

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

The LORD is kind and merciful Ps. 103



For all people throughout Aotearoa New Zealand

We pray that anger and grief lead not to violence but to consolation and peace...



PROLIFE FACTS

Television is a powerful means of persuasion, so journalists are supposed to act responsibly in presenting the news. Voice for Life believes that a breach of this standard occurs when magazine shows like TV One's Story, or TV 3's The Project advocate the liberal "Groupthink" of their presenters in favour of abortion on demand. **For more pro-life info, visit the VFL 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/lenenprayerforlife 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.

Share the Journey Walk

You are invited to a global campaign initiated by Pope Francis to walk a million kilometres in an act of solidarity for migrants and refugees who are forced to leave their homes because of war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. Please meet at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby at **2pm on Sunday 7th April** ready to walk 2, 4 or 6 km alongside those who are new to our community including migrants and former refugees. For further information see <http://journey.caritas.org> or <https://www.sharejourney.org> or contact Christina Tagaloa 021 110 7271 or Peter Garrick 022 1300 730 peterg@cda.org.nz

The Eastern Suburbs – Orakei Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites you to their monthly meeting on 27th March 2019 which starts with a mass, then a morning tea and a talk "A unique insight into the life of the Missionary Sisters of Charity by Sister Cherubina, a member of Saint/Mother Teresa's Foundation.

This is followed by a delicious home cooked hot lunch prepared by the committee.

For more details and to confirm ring Tina on 021 940 950 email: tinaraines@orcon.net.nz

Come enjoy the New Zealand Premiere of the Documentary Film "THE HIDDEN REBELLION"

at The Parish Hall of the Immaculate Conception, Ellerslie **7pm SATURDAY 30th March 2019**. Free admission but Koha (donations) accepted. Running time approximately 75 minutes. PG13. Do join us and invite your family and friends. God bless. See *Noticeboard in Church Foyer*.

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the *non-residential MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND* - 25-26 May at St Francis Retreat Centre, Mt Roskill. **BOOK NOW!** – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com



Having difficulties to trust God? Come to join a 33-day do-it-yourself retreat starting on **26 March** to learn how to trust God with childlike and simple faith, and to consecrate yourself with many others all over the world to the Divine Mercy on 28 April, the Divine Mercy Sunday at the celebration at Herne Bay Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. For details, please contact 02041026838.

In Wake of the Christchurch Attacks The National Church Leaders have issued a statement concerning the Christchurch attacks. This is available to read in the Church Foyer.

Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers, especially:
Tony Vela, Ruth Searchfield, Elaine Lunken

23rd March 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. Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
2. 1Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Pastor's Column : 3rd Sunday of Lent

A very old and wise story dates back to the 1st millennium BC. It concerns six blind men who had never heard of, nor obviously had seen an elephant. An elephant was brought to their village and they decided to inspect the strange creature by touch, as that was all they were capable of. They sought it out and each reached out to touch the animal. One caught hold of the trunk and proclaimed the creature was like a large snake; one held onto the tail, saying it was like a piece of rope, another the tusks describing it to be like a spear, the fourth clung to a leg asserting the creature to be like a tree trunk; the fifth's hand alighted on the creature's ear, believing it to be like a fan and the sixth blind man's hands alighted on its side, arguing it to be a wall. (clearly a Mexican elephant). They soon came to blows defending their own limited perspective as to the nature of the elephant. All sorts of lessons could be learnt from this parable. One, of course, is the partiality we have, for partial selectivity in what we wish to see. If we apply this to the Gospel; it is easy to cherry pick the appealing verses and trash the less palatable. Today's Gospel provides a temptation to that end. Twice Jesus asserts that if we don't repent we will all likewise perish. You won't see it on a bumper sticker, you will see it on a placard, sported by a wild eyed religious fanatic on a street corner. Jesus is talking of the death of a soul, separated from God, forever. Because there could be no greater personal tragedy, Jesus warns us off it, not without a real urgency. The inevitability of judgement, and the unknown suddenness of its visitation; like that from a falling building, or an unexpected attack by a Pilate (whom Philo of Alexandria, 20 BCE to 50 ACE) described as; being full of bribes, insults, abuses, repeated killings without trial and supremely grievous cruelty) The reading from Exodus is so relevant. God's revelation of his nature; subsisting Being. A Being whose very nature is existence itself, gifts us with the gift of existence, ex nihilo! God is existence, we are gifted with it. Once gifted, we will never cease to exist. God honours us, not only with existence, but also the freedom to relate to His Trinitarian personhood, (not a lonely, impersonal desert-deity) in friendship or reject it! What awesome responsibility, what an awesome choice, what an empowering and affirming gift?

Like the blind men we are notoriously prone to rationalised selectivity in our perceptions of reality. We deliberately blind ourselves to what we do not wish to see and then excoriate those who have the courage to see and speak the full truth. We fall into reflexive feeling, rather than reflective thinking. There is no greater need for it in Christ's church, than now!

Father Tony Dunn

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 30th & 31st March 2019 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm J. Salivio, N. Aguirre, C. Agustin, S. Alexandra, F. Byun
 Sunday 8.00am K. D'Cruz, P. Duggan, T. Fitness, M. Franklin, F. Hay-MacKenzie
 Sunday 10.00am A. Segedin, J. Spencer, A. Stevenson, E. Taumoepeau, D. Albert, S. Johnson, E. Atienza, A. Clegg

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Zac Cabiling, Issa Ilo-Cabiling (PoF)
 Sunday 8.00am Russell Watt, John Shaw (PoF)
 Sunday 10.00am Ron Seeto, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

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

COUNTERS:

Heather Jayamanne & Family

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Anna Dolan
 Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
 Sunday 10.00am Marie Olvido

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Jake Pinto
 Sunday 10.00am: Caleb Price, Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste

SANCTUARY CARE:

Maryanne Mahoney & Ellen Harris

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Jane Gordon

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neil & Antonia Brightwell
 Sunday 8.00am Neil Moraes
 Sunday 10.00am Matthew Harris, Carole Kenealy

Readings 30/31 March

1. Joshua 5:9-12
2. 2Corinthians 5:17-21



\$4 in the newspaper box please

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

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.

Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm
Fridays of Lent (8th, 15th, 22nd*, 29th March and 5th, 12th April)

*22nd March 6:30pm

Confession / Reconciliation. Will be available on Sundays in Lent 9 – 9:30am.



Baptism Preparation Course There are two courses being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism. The first course will start 31st March and the second course will start 2nd June. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday (**Course One Dates:** 31st March, 7th and 14th April. **Course Two Dates:** 2nd, 9th and 16th June). 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 with your preference of course.

Social Functions attract large numbers. Well over 300 adults and many children attended the three after-Mass functions on 2 and 3 March. That means more than half the adult parish membership was present to meet and mingle and learn about a number of initiatives that are under way in the parish.

The Social & Communications Committee organised the functions and thanks those who were there, including the many volunteers who worked so effectively.

Lenten Programme hits the century. The group meetings started this past week and will run through most of Lent. There has been a wonderful response from the parish. Just over 100 signed up, organised into 12 groups. A total of 48 meetings will be held on most days of the week, mainly in private homes, all hosted and led by parishioners.

The programme, **Called by Christ**, was created by the National Centre for Religious Studies and is presented in the parish by the Religious Education Committee who thank and congratulate all taking part.

TALK ON HOLINESS BY FR RODNEY SMYTH - All men are invited to the talk organised by Joshua Catholic Mens' Fellowship. This will be on **Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm** at St Joseph Centre, Takapuna. Fr Rodney is a well known Marist priest and a great communicator. Bring along a friend and enjoy the company of other Catholic men. If you need more information contact: Russell at 0220345678.

St Michael's Rosary Group meets weekly on Tuesday at 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish House. All welcome. 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 Sunday 8.30pm mass. All welcome.

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

Safeguarding The National Office for Professional Standards has prepared a poster that can be found in the Church foyer. It gives information regarding how complaints and concerns of harm involving someone within the Church can be reported.

Baradene College Alumnae A.G.M.

The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2019 AGM. **Where:** BARADENE "The Parlour"
Date: Monday 8th April 2019 **Time:** 6.30pm

HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH.

If you're willing for your Name and Area (only) to accompany a letter against this to all MPs please email: tonybrenner@hotmail.com **URGENTLY**

Reflection Day 'Earth Stations' – Tuesdays 2 and 9 April 2019 - 7.00pm. to 8.00pm.

Two contemplative evenings where the Stations of the Cross are interwoven with Pope Francis's Encyclical, 'Laudate Si'. The first night we will contemplate the first seven Stations and the next evening the remaining Stations.

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj **Date:** Tuesdays 2nd and 9th April 2019 - 7.00pm. to 8.00pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Chapel - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland No registration required.

Canterbury University Press and the University Bookshop are delighted to invite you to the launch of

Living Among the Northland Māori: Diary of Father Antoine Garin, 1844–1846

Translated and edited by Peter Tremewan and Giselle Larcombe

2.00pm, Sunday 14th April 2019. University Bookshop, University Drive, Ilam. Free parking on campus on weekends.

All welcome, RSVP to universitypress@canterbury.ac.nz

• Situations Vacant - Parish Secretary

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Epsom is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary for 25 – 30 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of our busy Parish office and to support the Parish Priest.

This is a varied role and responsibilities include: Reception; Secretarial services; Office management; Accounts; Parish database management.

• Situations Vacant - Secretary – Catholic Education Services

We are looking for a part-time Secretary (3 days per week) at Catholic Education Services, Pompallier Centre, commencing on the 1st of May 2019.

THE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION ARE to provide administrative and clerical support to the Manager, the RE Advisors, the Board, and the Vicar of Education and to provide effective communication ensuring good relations are established and maintained with schools and other agencies.

REQUIREMENTS OF THIS POSITION are Empathy for the Catholic School system; Competency in Microsoft Word; A willingness to work as a team member.

To view the full position description for the above two roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 29th March 2019.