Biblical text speak for itself, rather than a modern tendency to do "eisegesis" - reading into the text one's own philosophical or ideological agendas, we discover a Jesus who would impress, attract and challenge any young man to be the best and aim for the highest; uncompromising, direct and vibrantly courageous. Scripture is full of paradoxes; another figure looms large from the Old Testament, Jesus' Kingly ancestor, David. A careful reading of Scripture reveals a Janus-figure, two sides of the one coin. David is one of the few characters which the Bible describes physically, "ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance!" (1 Samuel 16: 12) His ascribed psalmody captures a passionate, sensitive heart. David had intense personal charisma. It explains why so many in his story fell in love with him. David's shadow side is as dark as his charisma was bright. The simple and evidential truth was David, Father and Shepherd King of Israel was a, blood-thirsty opportunist, an unparalleled historical Mafia Don, ambitious, treacherous and without pity. It is unsurprising that in his old age he was always cold, could never get warm. It is one of the great contrasting Biblical paradoxes that Jesus should be born of David's kingly line through his foster-father, Joseph. The image of the Shepherd King is paradoxical too. The Shepherd of psalm 23 carries in one hand a crook, for guiding and rescuing and a rod, a sturdy club for dealing with predators; both/and, not either-or! Jesus the Shepherd King, the one and only High Priest, is the model for the Catholic priest. Jesus is the priest, the lamb of sacrifice and the altar. As already alluded to, an unvarnished reading of the Gospels reveals Jesus as a man of electric power, steely courage and focused masculine energy. He is a man of great personal magnetism. He embodies the best of manhood; wild, with shamanic healing powers, a patriarch, trickster and warrior, a King and Shepherd, God in the flesh.

A Gospel based advert for Catholic priesthood:

Wanted - priests modelled on Jesus. Person spec; young, male, who has an exclusive love for Jesus. Job description: to sacramentally make present Jesus sacrificial offering of Himself to the Father for the forgiveness of sins; to follow Him; feed His sheep and look after the lambs, proclaim his gospel, welcome or unwelcome, and be prepared to enter into his suffering and even death.

Fr Tony Dunn

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.

NEED HELP? A registered Social Worker is available, on a part-time basis, to provide free consultations to parishioners seeking guidance with accessing specialist support, or who may be struggling with more complex challenges. Please contact the parish office on 09 520 1226 to make an appointment. All consultations are conducted in strictest confidence.

FOURTH 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:

Eleanor Duff, Fr Chris Brady

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Athol Stuart Munro, Anna-Maria van Rijn

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

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
28th April 2024**

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	Krystal Turner(P), Canice Lobo(G)	Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), Andrew Patel (G)
Sun 10am	Jerome Anthony(P), Jonathan Spencer, Hester Leung(G)	Jerome Anthony(P), Terisa Cordtz, Stephenie Wong (G)
Sun 5pm	Robert Sheehan(P), Brenda Brightwell(G)	Claire Stirrat (P), Brenda Brightwell(G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 4:8-12	2. 1 John 3:1-2	1. Acts 9:26-31	2. 1 John 3:18-24
Sun 8am	Kelsey Turner, Brian Gubb (PoF)	Duncan McGillivray, Kerry McKewen (PoF)		
Sun 10am	Lucy Clements, Emma Houghton (PoF)	Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Margaret van Meeuwen (PoF)		
Sun 5pm	Arthur Lewis, Philip Tighe-Umbers (PoF)	Kevin Lewis, Simon Guinness (PoF)		

Collectors

Sun 8am	Yvonne McMillan, Tom Piggan	Yvonne McMillan, Tom Piggan
Sun 10am	Paul Chen	David Gray

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Rosie Hazel
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	Samuel Wong
Sun 5pm	John Britto	Abigail Faigao

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas, Maria Petrus	Holly Spora, Miguel Chu, Michaela Chu
Sun 10am	Samuel & Francis Wong, Rebecca Houghton	Micayla-Jane, Lafaele & Isaia Erika
Sun 5pm	Kyla & James Faigao, Ellery Balderas	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Josiah Loming

Children's Liturgy

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

Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	Neil Moraes, Theresa Ulmer	Christina Suh, Anna Dolan
Sun 10am	Steve Hughes, Meileen Huang, Tim Gasson	St Michael's Choir
Sun 5pm	Nathaniel Hood, Rebecca Mae Faigao	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell

<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

FATHER AND SON CLUB There will be a Father and Son Club activity in the school hall on **Saturday 27 April, 2 - 4pm**. Ages 7-13 welcome. The session will start with a short talk on the faith followed by a great activity with a puzzle maker on world geography. Please email james.ioelu@gmail.com if you are interested in coming.

The latest edition of **REPLENISH MAGAZINE** is available. See website replenishmagazine.co.nz for more information.

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.

NZ CATHOLIC for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.
\$4 in the papers box please

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH in preparation for the feast of St Joseph the Worker on 1st May. A 9 Day Novena starts on Monday 22nd April. If you would like to join with other parishioners to pray a Triduum you can join us in the Church at 6.45pm on Mon 29, Tue 30 April and Wed 1st May. Any further details please contact Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692.

SAVE THE DATE - POTLUCK LUNCH CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURAL PARISH – SUNDAY 16 JUNE

The Community Committee is again organising a Potluck Lunch to be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall from 11am on Sunday, 16th June. It will be a wonderful opportunity to join with other Parishioners to celebrate unity, enjoy a variety of different culture's food, songs, and traditional dance. You can volunteer to help make this a fun day for all by filling in a sign up sheet.

THE ARCHIVES of the AUCKLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE is 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 are essential. The times will be 9.30am and 11.00am on 25 May | 22 June | 27 July. Our parishioner Maria Bullock has offered to organise a group of 12 parishioners to attend one of these sessions, ideally on 25th May, based on availability. Once we have a group of 12 we then need to confirm with CDA Archives which dates/times are still available. In the meantime, please call or text Maria on 021 054 4227 to express your interest in attending or for more information on this, please contact archives@cda.org.nz or phone (09) 360 3062.

FR CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT at Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay on Sunday 5th May at 2pm. Suggested Koha \$10

VOCATIONS SUNDAY TODAY – PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Please donate via the collection baskets over the next few Sundays with your Vocation Sunday special collection envelope which is in with your planned giving envelopes, via a Bishop's Appeal envelope in the foyer or online at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Thank you and please continue to pray for our seminarians.

EVENTS THIS SATURDAY 20TH APRIL AT MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

A reminder for those who have registered to attend **A Day with Henri Nouwen** 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler or the **Card Crafting Workshop** 10am – 3pm, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ. Enquires MBSpirituality@sosi.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

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

HOLY HOUR with Adoration, Benediction and communal prayer is on Friday 26th April at 7pm. Please come and join in.

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

In what way is the Holy Eucharist an anticipation of eternal life?

Jesus promised his disciples, and us with them, that we will one day sit at table with him. Therefore every Holy Mass is a "memorial of the blessed Passion" (Eucharistic Prayer I, called the Roman Canon), the fullness of grace, and a pledge of future glory.