

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 8th Sunday

You may have noticed the line of trees, either side of Beatrice Rd. They are a NZ native, called Titoki. Their fruit is a favourite of the NZ wood pigeon; wood pigeons would be a welcome addition to the local fauna. One tree, I noticed, was looking a little stressed and so after visiting a tree consultant at Palmer's, I learnt that they like being watered and suggested I fertilize it with sheep droppings! Subsequently it is sprouting new growth with enthusiasm. St Paul may have had a similar experience, inspiring a beautiful prayer he wrote, using the imagery of a fruitful tree; Luke in his gospel today elaborates a similar metaphor: "Father, this is what we ask of you; that we will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love and that we will have the rich experience of knowing Christ with real certainty and clear understanding. For in Him lie hidden all the mighty untapped treasures of wisdom and knowledge. As we have trusted Him to save us, we trust Him for each day's problems; may we live in vital union with Him; may our roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. May we go on growing in the Lord and become strong and vigorous in the truth we have been taught. May our lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done for us. Amen". This prayer could be part of our daily Lenten discipline, beginning this Ash Wednesday. Like the tending of the stressed Titoki tree, Lent is a time of rejuvenation by; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This threefold strategy invites us to revitalize our relationship with God (prayer), with ourselves (fasting) and with others (almsgiving). Just as the Titoki tree needed water and nourishment, so we need Christ; the water of life, found in his Word; His Eucharistic food, His Body and Blood; the self-discipline of nurturing the beautiful and joy-filled powers of the virtues and putting our time, gifts and resources in service of others, especially the most needy. The word Lent comes from an Old English word, lengthen, meaning spring - the lengthening of daylight hours. May this Lent be a springtime in our personal life and parish life.

Father Tony Dunn

Ash Wednesday Mass with Ashes - 6 March

7:00am | 9:15am | 7:30pm

Fridays of Lent (beg 8 March)

Stations of the Cross

6 – 7:30pm

2nd March 2019

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

PROLIFE FACTS

Ann Furedi, the head of the United Kingdom's leading abortion provider, the British Pregnancy Advisory

Service (BPAS), recently participated in a radio debate with 40 Days for Life Outreach Director, Sue Thayer, and stated that she believes a human life begins when an egg is fertilised. View the full debate at <https://youtu.be/mMcM1pCHUAg>

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

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.

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book.

If possible, please, also join the prayerful witness to life across the road from AMAC 283-289 Dominion Rd., Mt Eden on all or any of these Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm). To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz. For more information see the poster in the church porch.

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>

Caring for our coastline

Onehunga Beach Clean-up 9am-12noon Saturday 9 March Taumanu Reserve Sealcliff Rd Onehunga. This is an opportunity to take part in a fun family morning to care for 'our common home' at the beginning of Lent. You will need to register beforehand at <http://sustainablecoastlines.org/events/>

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

• **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.

• **Dreamwork 202 Workshops: A Series of Skill-Development Groups** (3hrs each) with Margaret Bowater. Friday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm. (22 March, 31 May, 19 July, 20 Sep, 22 Nov. \$40 per session, or \$150 for any 4 sessions.

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eileen Grace McCaw

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

Tony Vela, Ruth Searchfield, Elaine Lunken

First Sunday of Lent: 9th & 10th March 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm J. Rooney, M. Rooney, N. Aguirre, C. Agustin, S. Alexandra
Sunday 8.00am M. Franklin, F. Hay-MacKenzie, A. Hettiaratchi, C. Hettiaratchi, J. Hill
Sunday 10.00am C. Leung, H. Leung, R. Murray, N. Platt, P. Porteous, A. Segedin,
J. Spencer, A. Stevenson

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

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

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Birgita Muller
Sunday 8.00am Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan
Sunday 10.00am Denise Valerio

COUNTERS:

Parish Office

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Winston Teo
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Ashalena Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Hans Jayamanne, Stella Valerio, Zander Cabiling
Sunday 10.00am: Denzel Devaraj, Alex Snedden, Keira Croad, Dre Canapi

SANCTUARY CARE:

Sali Pearson, Cathy Ferguson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neill, Anna Dolan
Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
Sunday 10.00am Mike Cruz, Alleluia Choir

Readings 9/10 March

1. Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2. Romans 10:8-13

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.

Parish Social Function – Happening This Weekend

We look forward to seeing you for our social get together after each daytime Mass. A briefing will also be provided on current projects of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council.

Lenten Programme - new course - register now

There was an excellent response to Signup Sunday last weekend.

Information about groups, dates and meetings will be sent out next week.

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

Old magazines please. If you have any old magazines available. Fr Stephen requires these for senior retreats at SHC. Please drop them off at the Presbytery. Many thanks in advance.

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



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. *Building Men of Courage since 1955*



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 places 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

Mt Carmel School, Meadowbank – Enrolling now for 2020 www.mtcarmel.school.nz

Excellent Resources. Professional, Experienced Staff. Quality Education. Next School Tour – Wed 3rd April, 1.15pm
Contact us to request an Enrolment Pack enrolments@mtcarmel.school.nz (09) 521 5161

Hi my name is Christine. I am a University Student at Unitec U (Mt Albert campus), female, Catholic, aged 23, of quiet disposition. I am seeking accommodation. Preferably a flat. A large room with access to bathroom and laundry facilities would also be considered. Preferably close to train or bus stop.

Contact information: email: christine.klemes@gmail.com Cell: 021 083 054 09

"Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email: tonybrenner@hotmail.com for full information and 'Open Letter' to all MPs."

St Paul's College, Catholic Boy's College, Ponsonby

WANTED: Unused woodwind and Brass music instruments. (no strings)

St Paul's College, has established an "everyone can play a musical instrument" opportunity for all boys.

We need unused Brass or woodwind instruments lying in attics or garages for use by our young men.

Make poverty (of the mind) history.

For details contact the College office. Phone: (09) 376 1287 Email: stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz

Payment in eternity. K. F. Fouhy (Headmaster)

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

Please come and walk peacefully for your voiceless and endangered members of the human family

"MARCH for LIFE" because abortion and euthanasia are not good for New Zealanders.

Sunday 10th March 2019. A bus leaves at 10am for Hamilton and is back at 5pm. Koha only, bring your lunch.

For more information please see marchforlife.org.nz

Txt Mary Pepping 0272989112 for a place on the bus, with Parishioners from the East!!!