

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

If you imagined you were your own heart, it would be like using a teacup to empty a bathtub in 15 minutes, then doing it again and again, without stopping for the rest of your life. It would take your heart less than 18 days to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool; during an average life-time, the heart pumps about a million barrels of blood - enough to fill three super oil tankers! The heart never rests, never sleeps, never stops using energy - a truly physiological miracle. These analogies help us to appreciate in a new way something that we often take for granted - until it fails! Analogies help us to picture realities, to understand them better, to be stopped in our tracks by wonder. It was St Joan of Arc, who, when charged by her accusatory inquisitors that it was not God speaking to her, but her imagination, she boldly replied, "But isn't that how God speaks to us, through our imagination!" We use analogies all the time in relating to God; Scripture, the Word of God, is full of them; God is likened to a rock, a fortress, a warrior, a bridegroom, a father, a mother - the list is a long one. The thing is, in the words of the author, J B Phillips, "Your God is too small!" When we use analogies for God, we need to understand that God is always more unlike, than like, the image we create. In today's gospel, in response to the Scribe's question, Jesus responds with what is called the "Shema" or "Hear!" A devout Jew would pray this three times a day, the lived prayer of the Jews. It is not unlike the way we might pray the "Our Father!" Jesus does not only quote the Shema. He adds something to it! We are to love God with all of our heart, our will; with all of our soul, (or in Hebrew nephish,) what gives our body life and with strength, our active engagement. Now Jesus adds a fourth; we are to love God with all of our understanding, or in Greek, "dianoia" our mind, our thoughts, our intellect. It means not only thinking about God, all the time, but also thinking about Him truly, realising that no image, concept, idea or imagining can encompass the reality of God. We are challenged by the Gospel to meditate, to ponder, to reason and question, the why's and how's of what we believe about the Mystery of God. Our faith is not just an emotional reality. Next time we become aware of the beating of our heart, let it remind us of the beating Heart of our God, relentlessly expressing and unending flow of Mercy, enough to fill not super tankers, but the whole universe.

Father Tony Dunn

3rd November 2018

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

WHEN WE ARE
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AND OUR RIGHTS



PROLIFE FACTS

The Law Commission released its long-awaited review of NZ's abortion law on 26th October and it's not good news for preborn babies. The Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice directed the Law Commission to come up with options where abortion would be classed as a health service. The 3 options allow abortion up to birth and on demand up to 22 weeks.
For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Dorothy Brown Memorial Lecture Friday 9th November, 7.30pm, Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephens Ave, Parnell. Maui Solomon, Chairman Hokotehi Mori 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!

The Liturgy Centre Coordinator- Judith Courtney will be facilitating a workshop titled 'The Principles of Choosing Music for Mass'. This workshop uses information from the Church documents 'Sing to the Lord' and the 'General Instruction of the Roman Missal'. The workshop is aimed at all parish music ministers and is also open to those who have an interest for Music in the Liturgy.

Workshop: The Principles for Choosing Music for Mass **Date: Wednesday 14th November 2018**
Time: 7pm-9pm **Venue: St Mark's Parish, Pakuranga**

To register please email Tina Coll on tinac@cda.org.nz or phone: 09 3603061.

NOVEMBER in loving memory of our beloved ones. MISSIO-NZ receives Mass Intentions to pray for your beloved ones (living and deceased). We forward your Mass request to priests in dioceses in developing countries. Most of them only rely on Mass Stipends. Thank you. You may send your Mass Request and details to Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD at MISSIO-NZ - PO Box 43226 Wainuomata, Lower Hutt 5048. We will post you a receipt.



The latest issue
in your church on
Sunday November 4

- Rosmini repeats as national basketball champions
- Jesus admitted in NZ: Church not so much
- 'Hero for Christ' gave his life for others
- Mass of Remembrance for little ones lost

NZ Catholic
\$4 in the
papers box in
the church
foyer please.

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.

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

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

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time: 10th & 11th November 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm P. Pinto, J. Rooney, M. Rooney, J. Salivio, N. Aguirre
Sunday 8.00am J. Esguerra, T. Fitness, F. Hay-MacKenzie, A. Hettiaratchi, C. Hettiaratchi
Sunday 10.00am A. Clegg, T. Cordtz, M. D'Souza, J. Eggermont, A. Ekeroma, P. Ekeroma,
R. Katigbak, S. Kingston

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Gay Barton, Viki Cullen (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Clare Wade (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Kathryn Schollum, Michael Pender (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Birgita Muller
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Denise Valerio

COUNTERS:

Eva Shorayi, Patsy Heather

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Winston Teo
Sunday 8.00am Anne Cotton
Sunday 10.00am Jennifer Frost

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Juliene Salivio, Santiago Aguirre, Jake Pinto
Sunday 10.00am: Alyssa D'Souza, Caleb Price, Aaron D'Souza, Stella Valerio

SANCTUARY CARE: Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Deahna Barrington

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neil, Cassey Wooler
Sunday 8.00am Edmond Wong
Sunday 10.00am Matthew Harris, Carole Kenealy

NOTICES

Remembrance Book for the dead: names may be added during the month of November.

Friday 9th November : Anointing of the Sick 11am

St Michael's Scripture Study Group We will meet today **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.



Baptism Preparation Course The last course for 2018 will start on 11th November. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday (11th, 18th and 25th November). Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. If you would like to enrol, please contact the parish office ASAP office@remueracatholic.org.nz or phone 520-1226.

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

Readings 10/11 November

- 1 Kings 17:10-16
- Hebrews 9:24-28

understanding of what is involved. Any questions, contact Emma Houghton at stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com.

Living Wage Week 4-11 November 2018

This week we reflect on the fact that for over 125 years the Catholic Church has supported the need for a just wage sufficient to adequately provide for a worker's family. In July 2016 Bishop Pat gave his support to the Living Wage movement that has in recent years been so successful in raising the wages of low paid workers. Of the 285,000 children living in poverty in New Zealand, 40% come from families where at least one adult is in full time work or self-employed. As Parishioners we can look to ways to encourage employers to pay their workers the Living Wage which as Bishop Pat puts so well is a way of enabling families "to support themselves to live life with a modicum of respectability and not just be on the bread line."

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

- 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.
- DANCE: Connecting us to Each Other; Connecting us to God with MARTA CULLEN. Thurs 15 Nov, 7-9pm. \$15. Dancing can be a spiritual practice, connecting with the Divine. Dance can also be a connection to each other and each other's culture. Old and young, experienced dancer or beginner, all are welcome!

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.

An interfaith opportunity: New Zealand Muslim Association invites you to its Mosque Open Day 2018. Open Entry – General Public. Sunday 4th November 2018

10am – 2pm. Venues: Five New Zealand Muslim Association Branches in Auckland See website for details: <https://nzma.kiwi.nz/?p=1492>.

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

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.

There will be a nation-wide **Pro-Life Rosary Crusade** (for Life and Faith) on **8th December** at 3 pm. To find out more information, or how to lead a group, please go to www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone 022 1912 886.