

# PARISH of ST MICHAEL

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME XX



*If you learn everything  
except Christ,  
you learn nothing*

-St Bonaventure, Feast Day July 15

Knowledge and acting on that knowledge are two different things.

Do you recognize how Jesus teaches the Lawyer the importance of concrete human action?

**Will you act on what Jesus tells us?  
"Go, and do the same yourself."**



The July 14-27 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now.  
\$4 in the papers box please.

**Christian Meditation Retreat.** *Meditation and Becoming Human*, led by Fr. Peter Murphy. Meditation as a path to fullness of life. **July 26-28**, St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough, Auckland. For further information contact Vincent 09-424-2293 or [vincentmaire12@gmail.com](mailto:vincentmaire12@gmail.com) Cost \$280.

### Dove Women's Retreat Weekend - 26 to 28 July

Come and join us for a weekend to be "Refreshed – Restored - Inspired". The theme for 2019 is "Living a Life Attuned to God's Voice". **Venue:** Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. There are optional registrations for residential or non-residential. To register or for further information visit our website [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz) or phone Judy Olsen 07 9751824 or 027 4863024 or email [jude.olsen@gmail.com](mailto:jude.olsen@gmail.com)

**Baradene and St Peter's Colleges Gala Concert.** Come and listen to the best music groups from the 2 schools. Holy Trinity Cathedral, **Tues 6 August**, 7pm. Entry by gold coin donation, programmes \$5, raffles and refreshments for sale.

### Catholic Caring Foundation's Annual Appeal

Please take home a copy of the Caring Foundation's annual appeal 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](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### Diocesan Job Vacancies

**Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre** }

**Prison Chaplain** }

**Applications close 26<sup>th</sup> July**

### Parish Education in Faith Coordinator – Applications close 9<sup>th</sup> August

The Pastoral Services Group is seeking an additional full time member for its Faith Formation team to renew and promote programs for Education in Faith (EIF) and Catholic formation of older children at parish level.

The person we seek will likely have training as a teacher, and be familiar with Catholic teaching. The person will have a good understanding of the sacraments, liturgy and the bible and be able to communicate well with and walk beside older children and young people.

Among other skills needed will be: a welcoming, friendly attitude to all; a high standard of IT/computer skills, including current audio / video and social media platforms; Good time management skills; Approachable and adaptable; Well-presented and professional and have a degree in Religious Education or Theology or Teaching.

### Lay Tertiary Chaplain – Applications close 19<sup>th</sup> July

We are seeking to employ a committed Catholic to work as a member of the Auckland Tertiary Chaplaincy Team which provides services to students at Auckland University and other Tertiary Institutes. The position is a permanent full time position for 10.5 months per year. The focus of the chaplaincy team is to develop a vibrant young adult Catholic ministry providing spiritual and pastoral care through peer support. This ministry endeavours to provide ongoing faith development and involvement in the Catholic Church for students at tertiary institutions. An ability and interest in promotion and outreach, faith formation and use of social media would be an advantage.

To view the full advertisements and position descriptions for the above roles, please see the Church Noticeboard or visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration and staff vacancies.

We remember those who have recently died:

**Peter Fraser**

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Maureen Salmon, Ila Alice Maloney**

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

**Elaine Lunken, Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Sean Dempsey, Judy Ganley**

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Parish of St Michael, Remuera**

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**Parish Priest:** Father Tony Dunn

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**In residence:** Father Stephen Berecz

[sberecz@gmail.com](mailto:sberecz@gmail.com)

**Office Manager:** Fiona Twomey

**Baptism Preparation:**

Pauline loelu

**Religious Education:**

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. Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2. Colossians 1:15-20

### Pastor's Column : 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2019

During last week, we celebrated the feast day of St Benedict, who lived from 480 to 547. Benedict is famous for establishing a rule of life, that if followed, could lead to genuine holiness. The rule of Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection, but often fall well short of it. Benedict envisaged his rule to be a "rule for beginners" so that even the least perfect and least able could grow in the Christ life. Benedict was a realist, not a Utopian. St Thomas More coined the word, "Utopian" as a play on the Greek word that meant both the "well" place, and "no" place! The question the expert in Jewish Law put to Jesus, "Who is my neighbour" was based on debatable texts from Leviticus. It was an expert testing this carpenter, this popular preacher! Human nature doesn't change. Victor Davis Hanson a classicist and Historian of War, argues that in human history war is the default condition of humanity. If this is so, perhaps a better question would have been, "Who is my enemy!" Chesterton answered that question in this way, "The Bible tells us to love our neighbour and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people." His paradoxical riddles are the same technique Jesus employed in his parables. The message of the parable was to be found in the "twist". Samaritans and Jews were mutual enemies and geographic and ideological neighbours. In Judaism, all priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests; the point, however, was that they were Jews, Jews who knew the law, ignoring their own mugged Jewish brother. It was the Jew's enemy who showed compassion for the wounded Jew. To cut to the chase; the message of the parable was that we are to show mercy to the enemy, near or far. Carl Jung takes another angle on this: He writes in "Modern Man in search of a soul", "The acceptance of oneself is the essence of the whole moral problem and the epitome of the whole outlook on this life. That I feed the hungry, that I forgive an insult, that I love my enemy in the name of Christ- all these are undoubtedly great virtues. What I do unto the least of my brethren, that I do unto Christ. But what if I should discover that the least among them all, the poorest of all the beggars, the most impudent of all the offenders, the very enemy himself - that these are within me, and that I myself stand in need of the alms of my own kindness - that I myself am the enemy who must be loved- what then? As a rule, the Christian attitude is then reversed, there is no longer any question of love or longsuffering; we say to the brother within us, "Raca," and condemn and rage against ourselves. We hide it from the world; we refuse to admit ever having met this least among the lowly in ourselves.' Whether it is marriage, family life, religious life, friendships or communities to which we belong, we find others mirroring ourselves back to our-self. Benedict was right; we are all beginners in this school of love, called life, and the place to start is as his near contemporary St Augustine prayed, "Noverim me, noverim Te." To know myself and to know you, O God. If we first love the enemy within, it may help in loving the enemy without! Rather than reacting reflexively, we can learn to respond reflectively!

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	15th Sunday Ordinary Time 13th & 14th July	16th Sunday Ordinary Time 20th & 21st July 2019
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando (G), Nelson Aquirre (P), Cristina Mendoza	Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G), Francisco Byun (P), John Salivio
Sun 8am	Josephine Hazel-Esguerra (G), Teresa Wong (P), Tina Fitness	Maryanne Mahoney (G), Lianne Lyons (P), Camila Martinez
Sun 10am	JR Ambrosio (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), Elizabeth Taumoepeau	Phil Porteous (G), Deepak Albert (P), Jane McKay
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>		
	1. Deuteronomy 30:10-14      2. Colossians 1:15-20	1. Genesis 18:1-10      2. Colossians 1:24-28
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando, Philomena Pinto (PoF)	Gay Barton, Sr Alice Hardiman (PoF)
Sun 8am	Peter Hay-MacKenzie, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)	John Shaw, Catherine Husheer (PoF)
Sun 10am	Louise Gordon, Ron Seeto (PoF)	Sue d'Young, Cara Fonseca-Ensor (PoF)
<b>Collectors</b>		
Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi
Sun 10am	Gray Family	Maria Flordeliza, Alex Houghton
	<b>Counters:</b> Helen and Tony Turner	<b>Counters:</b> Heather Jayamanne & Family
<b>Laptop Operators</b>		
Sat 5pm	Anna Dolan	John Britto
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	Marie Olvido
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Sat 5pm	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Santiago Aguirre	Sydelle Kumar, Sophia Canale, Zander Cabiling
Sun 10am	Caleb Price, Keira Croad, Dre Canapi	Liam Houghton, Evan Houghton, Gian Pollaruste
<b>Sanctuary Care</b>		
	John & Joy Salivio	Maryanne Mahoney and Ellen Harris
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
Sun 10am	No Children's Liturgy (School Holidays)	No Children's Liturgy (School Holidays)
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Alice O'Neill, Felicity & Ben Piper, Louise Porter	Robert Loretz & Choir
Sun 8am	Meileen Huang	Edmond Wong
Sun 10am	Neil Moraes, Cassy Wooler	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes & Meileen Huang

### NOTICES

**The Chalice will not be offered at mass, nor will there be shaking of hands (until further notice) in an effort to contain the spread of the flu virus.**

#### **The Mystery of Grace and the Holy Spirit**

Winter seminar led by Fr. Paul Williamson SM. **Wednesday 24 July** in the Parish Centre at **7.30pm**  
Seminar outline and enrolment forms in the church porch and on the website [www.remueracatholic.org.nz](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz)  
*"If I was made for sharing in God's love, shouldn't I know more about how to get it and how it works?"*

#### **Parish Annual Meeting – Save the Date**

**Sunday 11 August at 3.30pm** in the School Hall  
Reports from the Pastoral Council and Finance Council, Annual Accounts, Open Forum  
Guest Speaker: Bishop Paul Martin of Christchurch  
All parishioners welcome. Separate children's programme.



**Baptism Preparation Course** The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning on 11th August. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday 11th, 18th and 25th August. Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. If you would like to enrol, please contact the parish office [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz) or phone 520-1226.

### 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*

Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Apostleship of the Sea, commonly known as Stella Maris, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. Donation details: Sea Sunday INTERNET BANKING DONATION to: 01-0297-0024651-00 (AoSNZ Auckland) In the 'Payees/Particulars' box please write: your initials (optional)/Donation AoS Email name and address for tax-rebate receipt to [evashorayi@gmail.com](mailto:evashorayi@gmail.com); quote your initials and date of donation. For more information about its work and volunteering, visit [www.aos.org.nz](http://www.aos.org.nz)

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

**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](mailto:acotton@maxnet.co.nz)

**The Legion of Mary** has a **Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima** for circulation to Parish homes. If you wish to welcome Our Lady into your home, please contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692.

**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](mailto:carole.kenealy@gmail.com)

Need a break? "Parish to Parish for B & B" has been providing Catholic hospitality for 16 years, with catholic hosts opening their homes to fellow catholics for a small charge of \$35 for one person, or \$30 each for 2 or more, this is per night and includes continental breakfast. To obtain a directory of the hosts throughout New Zealand and Australia contact Marie Anderson, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch. The book incl. postage is \$15

#### **An evening with Fr Chris Skinner - Concert**

Come and enjoy an evening with Fr Chris Skinner as he performs some of his original songs, influenced by his faith as well as songs from other artists. It will be a night to remember - Don't miss out!  
**Saturday 20th July | Rosmini College Auditorium | \$20 Adult | \$45 Family (2 adults & 2 children)**  
Tickets available online - [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) | or email Manu Bennett - [stmglennfieldyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmglennfieldyouth@gmail.com)

**Mission and Prayer** – a day with Fr Richard Leonard sj. **Saturday 20th July, 10am – 3pm.** St John Vianney Church Hall, 317 Hillsborough, Hillsborough. Lunch provided. FREE. Please register at [re.team@cda.org.nz](mailto:re.team@cda.org.nz) by 16 July.

**Walk by Faith** – the journey of faith is a continuing one! Walk By Faith is a programme of adult faith formation for anyone seeking to continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in their knowledge and understanding of their Catholic faith. The introduction for 2019: **Sunday 21st July**, 1-3pm Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby, Auckland. Come and See! [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

Please join Bishop Pat on **Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 11.30am** for the Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass. To be held at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. All are welcome.

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

- **INTERFAITH: Gratitude in the light of Different Faiths** Thurs 11 July, 9pm. Koha/Donation. We will reflect on how Gratitude is expressed in different Faith traditions. This is an invitation to join an interreligious dialogue where we share with one another what we have in common and in which way we have different ways to express the same feeling of appreciation. Members of the Auckland Interfaith Council from the Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Baha'i and Christian Faith traditions will be involved.
  - **Living Gratefully** with HELEN BERGIN op. Mon 15 July, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Pope Francis is calling us to look after our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth. All living beings are connected. What does it mean to us when we hear the Tui singing? What do we feel when we see the Magnolia trees in blossom? In this session we will explore and discover our particular place in Planet Earth and will learn how to respond to God's wonderful gift of Creation.
  - **DREAMWORK 202 Workshops** with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 19 July, 9.30am-12.30pm. \$40 per session. These workshops are open to people who have previously attended an Introductory workshop, and seek to improve their skills.
  - **DREAMWORK 101:** Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 26 July 6-9pm & Sat 27 July 9.30am-4pm. \$130 incl. manual. This practical seminar will explain how, when and why we dream; the range of dream types, from problem-solving to visions; and a step-by-step process of interpretation
- See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.