

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

PROLIFE FACTS

Parliament voted to change the End of Life Choice Bill to allow both doctors and nurse practitioners to intentionally end patients' lives by administering lethal "medication". On 21 August the debate on the Bill will continue.
For more information phone 0800 42 76 42 or see euthanasiafree.org.nz.



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 prolife. **Wednesday 14 August 2019 @ 7:30pm.** Reformed Church of the North Shore, 72 Trias Road, Sunnynook. See Noticeboard

Reflection Day: Unnamed Women of the Gospel

Such women, while not known by their proper name, are known by their journey; a journey of struggle, rejection, isolation and discrimination, which leads to encounter with Jesus. An invitation to talk with and learn from these Soul Sisters.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay. **Date:** Saturday 17th August 10am - 3pm

Facilitator: Gerard Whiteford sm **Cost:** \$30 waged and \$20 unwaged. Bring own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.

Registrations to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au 09 5281801 by Thursday 15th August.

Catholic Overseas Aid Committee/Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand – 50th anniversary Mass: Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is celebrating a 'Jubilee Year' this year, representing 50 years since national bodies were established for justice, peace and development, including the provision of Catholic volunteers overseas. Bishop Patrick Dunn will celebrate a special Mass to mark this occasion for the Auckland diocese. In conjunction with the Auckland Justice & Peace Commission and the Mangere East parish of St Thérèse, Caritas invite you to join us for this celebration. All are welcome. **5pm, Saturday 24 August, St Thérèse's Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere East.**

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 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.

Remuera Studio Apartment available

Sleeps two. Furnished. Off-street parking. \$350 per week includes water and power. Phone 520 0436.

We remember those who have recently died:

Mary Umbers, Bishop Stuart O'Connell

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nada Druskovich, Nikola Druskovich, Anna Thorpe, Petar Djugum,

David Livingston, Rose Chong-Wong, Andrew Wong

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

Elaine Lunken, Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Judy Ganley

10th August 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. Wisdom 18:6-9
2. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Visiting Pastor's Column : 19th Sunday 2019

The Church is Synodal!

Your parish priest in his Pastor's Column for 6 July 2019 wrote of Jesus' sending out of the 72 and he went on to assert: "Lumen Gentium, a key document of Vatican Council 2, in Chapter 3, clearly articulates the hierarchical nature of the Church; we are not essentially conciliar, synodal or congregationalist." I disputed one part of the statement and he cunningly invited me to write a "guest" Pastor's column about the point at issue.

I agree that the Catholic Church is hierarchical – lay people, priests, bishops, Pope – a parish looks to its parish priest, a diocese to its bishop, the college of bishops to the Pope. This has been key for the *unity* of the Church. Ignatius of Antioch, writing the Church of Smyrna in 115 AD put it like this

Flee from division as the beginning of evils. You must all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ followed the Father, and follow the council of presbyters as you would the apostles; respect the deacons as the commandment of God. Let no one do anything that has to do with the church without the bishop.

However, the Church has always had meetings, synods, gatherings, councils – especially of bishops. The first synod of the civilised world – the Council of Nicea met in 325 AD very shortly after Christianity became a tolerated religion. In the fifth canon of the Council they say:

Let an inquiry be held to ascertain whether anyone has been expelled from the community because of pettiness or quarrelsomeness or any such ill nature on the part of the bishop. Accordingly, in order that there may be proper opportunity for inquiry into the matter, it is agreed that it would be well for synods to be held each year in each province twice a year, so that these inquiries may be conducted by all the bishops of the province assembled together ...

A huge number of synods have been held at local level in the history of the Church, and twenty-one ecumenical councils. Local synods were rarer in recent centuries, until Vatican II promoted them yet again.

The holding of councils in order to settle conjointly, in a decision rendered balanced and equitable by the advice of many, all questions of major importance; all this points clearly to the collegiate character and structure of the episcopal order. (Lumen Gentium 22).

This notion of listening to "the advice of many" is something that Pope Francis has been pushing. He stresses that the Holy Spirit is not restricted to working from the top down through the hierarchy, the Spirit is at work everywhere. In a ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of Synods of Bishops after Vatican II he affirmed the importance of synods and synodality:

A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realizes that listening "is more than simply hearing". It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17), in order to know what he "says to the Churches" (Rev 2:7).

We are a Church that expresses clear teachings through a strong teaching authority. Pope Francis, our centre of unity, is asking us to also be a listening Church. In our history we have often shut down debate and discouraged questioning at all levels from parish to global Church. Our teaching can become hollow if it is out of touch with the world in which we live. The members of the Church can be infantilized or alienated if they are constantly talked down to. The structures within our Church that give people a voice – parish meetings, parish councils, diocesan synods, synods of bishops – ought to be cherished and developed. Guest columnists in the Parish newsletter are a good idea, too!

Fr Merv Duffy SM

Lecturer in Theology and Acting Principal at Good Shepherd College

ROSTER	19th Sunday Ordinary Time 10th & 11th August 2019	20th Sunday Ordinary Time 17th & 18th August 2019
	Ministers of Holy Communion	
Sat 5pm	Philomena Pinto (G), John Rooney (P), Moira Rooney	Nelson Aguirre (G), Issa Ilo-Cabiling (P), Cristina Mendoza
Sun 8am	Camila Martinez (G), Silvio Duarte (P), Teresa Wong	Frances Hay-MacKenzie (G), Michael Franklin (P), Lianne Lyons
Sun 10am	Sara-Jayne Kingston (G), Kate McKay (P), Hester Leung	Phil Porteous (G), Nancy Platt (P), Rob Fonseca-Ensor
Proclaimers of the Word		
	1. Wisdom 18:6-9 2. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19	1. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 2. Hebrews 12:1-4
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)	Fiona Twomey, Sr Alice Hardiman (PoF)
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen, Clare Wade (PoF)	Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Peter Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)
Sun 10am	Margaret van Meeuwen, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Ron Seeto, Sue d'Young (PoF)
Collectors		
Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi
Sun 10am	Maria Flordeliza, Alex Houghton	Denise Valerio
	Counters: Parish Office	Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family
Laptop Operators		
Sat 5pm	India Twomey	Movez D'Souza
Sun 8am	Anne Cotton	Bernard Kendall
Sun 10am	Yelena Cordtz	Ashalena Cordtz
Altar Servers		
Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Santiago Aguirre	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Zander Cabiling
Sun 10am	Emily Choi, Keira Croad, Dre Canapi	Alyssa D'Souza, Aaron D'Souza, Stella Valerio
Sanctuary Care		
	Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan	Albert & Cynthia Agustin
Children's Liturgy		
Sun 10am	Deahna Barrington	Louise Gordon
Musicians / Cantors		
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell	Neil Moraes, Louise Porter, Felicity & Ben Piper
Sun 8am	Edmond Wong	Maria Bullock
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	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.

Annual Meeting this Sunday

School Hall from 3.30pm
Reports from Pastoral and Finance Council. Annual Accounts
Guest speaker - Bishop Paul Martin from Christchurch
Open Forum. All parishioners welcome

A Children's Programme will be conducted by St. Michael's School staff.
Children 4 years and above can be dropped off at the Parish Centre from 3.15pm.

Winter Seminar next week

Christian Spirituality led by Sr. Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ
Wednesday **14 August** from 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
More information in the church porch and on the website www.remueracatholic.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*

Feast of Mary's Assumption

**Holy Day of Obligation
(Thursday 15 August)**

Mass Times: 7.00am, 9.00am (School Mass), 7.30pm

Note: there will be no 8.00am mass on this day



Baptism Preparation Course The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning in November. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday 3, 10 and 17 November. Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. Please contact the parish office office@remueracatholic.org.nz or phone 520-1226 to register. This is the last course for 2019.

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

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 lisad@stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz See *Noticeboard in Church Porch*

As a tribute to the celebration of **Bishop Pat's Jubilee celebration**, go to our homepage www.remueracatholic.org.nz to see a video that the Pastoral Services Group at the Auckland Diocese has put together. Please pray for Bishop Pat as he continues to do the good work for our Diocese being our Good Shepherd.



The August 11 – 24 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Christchurch Catholic cathedral to be demolished. Reaction to proposed abortion law reform. Bishop Dunn celebrates 25 years as bishop. Wellington raising profile of priestly vocations.

\$4 in the papers box please.