

PROLIFE FACTS

It may already be happening, but soon the Labour-NZ First coalition Government Caucus will consider the new abortion reform law, promoted by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the Minister of Justice Andrew Little.

The most favoured option supported by the medical establishment in their consultations with the Law Commission is abortion at any stage. For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

The Stairway of Mercy

Jesus tells us to...

1. Love your enemies
2. Bless those who curse you
3. Do good to those who are cruel to you
4. Pray to those who mistreat you



God calls us to love everyone.

Why does God tell us to do this?

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.

The Lenten season will start in two weeks time. Will you take time out to prepare your heart for the season? We invite you to a video presentation by *Fr Larry Richards* entitled - 'THE LENTEN CHALLENGE'. The meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm** at St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. We welcome all men for a time of sharing, praying and praising God. The meeting will end with a cuppa and time for fellowship.

Please contact Russell 022 035678 if you need more info. We look forward to your presence. www.joshua.org.nz

DRCNZ – Lenten Retreat IN AUCKLAND

Fr Roni George from Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, now based in Sydney, Australia will conduct THREE days Lenten Retreat in Auckland as per the details below:

8th March 2019 – 7.00pm to 9.00pm AT St Mary's Church, Kitenui Avenue, Mt Albert

9th March 2019 – 1.30pm to 7.00pm AT St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avondale

10th March 2019 – 1.30pm to 9.00pm AT St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough Please join us with your family and friends.

No registration fee.

For more details please contact: Arthy: 0223193621 Cynthia: 0210642157 Vincy Dias: 02108444654

Email: drcnz@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.drcnz.org>

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

- **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...
- **Christian MEDITATION 101: Introduction to Christian Meditation** with Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. Sat 9 Mar, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35. See website for details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

For those who have recently died:

Pelagi (Mary) Corera, Michael Dang Khai Hung

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

Tony Vela, Ruth Searchfield, Elaine Lunken, Betty Flynn

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

Pastor's Column : 7th Sunday

In recent years there have been a number of publications concerning the relationships between humans and animals. Some have had the similar title of "Horse Whisperer" or "Elephant whisperer" or "Dog Whisperer." I haven't yet seen the title, "Hamster Whisperer!" so there is still an opening in the market; Peru may be a good place to sell it, as hamsters there, are a popular delicacy! One could even add hamster recipes to broaden the customer appeal! These books all share a basic theme, that humans are not animals and that in order to communicate with an animal, one needs to understand how an animal communicates with its own kind. Monty Roberts was one of the pioneers in this movement with his book, "The Horse Whisperer". Monty had observed mustangs in their natural environment in Nevada and saw that they used discernible, effective and predictable body language to communicate, set boundaries, express fear, annoyance, affection and relaxation. He adapted that way of communicating with a technique called "join-up" and demonstrated how effective and immediate that can be in taming a wild horse. The basic technique in all these varied responses is; clarity of perception and accuracy of response. Understanding the nature of an animal enables one to respond accurately to it. Monty soon realised that what he was able to achieve with his horses, had not been achieved by us humans and so wrote a book called, "Horse sense for people!" What would a book, "The Human Whisperer" say? I imagine that one key chapter would be on love. Love may make the world go round, but its various counterfeits sets the world spinning out of control. To love someone is to will for them the truest and the best. It presupposes an objective, God-given, reality to which we are accountable, over a subjective, man fabricated, imaginative world based on feeling, with no accountability. True love is pre-fixed by clarity of perception and accuracy of response. It is inclusive like the light from a candle, the shade of a tree and the fragrance of a rose; they do not discriminate who the subject is, what they believe, or what they have done. True love wills the truest and the best regardless of the subject's response, even if they hate the one willing what is in their best interests. All are looking for love, many settle for a counterfeit, because they have no idea what true love is like. Today's Gospel is an instruction manual for how human beings are to love in order to be happy. As is often the case, when buying a new appliance, we ignore the instruction manual, believing we can work it out for ourselves; often we can't, often we don't. So, read it, understand it and put it into practice. As Chesterton said, "It is not that Christianity has been tried and failed, it is that it has not been tried at all!"

Father Tony Dunn

8th Sunday: 2nd & 3rd March 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsons, P. Pinto, J. Salivio
Sunday 8.00am C. Stirrat, T. Wong, K. D'Cruz, P. Duggan, T. Fitness
Sunday 10.00am E. Atienza, A. Clegg, T. Cordtz, M. D'Souza, J. Eggermont, R. Katigbak,
S. Kingston, K. McKay

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

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

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Stan Pinto
Sunday 8.00am Jim McGillivray
Sunday 10.00am Maria Flordeliza, Alex Houghton

COUNTERS:

Heather Jayamanne & Family

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm John Trenwith
Sunday 8.00am Bernard Kendall
Sunday 10.00am Marie Olvido

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Sydelle Kumar, Esmenia D'Souza, Sophia Canale
Sunday 10.00am: Liam Houghton, Eva Houghton, William Harris

SANCTUARY CARE: Albert & Cynthia Agustin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Susan Woolley & Louise Barnett

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Meileen Huang, Louise Porter
Sunday 8.00am Edmond Wong
Sunday 10.00am Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell

Readings 2/3 March

1. Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
2. Corinthians 15:54-58



\$4 in the papers box 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 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

St Michael's are starting a **pro-life rosary** at 8pm before the 8.30pm mass. All welcome.

Good Friday Liturgy 10am at St Michael's

We would like children / families who would like to participate in this liturgy please.

Email Fiona at the Parish Office in the first instance office@remueracatholic.org.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

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 smscpta2018@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".

David Parkes Fundraiser Concert – a reminder that this fundraiser concert for WACOM 2020 takes place on **Friday 1st March at 7.30pm** at the Malaeola Centre in Mangere.

Refer noticeboard for details or phone Fr Rory Morrissey at Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish.



Sacred Heart College
AUCKLAND

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.

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.

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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.



St Mary's College, Ponsonby

Open Day **Thursday 7th March 2019**, at either 2.30pm or 6.30pm

Enrolments Close Thursday 21 March 2019



Marcellin College Open Day - Saturday 9th March 2019.

Tours at 10.00am and 12.00noon.

617 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak, Auckland

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