

**SEEING AND
ACTING WITH
MERCY: THAT
IS HOLINESS.**

GAUDIUM ET
ESPERANTIA #102



PROLIFE FACTS

Euthanasia-Free NZ is urging people who wrote to Parliament's Justice Committee on euthanasia early this year to contact the Committee ASAP if they haven't received a confirmation that their submission was received, or if they still want to talk to the Committee for 5 minutes, as there have been problems with their system. Contact the committee by phoning 04 817 8506 or at Justice.EndofLife@parliament.govt.nz.

Faith in a World of Science Fr Roy Pereira SJ. Are you and your cell phone inseparable? The Neuroscience of addiction research presented through music, meditation and discussion. Inviting you to join the conversation

Wednesday, 31st October, St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford, 7.30pm: Increasing our Faith in a World of Science: Mutual Complementary

Thursday, 1st November, St John's School, Mairangi Bay, 7pm: The Neuroscience of Change: Developing Behaviour Patterns for a Life of Abundance.

Friday, 2nd November, St Joseph's Church, Takapuna, 7.45pm Are you and technology a match made in heaven? The Neuroscience of Mental Health as a help to Freedom. *See Noticeboard in Foyer*

Choral Mass for All Souls: All are welcome to attend a special Mass for the Faithfully Departed - All Souls. 7.30 pm Friday, 2nd November at St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street. The Book of Remembrance will be available to sign in the front of the Cathedral by Our Lady's Chapel for the month of November. Please feel free to write down the names of your loved ones who have died. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2). *See Noticeboard in Foyer*

Reflection Day 'The Senses as Thresholds to the Soul' – 3rd November 2018 - 10.00am to 3.00pm

'Our senses link us intimately with the Divine around and within us. Through experiencing the richness of each of our senses, this day will enable us to celebrate the Universe and the Mystery alive in it'.

Facilitator: Ann Neven rsj | **Dates:** Saturday 3rd November - 10.00am to 3.00pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland | **Cost:** \$30.00 waged. \$20.00 unwaged
Please bring own lunch. Tea & coffee provided | Registrations to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au

Guided Retreat: 'Eyes to See, Ears to Hear' Registrations to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au

'Through the eye of the artist and pen of the poet we are invited to spend time in prayer with familiar Gospel texts. The basic structure of the retreat is offering participants two works of art and a poem which sit around a gospel text each full day of the retreat. The days flow from the birth of Christ, through his ministry and death and resurrection'.

Dates: Sunday 4th November 7.30pm to 10th November 4pm **Facilitator:** Gerard Whiteford sm

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland **Cost:** \$540 – Six Day Retreat (Full board)

Dorothy Brown Memorial Lecture Friday 9th November, 7.30pm, Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephens Ave, Parnell. Maui Solomon, Chairman Hokotehi Moriori Trust, Rekohu (Chatham Islands): Six Hundred Years of Peacekeeping on Rekohu – Myths, Misconceptions and Truth. Register by 5th November. barfoots@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 575-6142.

Dorothy Brown Memorial Study Day Saturday 10th November

9.00am registration; 9.30am welcome; 4.30pm finish. A variety of interesting presentations. \$20.00 or koha. Register by 5th November. barfoots@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 575-6142.

Choral Mass for the Eve of Armistice Celebrating 100 Years Since the Declaration of Peace. Saturday 10th November at 7.30pm. At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street.

With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2). *See Noticeboard in Foyer*

Our Lady's Fundraising Festival Sunday 11th November 4 - 9pm St Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna \$20 per ticket includes 5 traditional food servings & 2 tokens for games.

*Free admission for kids under 10 yrs. Come join us for an international cultural experience and tickle your taste buds with delicacies from Europe, Asia and South America!

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

Peter Redican, Ruth Searchfield, Tony Vela, Leigh Coates, Elaine and Dennis Lunken

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

My older brother's name is Michael, then I have a sister, Gabriel; I was to be named after the other Archangel, Raphael, but ended up with Anthony, which is another story. (Maybe I was not so angelic!) The name Raphael means "God's healer." It has its roots in the Hebrew word, Rapha. It is made up of three letters of the Hebrew alphabet; resh, pe and aleph. The idea comes from the way Middle Eastern weavers repair a garment. They hang the garment on a pole and attach rocks to the bottom of the clothing in order to stretch it. Then they put a stick between the threads of the garment to separate them; old, damaged threads are removed, new ones inserted and the stick is pulled down to tighten the new inserts. The weaver develops a kind of rhythm as he works; extract, insert, tighten and as he does so the rocks strike each other with a " rapha, rapha" sound. This is where the word for healing comes from and has the idea of repair, restore, sew or weave; fixing something not creating something new. The letters of the word rapha have a built in commentary on how we are healed; aleph represents God, all healing comes from Him. Pe represents the mouth, or powerful speech (Jesus is God's Word, ever creative). Resh, is repentance, essential for full healing. We see this dynamic in the healing of Bartimaeus, a name meaning son of fear. He is blind and sitting near Jericho, a code word for "sin city". Blindness is not only a physical ailment but can also be a metaphor for sinfulness; I cannot see what I cannot see, or do not wish to see!. In response to Bartimaeus' heart-felt prayer, (St James - we have not because we ask not) Jesus calls him or rather tells the disciples to call him. The Greek word for church, ecclesia, comes from being called from the world. The Church is the ultimate place of salvation, from the latin word salve, may you be healed. Jesus obvious question, " What do you want me to do for you?" is an invitation for deeper healing; physical and spiritual. Then He speaks. The Son of David, the title of the Messiah, God himself speaks, " Go, your faith has made you well!" Bartimaeus is healed and follows Jesus. He is no longer stuck by fear and sin, but now is moving again, following in the dust of the Rabbi's sandals. Aleph, God the source of healing, God incarnate Jesus heals Bartimaeus. Pe, He does it by His word, simply "Go, your faith has made you well!" Resh, is the disposition of repentance displayed by Bartimaeus in his desperate and mindless calling out to Jesus, the Son of David. In our prayer for healing to the Creative word of God, let us not forget the need of repentance, especially that of forgiveness!

Father Tony Dunn

St Michael's Mission Statement

*We the parishioners of St Michael's as a
Eucharistic family seek to live and share our faith
in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

27th October 2018

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Kathryn Schollum

Music Rosters: Tony Vela

Sunday Masses:

Sunday Eucharist:

8:00am, 10:00am, 8.30pm

Saturday Evening 5:00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday Cluny Convent 7:15am

NOT DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

(St Michael's) Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Saturday 8:00am

Wednesday 9:15am

Friday 12:05pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

After Mon, Tues, Thurs, 8am Mass

& 11am Friday

Anointing of the Sick:

First Friday of each month 11am

Exposition to follow

Reconciliation:

Friday 11:25am & Saturday 8:30am

or by appointment

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1. Jeremiah 31:7-9

2. Hebrews 5:1-6

31st Sunday Ordinary Time: 3rd & 4th November 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm R. D'Souza, A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsons, M. Parsons
Sunday 8.00am A. Shaw, E. Shorayi, C. Stirrat, T. Wong, R. Bakker
Sunday 10.00am P. Porteous, A. Segedin, J. Spencer, A. Stevenson, E. Taumoepeau,
P. van Ryn, D. Albert, E. Atienza

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Kate McKay, Sr Alice Hardiman (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am John Shaw, Bernard Kendall (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Sue d'Young, Simon Glass (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Stan Pinto
Sunday 8.00am Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi
Sunday 10.00am Gray Family

COUNTERS:

Heather Jayamanne & Family

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Trenwith
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Ashalena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Esmenia D'Souza
Sunday 10.00am: Denzel Devaraj, Patrick Tigh-Umbers, Alex Snedden, Dre Canapi, Gian Pollaruste

SANCTUARY CARE: Albert & Cynthia Agustin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Meileen Huang, Anna Dolan
Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
Sunday 10.00am Alleluia Choir

Readings 3/4 November

1. Deuteronomy 6:2-6
2. Hebrews 7:23-28

2019 Columban Art Calendars are available for sale in the Church Foyer. \$12 each. Please "post" the money in an envelope through the drop box at the front door of the Parish House or put in the Paper Box in the foyer.

NOTICES

Thursday 1st November : All Saints Day 9am School Mass

Friday 2nd November : All Souls Day 8am Mass & 12noon School Mass

No Exposition or Reconciliation 2nd November

Friday 9th November : Anointing of the Sick 11am (not 2nd November)

St Michael's Scripture Study Group We will meet again next **Sunday 4th November at 4.30pm.** Note this week we'll meet at the **Parish House**. Topic – gospel readings for the next two Sundays. Everyone who has attended the meetings so far has commented on what enjoyable gatherings these are. All welcome.

St Michael's Food & Cultural Festival - Come and join us!

The families at St Michael's Parish and School make up to over 30 different nationalities, and this is something worth celebrating. On **Sunday 4th November 2018** from 11am, we will have our inaugural St Michael's Food & Cultural Festival. This festival includes food from some of Auckland's popular food trucks, a specialty market with deli, wine, cupcakes, flowers and lots more. Our school will be turned into a world art stations and the hall will showcase some of Auckland's finest cultural performances. There will also be amusement rides for the little ones.



St Michael's Rosary Group meets weekly on Tuesday at 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish House.

Contact Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692 or acotton@maxnet.co.nz

Legion of Mary meets weekly on Sundays from 9-10am in the Parish Centre. All welcome to attend.

Contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or carole.kenealy@gmail.com

Becoming Church Programme 2019 - Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Enrolments are now open for 2019. The programme is suitable for children Year 4 and up (> 8 years as at 1st May

2019). Please visit the St Michael's Parish website <http://remueracatholic.org.nz/community/> for dates, enrolment forms and further information. A parent information evening will be held in the St Michael's Catholic School hall on **Wednesday 14th November at 7:30pm**. It is mandatory that parents who have enrolled or are planning to enrol their child in the programme attend. The evening will outline the format and content of the course to give a clear understanding of what is involved. Any questions, contact Emma Houghton at stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com.

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **Retreat Day: Nurturing Our Contemplative Selves** with MARY BETZ. Sat 3 Nov, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$45. BYO Lunch. This day will invite us to reflect gently on how our year or, indeed, our lives, have evolved so far. There will be opportunities for meeting self and God through prayer: wisdom input from spiritual writers: questions for quiet reflection: time for walking, journaling, or artwork, and some spiritual direction if desired.
- **Dreamwork 103: Inspirational Dreams and Visions** with MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 3 Nov, 9.30am-4pm. \$95. Booking essential. BYO lunch.
- **Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California** with BEATE MATTHIES. Thurs 8 Nov, 7-9pm. \$15. We will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California.

See website www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz Bookings essential. Register: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz.

The Catholic Caring Foundation's spring newsletter is out now. Please take a copy home and see how your parish family is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We truly value your support and thank you for your prayers and gifts. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Do you know we can work with you to help parishioners in immediate hardship?

Emergency Grants: Help for your parishioners in need.

Please remember that the Foundation can work with you to provide immediate financial assistance of up to \$1,500 for families or individuals in your parish who are experiencing immediate hardship.

Emergency grants can be actioned quickly and are paid into your parish account to allow for disbursement to those in need. If you would like more information about this emergency fund, please contact Tofa Pereira on 09 360 3045 or tofap@caringfoundation.org.nz.

The NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board has established a new role, that of **Director of Mission**. This person will direct, manage and promote the mission of the Marist Brothers, working across the organisation with staff, volunteers, company directors, colleges and other associated groups. This is a permanent role initially four to five days a week and will contain some travel.

For a position description and application form please contact Janne Pender at: jannepender@aheadassociates.co.nz Applications close 31st October 2018.

The Catholic Institute (TCI) needs an energetic and well-organised leader for its Auckland operation, based in Ponsonby. The role involves a mix of communication, promotion, relationship management, administration and quality management. Relationships with the Māori and/or Pasifika communities in Auckland would be helpful. Call or email Gerald Scanlan, the TCI Director, for further details: g.scanlan@tci.ac.nz or 021 375 292. Applications close Monday 5th November.

Jubilee Bursaries for theology studies at University

The Bursaries are towards University fees for Theology courses. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. Applications for Semester 1, 2019 close Thursday 15th November 2018. For further information and an application pack, please contact:

Michelle Jarvis, michellej@cda.org.nz, Ph 09 360-3091, Catholic Schools Office, Pompallier Diocesan Centre

St Benedicts Parish is looking to employ a sacristan part-time for approximately 10-12 hours per week. This position involves overseeing sacristy and church requirements including setting up for weekend masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and occasionally weekday services. Some flexibility of hours required and occasionally evenings. In particular extra hours required at Easter and Christmas. Applicants must be eligible to work in New Zealand. To apply please send your CV and cover letter to: Monsignor Paul Farmer, St Benedicts Parish, 1 St Benedicts Street, Newton, Auckland 1010 or stbenedicts@xtra.co.nz

St Xavier's Mumbai past pupils, friends and families. Connect with Alumni and prepare to celebrate 150 years the College with Fr Keith D'Souza (Rector) and Fr Roy Pereira.

The Great Swap to Stop - Saturday 17th November 2018, 9am - 4pm

St Columba Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany Downs, Auckland

[Eventfinda Tickets sold here](#) Website info: www.childrescue.org.nz See Church Noticeboard for more details.