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GAUDETE ET EXULTATE #126



Family Advent The Faith Formation team of the Auckland Diocese hosts a number of resources around Advent <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/> for those families who wish to prepare for the Christmas season and are looking for ideas.

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 Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt 5048. We will post you a receipt.

Diocesan Job Vacancy - Marriage and Family Life Leader/Co-ordinator

We are seeking a confident, friendly, welcoming, communicative, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to provide the best possible preparation for a lasting Christian marriage. To offer faith based support and resources for young marrieds and families.

The role involves managing the provision of the Marriage Education programme throughout the Diocese, recruitment and training of Marriage Educator couples, promotion of marriage preparation education to engaged couples and promoting faith education for family life.

Excellent interpersonal, verbal, written communication and presentation skills, along with proficient computer aptitude and knowledge of social media are required. Applicant needs to be outgoing and welcoming, relates well with others and have superior liaison and organisational skills.

This is a part-time role of 32 hours (4 days) per week, with some evening and Saturday work.

To view the full position description for the above role, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration & staff vacancies. Applications close on 30th November.

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

Euthanasia Debate hosted by David Seymour MP: Thursday 15th November from 7pm at the Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road. Maryan Streat will be speaking in support of the the End of Life Choice Bill, with Dr Stephen Child presenting the case against it. It is vital to have many supporters of life in the audience. Please also email your views to your MP.

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

Last Sunday, Family First ran a full-page newspaper advertisement featuring eight women who had had abortions. The advert was in the form of a letter to the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern asking her what they described as the crucial question: *when does humanity begin?*
For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Edith Madeline Smith, Lourdes Maria Colaso**

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY

10th November 2018

Parish of St Michael, Remuera
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In residence: Father Stephen Berecz
sberecz@gmail.com

Office Manager: Fiona Twomey

Baptism Preparation:
Pauline loelu

Religious Education:
Sr Francis Kelly (adults)
Emma Houghton (children)

Caring Co-ordinator:
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. 1Kings 17: 10-16
2. Hebrews 9: 24-28

Pastor's Column : 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Fundraising has become a real art, if not a science. Fundraisers will teach you some basic principles; 1) relationships, as in business, so in fundraising it is about establishing relationships with people. 2) means, the persons have to have the fiscal capability to give 3) interest; the person has to have some emotional connection with the person or project for which money is sought. People tend to respond to concrete requests, rather than indeterminate amounts. People tend to respond to a fractionated total over time, rather than an lump-sum. Advertising a possible, statistically real return on their contribution helps eg raffles, low-profit margin goods, especially food etc. The give-a-little model seeks a small amount from a large number of people. It is a very successful strategy used by, Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic candidate for Texas in the recent American mid-term elections. He made a truck load of money. Unfortunately for him, he was Trumped, and it was money down the drain. The Temple in Jesus time was big business and so was fundraising. The treasury had a line of Shofar-like receptacles or horns, into which coinage could be deposited. There were some 13 of these, each designated for a particular purpose; eg one was for securing a bird for a sacrificial offering, "into the shofar a penny dropped, out of its cage a birdy hopped!" The rock-stars of first century Judaism weren't the athletes, or orators or actors, but the scribes. They were the "bling" people of Jesus time and made a show of giving of their substantial contributions! The Temple had become a victim of its own success, where the business of God had been replaced by the business of business. These scribes made a show of their donations, sometimes extorted from the lowest members of society, a widow being an example. Jesus critique I think, was not only about the importance of the quality of one's heart in giving everything to God, in contrast to heartless quantity, but more so of holding up the widow as an example of the exploitation of the poor by the rich scribes and the reduction of Temple worship, to the worship of bling! This widow didn't even have a name. Was Jesus grieving the death of Joseph and so was acutely aware of his own mother's vulnerability of predicament? Who knows. What we do know is that when it comes to money, a good means can easily become an end in itself and Jesus warning elsewhere, "Watch yourself!" is always relevant, always contemporary, always challenging.

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.*

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time: 17th & 18th November 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm C. Agustin, S. Alexandra, F. Byun, A. Dolan, R. D'Souza
Sunday 8.00am J. Hazel-Esquerre, D. Hern, J. Hill, L. Lyons, M. Mahoney
Sunday 10.00am M. Leong, C. Leung, H. Leung, K. McKay, R. Murray, N. Platt, P. Porteous, A. Segedin

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Philomena Pinto, Francis Morais (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Kerry McKewen, Louise Porter (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Ron Seeto, Margaret Mary Farrell (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Ant Martin
Sunday 8.00am Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sunday 10.00am Maria Flordeliza, Alex Houghton

COUNTERS:

Parish Office

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Salivio
Sunday 8.00am Bernard Kendall
Sunday 10.00am Yelena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Esmeria D'Souza
Sunday 10.00am: Emily Choi, Keira Croad, Micayla-Jane Erika, Simon Tighe-Umbers

SANCTUARY CARE: Agnes Yoo & Maria Yi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Susan Wooley and Marija Batistich

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neil, Louise Porter
Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
Sunday 10.00am Edmond Wong, Steve Hughes

Readings 17/18 November

1. Daniel 12: 1-3
2. Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

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

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



Baptism Preparation Course The last course for 2018 will start this weekend. 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.

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

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.

Reconciliation for parents and families. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation for families after the 10am mass on **25th November**. This session is designed to make it easy for parents with young children to go to the sacrament of reconciliation and they are completely child friendly. There will be two priests available. All welcome.

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

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."

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.

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.

St Mother Teresa Interfaith Meeting – Saturday 24th November at 2.00 pm at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mount Roskill. Free entry. Guest speaker Hon Todd McClay MP.

See noticeboard f1or further details.

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

Programme booklet for 2019 has arrived! If you would like to have one sent to you please let the office know.

- **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!
- **Advent Series: Encountering the Holy Spirit in Advent** with HELEN BERGIN op. Tues 27 Nov, 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm. \$15 each or \$40 for all three sessions. Advent is alive with the Holy Spirit's presence. In Advent 2018 (Year C), the Spirit is not always named 'Holy Spirit' so we will explore Sunday readings for signs of the Spirit!

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

Blue Christmas – a service of remembrance and hope - Sunday 2nd December.

Blue Christmas is intended for those for whom the Christmas season can be difficult and challenging. While we all learn to 'put on a happy face', we offer this opportunity for some honesty, and provide a safe place of rest and healing for anyone who may need a little extra support as we approach Christmas. Open to anyone who is remembering the death of a loved one, or who faces a difficult Christmas season for other reasons such as ill health, redundancy, separation, or aloneness. At St Aidan's Anglican Church, 5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, 6:30 pm on Sunday 2nd December.

St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair

It's that time of the year again, and we invite you to come along to our Summer Food Fair **Saturday 8th December**, St Pius X Parish grounds. Featuring a variety of cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. Bring your families and friends and we look forward to seeing you there. For more information or if you wish to make a donation please contact office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz or see the poster on the noticeboard for details.

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