

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

17th November 2018

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

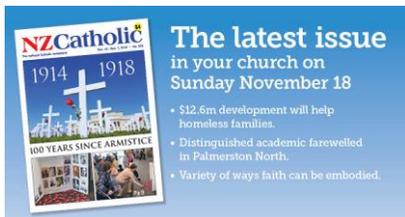
Pastor's Column : 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

One of my favourite fridge-magnets is that of a monarch butterfly caterpillar with attached speech bubble that says: "Be patient with me, God is not finished yet!" That simple image is a good commentary on today's Gospel reading from Mark. What we have here is Mark conflating two issues that confluent into a single narrative. One is Jesus foretelling the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the other is end of the world as we know it. For the Jews, the destruction of the Temple had cosmic significance for the Temple was not just a building, but a symbol of the cosmos. The temple itself represented the earth, the curtain in Holy of Holies was the sky, it was covered with the stars of the Zodiac, the huge bronze basin resting on twelve oxen in front of the Temple, represented the sea! The Temple's destruction had for them cosmic significance. The historian Josephus' account of Jerusalem's annihilation was chilling; over a million Jews were killed, 500 a day were being crucified, people were starving inside the walls, even reduced to eating their own children. Jesus is also foretelling the end of the world, known not from His human nature, but through His human nature. It is part of the Church's belief, revealed by Jesus, that creation, as we know it, has an end point! Like the image of the metamorphosis of the caterpillar, it anticipates what St John calls a new heaven and a new earth. In scriptural imagery the fig tree was often seen as an image of Israel itself and so allusions to it need to be viewed through that lens. This is all high drama, enhanced by the reading from the prophet Daniel. Daniel describes for us the figure of St Michael and the spiritual battle with the devil and the evil angels and the struggle that is crystallized in the battle, not only between the Jews and Romans, but also between the struggle we have with evil in our own hearts and minds. Jesus warns the Jews to read the signs of times regarding the events of 70 AD. He also warns us that, in the words of the letter to the Hebrews, we have not here a lasting city. There is an end point, unknown, yet known, when there will be judgement, accountability; a choice to say, "Yes" to God's offer of friendship and life with Him or to say "No" to reject that offer and be left with the existential pain of knowing the rejection of infinite life and love forever! Hell! In the dynamic of the Church's liturgy, we have mirrored the drama of our human reality and condition. By entering and participating in the Liturgy of the Church, we become grounded in the reality of our human story.

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.*



CONSUMERISM ONLY BLOATS THE
HEART IT CAN OFFER OCCASIONAL
AND PASSING PLEASURES, BUT
NOT JOY.

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE #128



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.

Explore your Faith The New Zealand Bishops' Conference provides many opportunities for people to learn more about their faith. Two important aspects of this outreach are Good Shepherd College and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI). Both offer a variety of courses and qualifications.

Good Shepherd College-Te Heparo Pai is where the diocesan seminarians go for their theological formation it is an NZQA-registered tertiary provider offering papers towards level 7 awards; the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology.

Details of what is offered in Semester One of 2019 can be found at <http://www.gsc.ac.nz/course-papers/2777-1/>

TCI The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand offers courses in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Scripture, Theology and Leadership. Courses are available online or in face-to-face classes. To find out more go to www.tci.ac.nz or email office@tci.ac.nz.

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast - since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information contact Marie Anderson on +64-3-359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Annicia Garcia, Polagia Nicol, Paz Nicol, Nicolas Nicol, Domingo Nicol

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

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

Christ the King: 24th & 25th November 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm I. Ilo Cabling, A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsons, M. Parsons
Sunday 8.00am F. McKewen, A. Nicol, A. Patel, J. Penney, A. Scaria
Sunday 10.00am J. Spencer, A. Stevenson, E. Taumoepeau, P. van Ryn, D. Albert, E. Atienza, A. Clegg, T. Cordtz

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Shenali Fernando, Francis Morais (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Bernard Kendall, Philip King (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Emma Houghton, Jane Gordon (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Rooney
Sunday 8.00am Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan
Sunday 10.00am Fitzmaurice Family

COUNTERS:

Helen & Tony Turner

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Anna Dolan
Sunday 8.00am Kerry McKewen
Sunday 10.00am Ashalena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Hiranya Fernando, Sydelle Kumar, Sophia Canale
Sunday 10.00am: Liam Houghton, Eva Houghton, William Harris, Jonathan Luxford

SANCTUARY CARE:

Eric Balderas & Meg Crisostomo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Jane Gordon & Lynette Herrero-Torres

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Robert Loretz
Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
Sunday 10.00am Matthew Harris, Carole Kenealy

Readings 24/25 November

1. Daniel 7: 13-14
2. Revelations 1: 5-8

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.

St Michael's Scripture Study Group We will meet again **Sunday 18th at 4.30pm** in the meeting room beneath the church. 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.

To the Parishioners of St Michael's

A few weeks ago I spoke to you regarding our orphanages / orphans in Vinh Vietnam. You responded with great kindness. I quote from Mother Superiors letter of thanks. She says ... "the money is spent on the needs of our children-food, clothes, medicine, education fees for those able to go to school. Sister Thien has left Auckland and I leave on Monday. We want to tell you that nearly ten thousand NZ dollars was given to our children. Every cent raised has gone to them. You are all in our prayers and we wish you well for your Christmas season and blessings for you all.

Much love and thanks, God bless you, Sister Vinh Nguyen

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

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday has been designated by Pope Francis as the 2nd World Day of the Poor: *'God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible. The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need, and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister.'*

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 for further details.

Glenn Innes Parish presents The Shades. 24 Nov 7pm, Sacred Heart College Auditorium. A powerful quartet The Shades are a perfect blend of strong operatic voices with irresistible Pacific Island humour and charm. The Shades present a wide range of repertoire from operatic classics, iconic popular music, and songs from the Pacific. There is definitely something for anyone and everyone. Join The Shades for an evening of utmost entertainment and a concert you will not want to miss. Tickets available from eventfinda.co.nz.

Free Nutrition Workshops 2018. There are two workshops being held in Auckland in **Saturday 24th November** and **Saturday 1st December**. See noticeboard in foyer for details.

The Orakei Eastern Suburbs Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites you to their Christmas function on **Tuesday, 27th November 2018** starting with Mass at 10am, St. Ignatius Church, 12 Kotiri Street. St. Heliers. Our charity – Mission Station in Samoa. Tickets \$30 includes 3 raffle tickets. Book now by phoning before 23rd November!

Tina Raines 09-5212499 or Email: tinaraines@orcon.net.nz. See noticeboard in foyer for details.

Advent Vespers and Carol Service - A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 1 December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey towards Christmastide and prepare the way of the Lord. Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).

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.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass 2nd December 4.00pm, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. You are most welcome to share a light meal afterwards in the G.I.F.T. Centre which is just across the road. Everyone is welcome! G.I.F.T. (Growth In Faith Together) is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disabled Christians.

St Mary's College Christmas Concert Sunday, 2 December at 7 pm. In the Stella Maris Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary's Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free). See Noticeboard in Foyer

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

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral

Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking available for both Masses. See Noticeboard in Foyer

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

The Law Commission's review of NZ abortion law was released on 26th October.

The Law Commission consulted with medical professional bodies, abortion providers, NZ Nurses Organisation and a wide range of women's groups. All favoured Model A, which allows for abortion up to birth for any reason.

For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.