

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.



CULTURAL POTLUCK LUNCH

**Sunday 16th June, from 11am
in the Mary MacKillop Hall**

Embrace unity in our parish at our potluck lunch and cultural celebration being organized by the Community Committee; Come with your family in your traditional outfit and with a dish of food to share! If you would like to help with this event, please fill in and return a sign-up form from the foyer. Thank you.

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

28th 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 9:26-31 2. 1 John 3:18-24

Pastor's Column 5th Sunday of Easter 2024

"In vino veritas" is an old Latin saying meaning, "in wine is truth." It is a saying many can attest to the truth of, much to their dismay and regret. This is underscored by the sometimes continuance - "in aqua sanitas," - "in water is good sense!" Did Homer have this in mind when in the Iliad, he referenced "sailing the wine-dark sea" (some wit, in a double-entendre, referencing then and now in a misquote, "sailing (or rather drowning in) the lavender-dark sea.") Wine and vines, of course are good things in themselves, as are all beings sourced in the Being, God. Our sacramental world view affirms that we come to God the Father, through the humanity of Christ, all of it, and that God uses the things of creation to mediate grace, His gifts, to us.

Jesus' identification with the imagery of a vine has roots in the Exodus event, associations with the Eucharist and is entwined with the Temple. The context is important. Jesus describes himself in this way, at the last supper, when he identified the cup of wine with his blood. A vine of course takes water through its roots converting it to grape juice that then ferments into wine. Isn't that what he did at Cana, taking water and making it into wine? But there, he was also initiating the beginning of the new creation, likened by the prophet Isaiah to a wedding feast!

There is a Jewish context to be considered too. Israel was imagined by the psalmist to be a vineyard. We find in Psalm 79 the verses: "You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. Before it you cleared the ground; it took root and spread through the land./ The mountains were covered by its shadow, the cedars of God with its boughs. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots./ Then why have you broken down its walls, it is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field./ God of hosts, turn again we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted..."

Jesus is the head of the new Israel, the new vine and we his branches, His body, the Church. Jesus is the new Moses, who's first miracle in Egypt, was to turn the life-giving waters of the Nile to blood. John expects his readers to make these Eucharistic connections between Jesus, the sacrificial lamb of the Exodus, the last supper and the Sacrifice of the lamb of God on Calvary!

John also wants us to make the connection between this image of the vine and the Jerusalem Temple, the locus of God's presence on earth. Josephus, the Jewish Historian describes the Temple as covered in gold and the archway into the Temple was adorned with a Golden vine whose grape clusters were as large as a man. This is an allusion to the book of Joshua, when Israelites entered the promised land, flowing with milk and honey, saw the Canaanites carrying clusters of grapes as big as a man. When Jesus says he is the true vine, he is identifying himself with that imagery, with the Temple itself. He is the locus of God's presence on earth.

Jesus then focuses on us, his members, the branches, whose fruitfulness depends on our intimate union with Him; abiding with him and in him. We do this by allowing ourselves to be purified by his Word and by living the sacramental life, above all the Eucharist. Sin, He teaches, separates us from Him. Jesus likens that separation to the burning of useless branches. If we choose to cut ourselves off, God respects that gift of freedom and its awful consequence!

"In medio stat virtus" - "good practice lies in the middle path" so teaches

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Kids Korner](#)

[Parent Ponderings](#)

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](#)

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*

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@fff.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.

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

FEMALE FLATMATE WANTED A single room in our spacious, warm flat in Epsom, available in late May. Flat with 2 Catholic women, close to St Michael's, near train and bus, secure carpark. Contact Theresa: 0273891941 or pattysplace77@gmail.com

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.

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.

We remember those who have recently died:

Nicholas Wong, Christopher Piggan, Kris Morris-Vette

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rodolfo Ilo, Charisse & Charlice Chua, Shelton Morais, Sr Mary Katarina Mariu, Maurice O'Neill, Peter Yik

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

Aristotle. Imagine how different human history would be, how much happier so many family homes would be, if that snippet of wisdom had been applied to the use of wine, rather than its abuse! " In vino veritas, in aqua sanitas !" *Fr Tony Dunn*

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024**

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 8am	Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), Andrew Patel (G)	Deepak Albert (P), Christine Alejo (G)
Sun 10am	Jerome Anthony (P), Terisa Cordtz, Stephenie Wong (G)	Christopher Leung (P), Anthony Segedin, Christopher Setiobudi (G)
Sun 5pm	Claire Stirrat (P), Brenda Brightwell (G)	John Curtin (P), Nerissa Reyes (G)

Proclaimers of the Word

1. Acts 9:26-31 2. 1 John 3:18-24 1. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2. 1 John 4:7-10

Sun 8am	Duncan McGillivray, Kerry McKewen (PoF)	Russell Watt, Claire Stewart (PoF)
Sun 10am	Louise Gordon, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Rod Penna, John Trenwith (PoF)
Sun 5pm	Kevin Lewis, Simon Guinness (PoF)	Dennis Dunford, Nikhil Prakash (PoF)

Collectors

Sun 8am	Yvonne McMillan, Tom Piggin	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	David Gray	Cordtz Family

Laptop Operators

Sun 8am	Rosie Hazel	Marie Olvido
Sun 10am	Samuel Wong	Simon Cordtz
Sun 5pm	Abigail Faigao	Angela Domingo

Altar Servers

Sun 8am	Maria Petrus, Miguel & Michaela Chu	Cyrus Jesudas, Cheryl Jesudas, Maria Petrus
Sun 10am	Micayla-Jane, Lafaale & Isaia Elika	Simon & Lachie Tighe-Umbers, Sebastian Lucas Yan
Sun 5pm	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Ellery Balderas	Kyla & Raine Faigao, Josiah Loming

Children's Liturgy

Sun 10am	School holidays	To be confirmed
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Musicians / Cantors

Sun 8am	Christina Suh, Anna Dolan	Robbie de la Vega, Anna Nguyen
Sun 10am	St Michael's Choir	ACS
Sun 5pm	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell	Nathaniel Hood, Aldwin Anastacio

<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 this **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.

CARING COMMITTEE MINISTRIES

What we do

Social Worker :	providing free, confidential advice from a social worker
Home Visits :	taking Holy Communion to the housebound
Mass Transport :	organising rides to Sunday Mass and return
Funeral Liturgy :	helping parishioners plan their funeral service
Vinnies Support :	making up teams to pack emergency food boxes
Food Bank :	sending your food donations to families in need

What you can do

- Encourage those who need help to contact the parish office
- Offer to help deliver these ministries to those who need help

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.



SACRED HEART OLD BOYS ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS Sunday 5 May at 10am to be held in the Chapel. All Welcome

ST JOSEPH FEAST OF THE WORKER ON 1st MAY. You may be praying a Novena for this already, but if you would like to join with other parishioners to pray a Triduum, you can do this with others in the Church at 6.45pm on Mon 29, Tues 30 April and Wed 1 May. Any further details please contact Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692.

POTLUCK LUNCH CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURAL PARISH ON SUNDAY 16 JUNE - HELPERS NEEDED
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 lovely 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 from the foyer table and putting it in the foyer Drop Box or scanning and emailing it to the parish office. Your help is much appreciated.

JOIN IN VIEWING THE AUCKLAND DIOCESE ARCHIVES PRESENTATION AND EXHIBITION and items related to Bishop Pompallier, and a tour of Bishops House is also included. We have managed to have a slot allocated to our parish for **11am on Saturday 25 May**. Maria Bullock has offered to organise a group of 12 parishioners to attend this session. Please contact Maria asap if you want to join in, as spaces are limited. Please call or text Maria on 021 054 4227 to express your interest in attending or for more info. contact archives@cda.org.nz or phone (09) 360 3062.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS by donating 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 from the foyer or online at <http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate>. Thank you and please continue to pray for our seminarians.

THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD? Come and meet with seminarians and priests as you discern your vocation at 12noon on Saturday 4th May, St Mary's Church, Mt Albert. RSVP to aucklandvocations@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SINGLES 30s and 40s GROUP next event will take place on 11 May at 7:30pm. We will meet at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden for dinner, and then for those who feel brave, go on to karaoke! Numbers are limited due to the maximum dinner booking at the restaurant, if interested email promptly to akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com. Other events that will be happening soon are: 15 June - Silo Park Night Market | 11 July - Salsa | 8 August - Ten pin bowling. Check us out on our [Facebook page here](#).

ST MICHAEL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - All welcome. Please note that the meeting time is back to **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** in St Michael's Church Crypt. .Sr Alice Hardiman smsg 0211435475 or Annabella Hosking 022 622 6685.

Explaining parts of the Mass, an excerpt from YOUCAT (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)
Why did Christ give us the sacrament of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick?
Christ's love is shown in the fact that he seeks the lost and heals the sick. That is why he gave us the sacraments of healing and restoration, in which we are freed from sin and strengthened in our physical and spiritual weakness.