

Lord Give us Our Daily Bread

How do you Examine what is missing from your Prayer Life?



Ask ... Seek ... Knock

PROLIFE FACTS

Last Tuesday, a petition opposing taking abortion out of the Crimes Act, signed by 13,000 Kiwis was presented to pro-life Members of Parliament. *For more pro-life information please visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.*

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.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Parish Education in Faith Coordinator – Applications close 9 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.

To view the full advertisements and position descriptions for the above roles, please see the Church Noticeboard or visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

Bishop Patrick Dunn and the Catholic Diocese of Auckland joyfully announce the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood Martin Y.H. Wu. **Saturday 10 August 2019 at 11:30am** at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham St, Auckland. Light refreshments will also be offered following the ordination.

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from **29 August to 8 September 2019** at 6:30pm. We invite all families and friends to come to St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale and join the pilgrimage. Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Denis Browne and also Priests from different Parishes will celebrate Holy Mass each evening.

Through Mother Mary's powerful intercession, your prayers and petitions will find favour with her Son Jesus Christ. For more details please call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798

Beyond Conflict: Evolution, Science and God. A two day conference at Otago University Business school. 30/31 August. All Welcome. Scholarships available to students for subsidised travel, accommodation and/or registration through Nicola Hoggard hoggard.n@gmail.com. For more information and to register otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict.



NZ Catholic July 28 – August 10

Available in the Church Porch
\$4 in the papers box please

The August Marist Messenger

Available in the Church Porch
\$6 in the papers box please

We remember those who have recently died:

Christine Salazar, Clarita Dela Rosa, Anne Cajulao, Richard O'Sullivan

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fe Remy Pascual, Abraham Agustin

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

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

PARISH of ST MICHAEL SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

27th July 2019

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frtonydunn@gmail.com (021 954 292)

In residence: Father Stephen Berecz
sberecz@gmail.com

Office Manager: Fiona Twomey

Baptism Preparation:
Pauline loelo

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. Genesis 18:20-32
2. Colossians 2:12-14

Pastor's Column : 17th Sunday 2019

South African's talk about the big five, referring to their wild animals; the elephant, the buffalo, the lion, rhinoceros and the leopard. Catholics talk about the big five, not concerning zoology, but prayer; adoration, sorrow, petition, thanksgiving and intercession. It can be helpful to refer to them as the prayer-hand, a handy mnemonic, where each of the digits represents one of the aspects of prayer. Even though it is true that the best way to pray, is the way you pray best, it can be helpful to have structural support to our prayer, especially in times where praying can be like wandering directionless, in a dusty, dry desert when a minute feels like an hour and an hour feels like an eternity. Jesus disciples watching Him at prayer wanted whatever it was He had. Faith, the root of prayer, is caught, before it is taught. It was common for a Rabbi, a Jewish teacher, to give his intimate group of students, a prayer that set them apart as belonging to him. What we call the "Our Father" is the fruit of that tradition. It is the discipleship prayer. In it we find an alignment with the five emphases of the Prayer hand! In His teaching on prayer, Jesus emphasises a number of key things; in spite of delay or obstacles, never give up. When a Jewish family retired for the night, everyone slept together. To get up, meant upsetting the whole family. Imagine having spent an hour settling the kids down to sleep and then a friend arriving asking for bread. What would be your response? If evil people favour their children, as they often do, and give them good things, how much more would the good God not give his children better things- not only better things, but the best of all possible gifts; God himself, the Holy Spirit. How often and for how long should one pray? Would a young couple in love ask how often and how long should they spend together? It is ultimately the Holy Spirit, who prays within us and for us. St Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." How did Jesus pray? As a practicing Jew, He no doubt used the Jewish prayer book, the psalms. The Psalms, inspired by the Holy Spirit himself are the best prayer book. They are the prayer book of the Church. Through the psalms we learn how to be real before God. Through the psalms we learn how to be intimate with God and both reverential and deferential. Christ-centred prayer leads us to a deeper awareness of the truth that through Baptism we are "in Christ" which leads to Father-centred prayer, in and through the Holy Spirit and so the understanding that we already are participating in the very Trinitarian life of God. All of us are called to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord!" We are called to plunge into the infinite mystery of the love life of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Scrabble players may find the word- acrostics; pitas, spait (a stream in flood) or tapis (a small wall hanging tapestry) for the handy mnemonic; when we join our hands think of; eg, Sorrow, Petition, Adoration, Intercession, Thanksgiving, as a good beginners way to pray!

Fr Tony Dunn

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*

ROSTER	17th Sunday Ordinary Time 27th & 28th July 2019	18th Sunday Ordinary Time 3rd & 4th August 2019
	Ministers of Holy Communion	
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin (G), Anna Dolan (P), Nelson Aquirre	Shenali Fernando (G), Francisco Byun (P), Rolinda D'Souza
Sun 8am	Paul Duggan (G), Jane Penney (P), Michael Franklin	Eva Shorayi (G), Faye McKewen (P), Andrew Patel
Sun 10am	Nancy Platt (G), Phil Porteous (P), Maricel D'Souza	Elizabeth Taumoepeau (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), Reuben Katigbak
Proclaimers of the Word		
	1. Genesis 18:20-32 2. Colossians 2:12-14	1. Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 2. Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Sat 5pm	Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Zac Cabiling (PoF)	Paul Reid, Philomena Pinto (PoF)
Sun 8am	Clare Wade, Eileen Piper-Robinson (PoF)	Russell Watt, Bernard Kendall (PoF)
Sun 10am	Michael Pender, Simon Glass (PoF)	Marg Farrell, Louise Gordon (PoF)
Collectors		
Sat 5pm	Birgita Muller	Ant Martin
Sun 8am	Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Fitzmaurice Family
	Counters: Parish Office	Counters: Eva Shorayi
Laptop Operators		
Sat 5pm	John Trenwith	Enzo Villirama
Sun 8am	Marie Olvido	Jo Hazel
Sun 10am	Yelena Cordtz	Jennifer Frost
Altar Servers		
Sat 5pm	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Santiago Aguirre	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Zander Cabiling
Sun 10am	William Harris, Aaron D'Souza, Stella Valerio, Zander Cabiling	William Harris, Micayla-Jane Elika, Jonathan Luxford
Sanctuary Care		
	Thomas & Polly Yueng	Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge
Children's Liturgy		
Sun 10am	Deahna Barrington	Jane Gordon
Musicians / Cantors		
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Ben Piper, Anna Dolan	Meileen Huang, Anna Dolan
Sun 8am	Annemarie Kerridge	Neil Moraes
Sun 10am	Matthew Harris, Cameron Downey	Edmond Wong, Carole Kenealy

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.

Parish Annual Meeting – Sunday 11 August at 3:30pm in the School Hall

The agenda and reports are now on the parish website www.remueracatholic.org.nz

Copies are also available in the church porch and from the parish office.

Don't miss this most important parish communications and social event.

All parishioners welcome. A children's programme is available

Christian Spirituality - Winter seminar led by Sr. Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ

Wednesday 14 August at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Admission is free of charge. Detailed information and enrolment forms are in the church porch and on our website. Please be sure to enrol on the form provided or via our website www.remueracatholic.org.nz

This Sunday is **Caring Sunday**. We give thanks for all those who support Bishop Pat's Caring Foundation and also those who by their acts of kindness care for others.



Baptism Preparation Course The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning on 11 August. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday 11, 18 and 25 August. 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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children at St Michael's - more leaders needed

Children's Liturgy takes place most Sundays during 10am Mass in school term time. It's approximately 25 minutes during the first half of the Mass.

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 or Deahna Barrington deahnamaree@gmail.com 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.

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

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

You are invited to the book launch of *From Temple to Tent From Real to Virtual World* (Exodus 24:15–Numbers 10:28) by Sarah Hart. To be launched by Dr Lenny Bloksberg, member of Beth Shalom.

Tuesday 30 July 2019 5-7pm at Good Shepherd College, 20 Ponsonby Road, Auckland.

The next meeting of **Joshua Catholic Men's' Fellowship North Shore** will be on **Wednesday 31 July** at 7.30pm at St. Josephs Centre, Takapuna. At the meeting Patrick Hallis (a Joshua member) will do a presentation on the scripture reference - *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.'* ~Proverbs 3:5-6. Fellowship over a cuppa will follow. Please bring along a friend!

St Aidan's Church Annual Quiz 2019 - Friday 9 August in the Church Hall, Cnr Ascot Ave and Remuera Road. Proceeds to the Auckland City Mission HomeGround Project. Theme of the evening will be the 1920s (for the Auckland City Mission Centenary). The entry fee will be \$20.00 per person. Pay on the night by cash or Eftpos. Table Settings for bookings are now available Please contact Jenny H to book: 524 5254 or 0277 129 548.

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

- **MUFFIN MEETING: Touching the Holy – Pilgrimage** with MARY BARKER. Thurs 8 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Mary is using art to show the journey of a pilgrim and what a pilgrimage actually involves. It will be a visual description of pilgrimage through the ages.

- **EVENING TALK: Ecology – The importance of actioning gratitude** with BRIDGET CRISP rsm. Tuesday 13 Aug, 7-9pm. \$15. This session will explore the grace and gratitude given to us by the planet, and our common response given in return. It will also include some strategies to help you explore giving gratitude and grace to creation, while at the same time strengthening your own receiving of grace.

- **DREAMWORK 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)** with MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$95. This is a second-level workshop. You will practice skills of respectful enquiry and role-interviews; and learn how to recognise and respond appropriately to trauma dreams and nightmares.

- **RETREAT DAY: Thank you – A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful** with FRAN FRANCIS & KRIS TELFER. Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$65 incl. lunch. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.