

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 5th Sunday

In the awesome rites of Christian initiation, the catechumens, (a name which implies that for a year candidates have had the Word of God echoing or reverberating in their ears) are challenged as to whom they believe in and what they believe. "Credo-ne? Do you believe, literally; Do you commit your heart, your deepest self to the Triune God and what the Father has revealed in His Son, through the Holy Spirit? The catechumens reply; Credo, I believe. They commit themselves not to an optional option, among many of the smorgasbord of religions, but to the Truth. Christ is utterly unique and totally transcendent; in His own words, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father, except through me!" (John 14: 6-7)

As disciples of Jesus we are called not to success, but to fruitfulness. The paradox is that of the dying seed that sacrifices itself in order to bear fruit. Our primary vocation is derived from our Baptism where we professed our belief in God, three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We professed our belief that through Baptism we share in the Divinity of Christ; Jesus the Son of God, sharing in our humanity that we may share in His Divinity. We are named, called and sent. The Holy Spirit through his chrismatic anointing empowers us to love, to will the truest and the best for others, to bring them to share in God's own life, through baptism. Whatever may be good in other religious traditions, is not good enough. We are here to grow as disciples, to be nourished by the Word of God, to be fed with the very Body and Blood of Jesus himself, to be the Body of Christ, called and gathered with the angels and saints, to give praise to the Father and then to be sent to bring others into His family, his Body. How is it possible to say we love people and leave them in ignorance, error or lost in fantasies generated by fabulists? Just as Jesus called, named and sent Peter and the apostles to be "fisher's of men," so we in our turn today are so sent; it is not a request, it is a mandate. Jesus reminds us that He is sending us out like lambs among wolves and to be cunning as serpents and innocent as doves. He reminds us that we will be hated, but in spite of that, to persevere. The gospel today reminds us simply that it is His work. He is the Kyrios, the Lord, and it is He who goes before us, it is He who is with us and to whom we are accountable. A disciple does not compromise on truth, does not tolerate error, does not come down from the cross- ever! As G K Chesterton rightly wrote: "Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions!"

Father Tony Dunn

PROLIFE FACTS

Founded in March 1970, Voice for Life (VFL) is a voluntary organisation that works to inform the public about the intrinsic value of human life from conception to natural death. It speaks out on women's health, and lobbies our decision-makers on important life issues including abortion and assisted suicide. For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

REMEMBER
the Past with
gratitude,
LIVE the
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and **LOOK**
forward to the
Future with
confidence



WILL YOU REMEMBER, LIVE AND LOOK WITH
Gratitude, enthusiasm, and confidence?

(JOHN PAUL II, NOVOMILLENNIO REGINTE)

Auckland Council of Christians and Jews

We invite you to our first lecture of 2019.

Speaker: Lee Goffin

Date: Monday 18 February, 2019

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Beth Shalom, 180 Manukau Rd, Epsom

Lee Goffin, a recently retired barrister, has been to Israel many times, and, on a very recent visit was very taken by the recent excavations at Magdala, near Tiberias, home of Mary Magdalene. Being described as "The Crossroads between Judaism and Christianity," the excavations commenced in 2009 reveal many new aspects of life in the first century CE.

Reflection Day 'Weekly Meditation' – Each Thursday starting 7th February 2019 - 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

This weekly Christian meditation time at Mary MacKillop Chapel will offer an opportunity to gather in silence and together to enter the place of Mystery where we are drawn deeper into the Well of Love within us and grow in appreciation of the unfolding of this Love in all of Life.

Facilitator: Lead by Team

Date: Each Thursday starting 7th February 2019 - 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Mary MacKillop Chapel - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland

No Registration required.

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.

Do you have an interest in Ecumenism and Interfaith initiatives? Bishop Pat is looking for people willing to promote Ecumenical and Interfaith endeavours in the diocese through his Ecumenical and Interfaith commission. If you are interested, please contact louisar@cda.org.nz

Prayer List Those who would appreciate the prayers of the parish community for themselves or a family member are welcome to notify the parish office (by email, telephone or "post" into the drop box at the front door of the Parish House) with the name of the person concerned. It is not necessary to specify any reason for the request. Names notified will be published on a Prayer List in the newsletter and also on the parish website. Each name will stay on the list for a period of four weeks and may then be removed, unless the parish office is requested to cease publication before then or to continue publication for a further four weeks.

For those who have recently died:

Pera Christie

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

Tony Vela, Ruth Searchfield, Elaine Lunken

9th 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. Isaiah 6:1-8

2. 1Corinthians 15:1-11

6th Sunday: 16th & 17th February 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm J. Rooney, M. Rooney, J. Salivio, N. Aguirre, C. Agustin
Sunday 8.00am A. Hettiaratchi, C. Hettiaratchi, L. Lyons, M. Mahoney, F. McKewen
Sunday 10.00am R. Katigbak, S. Kingston, M. Leong, C. Leung, H. Leung, K. McKay, R. Murray, N. Platt

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Cynthia Augustin, Gay Barton (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Simon Glass, Kerry McKewen (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Sue d'Young, Louise Gordon (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Ant Martin
Sunday 8.00am Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sunday 10.00am Denise Valerio

COUNTERS:

Eva Shorayi

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Surajith Fernando
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Yelena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Juliene Salivio, Santiago Aguirre, Zander Cabiling
Sunday 10.00am: Emily Choi, Jonathan Luxford, Dre Canapi

SANCTUARY CARE: Ann McLellan & Ann Smith

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Jane Gordon

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Neil Moraes, Cassy Wooler
Sunday 8.00am Maria Bullock
Sunday 10.00am Filipino Choir Pianist & Issa

Readings 16/17 February

1. Jeremiah 17:5-8
2. 1Corinthians 15:12-16-20



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

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.

Save the date - Parish Social Function

The parish is organising social get togethers for all parishioners. A function will be held right after each daytime Mass on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd March. A briefing will also be provided on current projects of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council.

Attendance at one of these functions is a great way to catch up with friends, meet other parishioners and hear what is happening in the parish in 2019.

More information to follow.

Lenten Programme - new course - register now

The Parish Religious Education Committee is offering the **Called by Christ** course during Lent. Developed by the National Centre for Religious Studies, this highly regarded programme is having its first presentation in Auckland diocese, providing "a focus for genuine reflection and dialogue on our response to the call of Jesus". The four 90 minute sessions are suitable for small groups of adult Catholics. No charge. To register, or for more information, contact office@remueracatholic.org.nz

St Michael's Scripture Study Group We will meet again **Sunday 10th February** 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.

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

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.

Retreat organised by the Community of Bonds of Marian Love **Friday 15 February** 7.00pm-Sunday 17 Feb 4.00pm. Tyburn Monastery, 100 Chamberlain Rd, Bombay 2675. Limited Spaces only. Registration required. For more information, contact Marisol A Rava E bml.auckland@gmail.com. M|021 041 741. \$130 (incl: donation to the sisters, accommodation and food). It is a stay-in retreat

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. See noticeboard for poster.

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.