

Each one of you has to be
God's microphone. Each one
of you has to be a messenger.

a prophet



fr. Oscar Romero

How am I a microphone of the Good News?
What is the message I share by how I live?

PROLIFE FACTS

The Minister of Justice Andrew Little tasked the Law Commission in 2018 to examine how abortions could be carried out as a "health issue". The Ministerial Briefing Paper provided 3 alternative models, Models A, B and C (see <https://www.lawcom.govt.nz/abortion>).

For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Wellington-based)

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Officer for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Conference is the assembly of the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand who carry out together functions best done collectively rather than individually by dioceses. The Executive Officer reports to the General Secretary of the Conference and works with the President and other bishops on various aspects of the Conference's work.

The key tasks of the Executive Office include

- Support for the meetings of Conference and its Finance Committee, and actioning their decisions
- Responsibility for the smooth operation of the Secretariat
- Relationships with agencies, dioceses and external bodies
- Management of the Conference's finances and records
- Liaison with ad hoc national advisory groups
- Liaison with the Conference Communications Advisor

The successful applicant will have a sound understanding of the Church, managerial experience, & excellent writing skills. Curriculum vitae and covering letter should be sent by 22 February to Cardinal John Dew, PO Box 1937, Wellington (j.dew@wn.catholic.org.nz) The job description is available by emailing t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Manager, Catholic Caring Foundation – Applications close 15 February 2019

The Catholic Caring Foundation is a small fund raising and philanthropic organisation established almost 30 years ago by the Catholic Bishop of Auckland. Its function is to support the delivery of services to people in need who live within the Catholic diocese of Auckland. A registered charity, the Foundation reports to the Bishop via its own board and in accordance with the administrative processes of the Diocese.

The Board invites applicants to the part-time position of Manager. Reporting to the board and to the general manager of the Diocese, you will have responsibility for leading, managing and promoting the Foundation. The role is 25 hours per week for a fixed term of twelve months.

Administrative Assistant – Faith Formation Team, Parish & Pastoral Service Group - Applications close 22 Feb

The Parish & Pastoral Services Group seeks an enthusiastic committed person for a part-time Administrative Assistant.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective and professional administrative and logistical support to the Faith Formation Team and the wider Parish & Pastoral Services Group. Key tasks include preparing and sending out resources, email correspondence, invoicing and receipting, maintaining on-line facilities i.e. website and Facebook, and minute secretary for various Diocesan Groups.

This role is 15 hours per week with some evening and weekend work.

To view the full position descriptions for the above roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small exclusive group; limited seats.

For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone +64-9-921 5106.

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 4th Sunday

Monkey see, monkey do is a saying from the 1920's, sometimes referring to mimicry, imitating behaviour without understanding or care for the consequences. It is a reframing of the idea of tribalism, based on the assumption that we are social beings. Advertisers have long understood this, as have the military, as have so called brainwashers, as have those wishing to influence for good or evil. (The late Fr Don Hamilton told of an RE class where one student challenged him saying, " You are trying to brain wash us!" "Fat chance", the wily Don replied, "you first have to have a brain!") . It is sometimes called "social proof," or "truth is us," the tendency to check out, overtly or covertly, how others are behaving, dressing or responding and then to adjust our behaviour accordingly. How strange that many students dislike the uniformity of uniforms; after school, they change quickly and wear exactly the same style of clothing as their contemporaries. Monkey see, monkey do! One of the underlying dynamics that drives this phenomenon is "uncertainty". When individuals feel insecure regarding truth, what they believe, they look to others for the security of conformity. This phenomenon of "social proofing" would go a long way to understanding the pendulum like reaction of the crowd to Jesus first homily. One minute they are full of admiration, the next wanting to kill him. Jesus did not hesitate to insinuate that his generation was as bad as the worst in Israelite history! In the face of such uncertainty as to what to do and how to respond, they no doubt looked to each other and then "crowd psychology" possessed them. Imagine Jesus preaching today! What might he say? I imagine he would be more concerned about individuals and his message of salvation, the real possibility of the heat of the fires of hell, than the present global warming of the American mid-west. I imagine he would confront the lavender left's promotion of the LGBT agenda with its narrative of normalisation of the abnormal, as a "bridge too far!" I imagine he would repudiate the western medias false narrative about the nature and goals of renascent Islam. I imagine he would affirm the power of words, as bearers of truth, and berate sapping and seditious gossipers. I imagine he would take the sword of truth to contraceptive self- indulgence and its fruit and back-stop, the genocide of abortion. I imagine he would uncompromisingly affirm the precedence of God- given objective truth, over the clamorous claims of individual conscience. I imagine with laconic terseness, he would scorch-earth sybaritic shepherds and as Leonidas with the 300 Spartans at the gates of Thermopylae, hold the red-line of truth and justice, with a faithful and faith-filled few. Would Jesus today be met with reactive volatility or a yawn of indifference? Probably the latter! Last week we celebrated the feast of St Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas underpinned his theology with the rigorism of Aristotelian logic, especially the principle of non-contradiction; "contradictory propositions can't both be true!" Affirming Jesus as the Truth he said: "Truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true!" Also, wherever Truth is found and by whomsoever it is spoken, is from the Holy Spirit!" Today's Gospel challenges us to abandon band-wagons of "social proof" and speak the truth in love, albeit tough love!

2nd February 2019

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Music Rosters: Louise Porter

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 1:4-5, 17-19
2. 1Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Father Tony Dunn

5th Sunday: 9th & 10th February 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm I. Ilo-Cabiling, A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsons, P. Pinto
Sunday 8.00am T. Fitness, M. Franklin, F. Hay-MacKenzie, D. Hern, J. Hill
Sunday 10.00am P. van Ryn, D. Albert, S. Johnson, E. Atienza, A. Clegg, T. Cordtz,
M. D'Souza, J. Eggermont

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Sr Alice Hardiman SMSM, Kate McKay (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Peter Hay-MacKenzie, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Michael Pender, Gay Barton (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

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

COUNTERS:

Parish Office

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Enzo Villarama
Sunday 8.00am Kerry McKewen
Sunday 10.00am Jennifer Frost

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Jake Pinto, Sophia Canale
Sunday 10.00am: Liam Houghton, Eva Houghton, Keira Croad, Aaron D'Souza

SANCTUARY CARE: John & Joy Salivio

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Deahna Barrington

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neill, Antonia Brightwell
Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
Sunday 10.00am Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes

NOTICES

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.

Friday 8th February 12noon St Michael's Catholic School Commissioning Mass. There will be no exposition.



Baptism Preparation Course The first course for 2019 will start next weekend. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday (10th, 17th and 24th February). Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. If you would like to enrol, please contact the parish office 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 House. All welcome to attend. Contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or carole.kenealy@gmail.com

Readings 9/10 February

1. Isaiah 6:1-8
2. 1Corinthians 15:1-11

Liturgy of the Word with Children at St Michael's - More leaders needed

Children's Liturgy takes place most Sundays during 10 am Mass in school term time. About 25 minutes. Our aim is for children to receive the Word of God at a level of understanding for their age and to discover its meaning in their lives, whilst giving parents/carers the opportunity to remain in the church and hear the Word of God themselves. Pre-schoolers are welcome with a carer and primary school children can attend independently. (Of course, adults always welcome.) Our numbers are very low so we are in need of leaders and helpers for this Ministry. Please email Susan Woolley ceramicaitalia@xtra.co.nz if keen or would like to find out more information. We are looking for people to help out once or at most twice a term. You will be supported and teamed up with an experienced leader. The children who attend really enjoy it and you would be helping them on their spiritual journey.

G.I.F.T (Growing in Faith Together) invites everyone to their picnic in the park. Sunday 3 February 12 noon – 3pm. BYO Lunch. An opportunity to meet the community, get to know the community and join in the fun.

World Marriage Day - Sunday 10 February. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. World Marriage Day is held annually every second Sunday of February and commenced in 1993 under the blessing of Pope Saint John Paul II. Contact the Diocesan Marriage and Family Desk for further information.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick – 11 February 2019

St Valentine's Day Mass: Saturday 16 February, 5.30 pm, at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph – a celebration of marriage and family. All welcome: engaged, married, singles, families, children, everyone! (N.B. Wilson parking \$4.00; validate ticket at Cathedral.) For further information contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family team, phone +64-9-360 3025, or email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz.

Proclaim the Word – A one-day Seminar for Readers and Cantors

Five speakers will present material on various aspects of the Ministry of the Word. This is an excellent opportunity for readers, cantors and all involved with the preparation of liturgy, to deepen their knowledge and skills. We are very hopeful that parishes will encourage their readers and cantors to attend this seminar, perhaps organizing shared transport. The seminar will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Church St, Onehunga, 16th February from 10am – 3pm. Bring your own Lunch. To register, email tinac@cda.org.nz

Book Launch "Listening to the People of the Land: Christianity, Colonisation and the Path to Redemption," Friday 22 February, 7pm, at the Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. The cost of the book at the launch will be \$30. All are welcome. RSVP paxnz@xtra.co.nz.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth. A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm **Saturday 23 February 2019** Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

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

- RETREAT DAY: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ: How gratitude opens the way with SARAH COOPER. Sat 16 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl. lunch.
- MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. \$30 incl. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.
- DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 22 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. \$130.

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

Auckland Catholic Youth & Young Adult Ministry have two vacancies:

Mission Co-Ordinator (permanent full-time senior role)

Youth Worker (8-10 hours per week)

The position descriptions and the closing dates for applications for each role are on our website at: www.akyouth.org.nz/join-acym.