

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Are you a Tree Planted near Running Water? That Yields Fruit? Whose Leaves never Fade? (Psalm 1)

Be FIT FOR MISSION!



PROLIFE FACTS

Voice for Life spokeswoman Kate Cormack, a qualified counsellor, is kept busy answering the questions that flood in from the online forum *We Deserve Better*: "We want to reveal the latest information, the facts and the stories of women who have lived experiences... We are a voice for the voiceless because New Zealand deserves better than abortion." For more pro-life info, visit the *Voice for Life* website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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.

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

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

- **MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude** with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. \$30 incl. Morning tea. Venue: St Columba Centre.
 - **DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork** with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 22 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. \$130.
 - **EVENING TALK – Grateful for God's Goodness: Love Poured Out** with ELIZABETH SNEDDEN rcsj. Fri 1 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15
 - **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session or all 6 sessions for \$50. This series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. Over the 6 weeks, each presenter will do two sessions each. The presenters are: Max Maxwell, Anne Warren chf and Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. These are all stand-alone events and complimentary events. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all...
- See website for details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

For those who have recently died:

Fr Michael Fitzgerald

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

Tony Vela, Ruth Searchfield, Elaine Lunken, Betty Flynn

16th February 2019

Parish of St Michael, Remuera

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Sr Francis Kelly (adults)

Emma Houghton (children)

Caring Co-ordinator:

Kathryn Schollum

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 17:5-8

2. 1Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor's Column : 6th Sunday

February 14th celebrates the feast of St Valentinus. St Valentinus was a 3rd century saint. He died in 269 AD. He was a priest who died because of his belief in the sanctity of marriage and true love - one man and one woman. His belief was contrary to the edict of the Emperor Claudius Gothicus, who decreed that his soldiers should not marry, as they would be less effective in war, worrying about themselves and their wives and children. His clandestine weddings lead to his arrest. He was eventually beaten, stoned and beheaded. While in jail he apparently, through prayer, healed the blind daughter of Asterius, restoring her sight, one of his potential judges. Asterius converted to Christianity as a result of his daughter's healing; and so arose the many faceted legend of "my Valentine!" and his symbol of the rose! The tight rose bud, slowly unfolding, is also a symbol of what have come to be known as the "Beatitudes!" The words "Happy" and "Blessed" are better rendered as "ripe!" - like the bud, ready to petal and release its fragrance. The paradox of the Beatitudes, in that they are both a blessing and a curse, are also like the rose and its thorns; poor but rich, hungry but full, mourning but laughing, hated and dancing - Mary Black, an Irish singer, sings a song - "Thorn upon the rose". Its poignant lyrics and chorus are a fitting commentary on Jesus discourse on the plain, because His words are always about Himself the Word! The song recalls a young woman and a young man and their love. "Its taste was sweet, like summer wine, a heart that beats in double time, so he waltzed right in and bowled you over and you're still reeling from the feeling when he's gone - the door is closed, the lock is turned and all the memories and letters have been burned; so when you pick the handsome flower don't forget the thorn upon the rose, its cut is deep and its scar lasts forever, it follows love wherever it goes." The paradox of the Beatitudes is the paradox of the cross; the "I" crossed out, the paradox of life through death, the paradox of a dying seed in winter, that in spring becomes the Rose.

Father Tony Dunn

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.

7th Sunday: 23rd & 24th February 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm S. Alexandra, F. Byun, A. Dolan, R. D'Souza, I. Ilo-Cabiling
Sunday 8.00am A Nicol, A. Patel, J. Penney, A. Shaw, E. Shorayi
Sunday 10.00am P. Porteous, A. Segedin, J. Spencer, A. Stevenson, E. Taumoepeau, P. van Ryn,
D. Albert, S. Johnson

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Fiona Twomey, Shenali Fernando (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am John Shaw, Bernard Kendall (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Paula Middleton, Viki Cullen (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Rooney
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Gray Family

COUNTERS:

Helen & Tony Turner

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm India Twomey
Sunday 8.00am Anne Cotton
Sunday 10.00am Ashalena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Hiranya Fernando
Sunday 10.00am: Caleb Price, Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste

SANCTUARY CARE:

Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Anna Hechanova-Lu

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Robert Loretz
Sunday 8.00am Matthew Harris
Sunday 10.00am Neil Moraes, Cameron Downey

Readings 23/24 February

1. Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
2. 1Corinthians 15:45-49

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.

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 or visit www.remueracatholic.org.nz

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

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.

The St Michael's Family Tree

The St Michael's Catholic School are in the process of redoing the existing "Family Tree" Tile wall in the foyer of the St Mary Mackillop Hall. The design will be the same, however the tiles will be ceramic to ensure longevity. Anyone who purchased a tile initially will have their tile replaced free of charge. Families are also invited to amend their details on their tile if they would like to add the years their family attended St Michael's Catholic School.

We also once again invite all families to purchase a tile to be a part of the history of the school and parish.

Please contact the PTA by 28 February on smcspta2018@gmail.com should you wish to amend your existing tile or purchase a new one.

By purchasing a tile your family will become a part of this unique artwork that brings together the past, present and future of our very special community. The new tile wall is going to be constructed by the artist Peata Larkin in March 2019 and will be unveiled on Friday 5 April 2019 at a wonderful gala event called "A Night on the Tiles".

OPEN DAY - St Paul's College

183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby **Thursday 7th March 2019**. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Building Men of Courage since 1955



Sacred Heart College

Open Day at Sacred Heart College is on **Tuesday 5th March**. Tours are at 11.45am or 1pm.

Please see website www.sacredheart.school.nz for further details. Enrolments for 2020 close Friday 29th March 2019.

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on **Thursday 7th March, 2019** – 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 15th March, 2019. A limited number of place in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 15 March, 2019.

Catholic Caring Foundation

Please take home a copy of the Caring Foundation's summer newsletter and find out how your gift is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Caring Foundation Annual Grants

The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on 12th of April, 2019. For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

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.

"Listening to the People of the Land: Christianity, Colonisation and the Path to Redemption Friday 22 February, 7pm, St 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. There is parking at the rear of the Columba Centre. Guest Speaker Sue Bradford.

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.