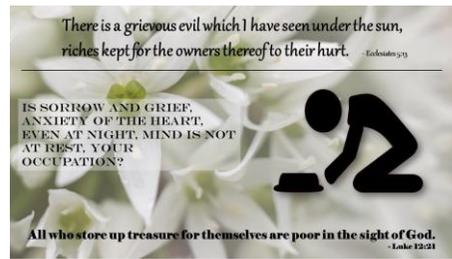


# PARISH of ST MICHAEL

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



### PROLIFE FACTS

Abortion kills a human individual who is going through the early stages of human development. Given the opportunity to be born, the same individual will progress through further stages of development, at no point becoming more or less of a human being.

For more pro-life information please visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://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](http://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.

**Why should Christians be Pro-Life** a presentation from Pastor Daniel of the Reformed Church on what the Bible has to say about Euthanasia and Abortion and Brendan Malone from Voice for Life on how to be practically pro-life. **Wednesday 14 August 2019 @ 7:30pm.** Reformed Church of the North Shore, 72 Trias Road, Sunnynook. See Noticeboard

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

**Christian Life Program** - Couples for Christ and its Family Ministries invite you to a Christian Life Program starting on 31 August (Sat), 1-4pm at St Mark's Parish Hall in Pakuranga. The program is designed to deepen our Christian faith for a fuller experience of God's empowering grace in our lives. Come and meet new people on a spiritual journey through insightful talks, inspiring testimonies and fellowship. Open to all Christian families, couples and adult individuals. Visit [www.clprekindle.co.nz](http://www.clprekindle.co.nz) to register. See Noticeboard in Church Porch

**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](http://otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict).

We remember those who have recently died:

**Mariano Gumabon Cuerpo,**

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Ester Katigbak**

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

**Parish of St Michael, Remuera**

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**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. Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

2. Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Pastor's Column : 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2019**

I recently went for a ride in an occupied hearse, to Purewa cemetery; some might call it a "rehearsal". We were travelling in the T3 lane, when the funeral director thought better of it and switched lanes. He pointed out that one funeral director had been pinged by a camera for being in the T3. He argued in court that there were three in the hearse; himself, the celebrant and the deceased. The judge found against him, designating a corpse as cargo. He must have been Spanish, as the word cargo comes from the Spanish, cargar - to impose taxes. They get you, even when you are dead. Purewa, a condensed form of Pourewa is the Maori word for "watch-tower." Ngati Whatua believed that there was once a watchtower overlooking the Meadow-bank stream. It is a fitting name for a cemetery, as it suggests being able to see to the horizon and for us humans the ultimate horizon is death. Annie Lennox sang of it in the song, "Into the West!" "What do you see on the horizon?" was the ultimate song of the epic movie, the Lord of the Rings. The West of course is where the sun sets, the place of darkness. Death is a deadly serious business. An ancient Roman gravestone was inscribed thus: "Fui quod es, eris quod sum!" "I was what you are, you will be what I am." Our Catholic tradition talks of the four last things; death, judgement, heaven and hell. Called the last things, perhaps, because they are the last things we want to think about. Catholic tradition teaches that death is God's punishment for sin and so naturally we fear punishment. Hard words for modern ears. Jesus parable about the rich fool is a stark reminder for each of us, that as the letter to the Hebrews reminds us; "We have not here a lasting city! It is a reminder not to prioritize wants over needs. It is a reminder not to attach ourselves to things. Luke uses the word, "pleonexia" meaning a state of desiring more than one's due. It describes an insatiable desire to possess. We can be addicted to accumulating stuff! The parable poses the question, "What do we worship? God or mammon?" We need to learn to let go, of everything, as all that can fit in a coffin is your corpse. As the psalmist reminds us; "You take nothing with you when you die. Your glory does not follow you below!" As Job said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I shall return..." Chesterton reminds us that the test of a good religion is that you can joke about it! Because we have hope, we can appreciate black humour. Tombstone inscriptions can provide a certain balance. "Here lies a man named Zeke; Second fastest draw in Gripple Creek" or "Here lies the body of Anna. Done to death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her low. But the skin of the thing that made her go!" For the author of Ecclesiastes, in our first reading, every day was a bad-hair day. He would even make that eternal optimist, Mr Macawber, depressed. The Hebrew word often translated, vanity of vanities, "havril" actually means vapour or mist or wind, to capture something of the fleeting nature of life. St Columba, the Irish abbot of the 6th Century who took Christianity to the Scots and established the monastery at Iona. (His name in Irish means, "Dove", possibly named after the prophet Jonah, whose name in Hebrew is also "Dove"), wrote a beautiful prayer that assuages the fear of death. "Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way; What need I fear, if thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe am I within thy hand, than if a host did round me stand. My destined time is fixed by thee, and Death dost know its hour. Did warriors strong around me throng, They could not stay its power; No walls of stone can man defend When thou thy messenger dost send. My life I yield to thy decree, And bow to thy control. In peaceful calm, for from thine arm No power can wrest my soul. Could earthly omens e'er appal A man that heeds the heavenly call! The child of God can fear no ill, His chosen dread no foe; We leave our fate with thee, and wait Thy bidding when to go. 'Tis not from chance our comfort springs, Thou art our trust, O King of kings.

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	18th Sunday Ordinary Time 3rd & 4th August 2019	19th Sunday Ordinary Time 10th & 11th August 2019
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando (G), Francisco Byun (P), Rolinda D'Souza	Philomena Pinto (G), John Rooney (P), Moira Rooney
Sun 8am	Eva Shorayi (G), Faye McKewen (P), Andrew Patel	Camila Martinez (G), Silvio Duarte (P), Teresa Wong
Sun 10am	Elizabeth Taumoepeau (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), Reuben Katigbak	Sara-Jayne Kingston (G), Kate McKay (P), Hester Leung
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>		
	1. Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23    2. Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	1. Wisdom 18:6-9    2. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Sat 5pm	Paul Reid, Philomena Pinto (PoF)	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)
Sun 8am	Russell Watt, Bernard Kendall (PoF)	Kerry McKewen, Clare Wade (PoF)
Sun 10am	Marg Farrell, Louise Gordon (PoF)	Margaret van Meewen, Jane Gordon (PoF)
<b>Collectors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Maria Flordeliza, Alex Houghton
	<b>Counters:</b> Eva Shorayi	<b>Counters:</b> Helen & Tony Turner
<b>Laptop Operators</b>		
Sat 5pm	Enzo Villirama	India Twomey
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton
Sun 10am	Jennifer Frost	Yelena Cordtz
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Sat 5pm	Esmenia D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Zander Cabling	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Santiago Aguirre
Sun 10am	William Harris, Micayla-Jane Elika, Jonathan Luxford	Emily Choi, Keira Croad, Dre Canapi
<b>Sanctuary Care</b>		
	Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge	Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
Sun 10am	Jane Gordon, Louise Barnett	Deahna Barrington
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang, Anna Dolan	Alice O'Neill, Louise Porter
Sun 8am	Neil Moraes	Edmond Wong
Sun 10am	Edmond Wong, Carole Kenealy	Alleluia Choir

### 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.**

**St Michael's Scripture Study Group.** We will meet again **Sunday 4 August** at 4.30pm in the meeting room beneath the church. Topic – gospel readings for the next two Sundays. Everyone who has attended the meetings so far has commented on what enjoyable gatherings these are. All welcome.

**Parish Annual Meeting – Sunday 11 August at 3:30pm** in the School Hall  
The agenda and reports are now on the parish website [www.remuercatholic.org.nz](http://www.remuercatholic.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.remuercatholic.org.nz](http://www.remuercatholic.org.nz)

### 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*



**Baptism Preparation Course** The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning next Sunday. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday 11, 18 and 25 August. Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. This is the last opportunity to enrol for August. Please contact the parish office [office@remuercatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remuercatholic.org.nz) or phone 520-1226 to register. The last course for 2019 will begin in November.

### 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](mailto:ceramicaitalia@xtra.co.nz) or Deahna Barrington [deahnamaree@gmail.com](mailto: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](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)

**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.

St. George's Anglican Church in Epsom is looking for a part time Caretaker (12-15 hours per week). Contact Lisa Dorotich on (09) 520 5652 or email [lisd@stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz](mailto:lisd@stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz) See Noticeboard in Church Porch

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