

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

CHRIST THE KING

Pastor's Column : Christ the King

The axiom that history is written by the victors, is none so true than in the case of the last Plantagenet King of England, Richard III. He was of the white-rosed house of York. Henry VII, son of Margaret Beaufort, established the Tudor dynasty at Boswell field, 22nd August 1485! when Richard, betrayed by Lord Thomas Stanley, was viciously killed. Richard's dead body was stripped, trussed, slung sack-like on a horse, desecrated and paraded through the town of Leicester. His story, portraiture and Shakespearean play caricatured an evil King, especially responsible for death of his nephews, whom he had kept guarded in the tower of London. His very exaggerated physical deformity conjured up in the mediaeval imagination a twisted soul beneath. It has taken five hundred years and almost preternatural guidance to rediscover Richard's skeletal remains under a car park, where five hundred years ago was situated in the precinct choir of the Grey friars. Modern technology has rewritten history as his mortal remains were examined, his facial features reconstructed from his skull, his diet from isotope analysis of his ribs, carbon dating of bone situating him in the right time and his pronounced scoliosis, explaining his well recorded deformity. Richard's skeletal remains were reburied in Leicester cathedral in a ceremony fitting for a king. Another artifact, dating some two thousand years ago, has yielded its secrets to modern technology. This time not rewriting history, but validating stories already known and written. That is the burial cloth of Jesus on which is imprinted a faint sepia figure of a tortured man. Modern scientific techniques have revealed a coded three dimensional figure of inexplicable complexity!; multilayered, multifaceted, multidimensional. even a coin, minted solely for Pontius Pilate around 32AD and inscribed with his name, has been discovered covering one of Jesus eyes! A naked, scourged, crucified, beaten and crowned young man, a dead king, now living. His mortal remains, unlike Richard's, have never been found, because they can't be found. Jesus now reigns as king, seated at the right hand of his Father, in his heavenly kingdom. The early Christians knew this and their catch cry was "Iesus Kyrios", Jesus is Lord. This was sedition because only the cry "Caesar Kyrios!" was permitted. In the manners of mediaeval times, one acknowledged true kingship by lowering one's body in the presence of royalty, by bowing or genuflecting. Such a practice became part of Catholic identity when entering or leaving a Church. Bowing or genuflecting to Jesus, His Risen Body really present, reserved in the tabernacle. We could do no better to honour this feast of Christ the King by rediscovering and making a habit of that act of reverential respect when we enter and leave a Church.

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.*

24th 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. Daniel 7: 13-14
2. Revelations 1: 5-8

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 Heparā 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.

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, Fay Maria Hudner

1st Sunday of Advent: 1st & 2nd December 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	P. Pinto, J. Rooney, M. Rooney, J. Salivio, N. Aguirre
Sunday 8.00am	A. Shaw, E. Shorayi, C. Stirrat, T. Wong, R. Bakker
Sunday 10.00am	M. D'Souza, J. Eggermont, S. Johnson, R. Katigbak, S. Kingston, M. Leong, C. Leung, H. Leung

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm	}
Sunday 8.00am	} TBA
Sunday 10.00am	}

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 Britto
Sunday 8.00am	Jo Hazel Esguerra
Sunday 10.00am	Marie Olvido

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm:	Esmenia D'Souza, Zander Cabiling, Stella Valerio
Sunday 10.00am:	Denzel Devaraj, Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers

SANCTUARY CARE: Sali Pearson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: JESSE TREE SCHOOL MASS

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm	Alice O'Neil, Anna Dolan
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.

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.

Advent Scripture Reflections in preparation for Christmas.

Dr Kevin Waldie SM will deliver two lectures on the Infancy narratives in St Luke's Gospel.

When: Mondays 3rd and 10th December 2018 7-9pm

Where: St Michael's Crypt. Supper to follow

Invite to you all

A Pro-Life rosary will be held at St Michael's Remuera - joining with concerned people throughout NZ- In response to a climate of liberalism to our abortion laws and ending people's lives. Bill now before parliament.

Please - Come and join us in this prayerful petition **Sunday 8th December at 3pm**. See you there.

Rite II Reconciliation

Monday 17th December 7.30pm 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

Free Nutrition Workshops 2018. There is a workshop being held in Auckland in on and **Saturday 1st December**. See noticeboard in foyer for details.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore invites all men to their November meeting on **Wednesday 28th November 2018 at 7.30pm**. The talk at the meeting will be on Advent, titled - *'Preparing our hearts and minds for a Holy and Blessed Christmas'*. At the meeting there will be time to meet other Catholic men, sing and pray with them and enjoy the fellowship. Venue: St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna.

For more information contact Russell 022 0345678. www.joshua.org.nz

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, 1st December at 7.30pm**. 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, 2nd 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

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.

The National March for Life on the 8th December has been endorsed by the NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference: Parishes, groups, families and all people of goodwill are invited to March for Life Saturday 8th December. Gather at 2pm in Civic Square (101 Wakefield St) ready to walk to Parliament grounds. The spirit of the march is one of celebrating the gift of life and helping the vulnerable. Our message to our community is, you are not alone, there is support, there is healing, there is hope! marchforlife.nz or phone Michael on 021 825 955.

NZ Rosary Crusade 8th December: The time has come for New Zealanders, Catholics and non-Catholics to pray together for our nation. On December 8th, New Zealanders will march for life in Wellington and others will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. Please consider leading a group in your area. See www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone Clare on 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087.

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

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

- **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!
- **Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California** with BEATE MATTHIES. Fri 7 Dec, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. If you missed this talk in Nov, Beate will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California.
- **RETREAT: Who are You O God and Who am I?** with CHRISTINA CATHRO mdm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm. \$65 per 3-day Retreat. We fall into a particular way of seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil. This is a silent morning retreat with input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group.

See website for details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.