

PROLIFE FACTS

A special select committee has been set up to investigate Labour's abortion Bill. It is now receiving public submissions until Thursday 19 September. Voice for Life has published a step by step submission guide: read the guide on Facebook or on their website at voiceforlife.org.nz/blog/how-to-make-your-submission-on-labours-abortion-bill.
For more pro-life information visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.



THE LORD HEARD MY CRY.



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.**

There will not be a regular Joshua meeting on **Wednesday 28 August** at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. In place all are requested to meet at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield for a talk on **'REFUGEES & MIGRATION - THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE'**. It will start at **7.00pm** (not 7.30pm). We hope to see you there for the gathering and fellowship. If you need additional information please contact **Russell at 022 0345 678**.

The September Joshua meeting will take place as usual on **Wed 25 September 7.30pm St Josephs Centre, Takapuna**.

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

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.

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:

Colleen Margaret Bourke

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

Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Judy Ganley, Jenny Hart

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

TWENTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

17th August 2019

Parish of St Michael, Remuera
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Parish Priest: Father Tony Dunn
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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. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
2. Hebrews 12:1-4

Pastor's Column : 20th Sunday 2019

One of Bryce Courtney's novels, "Fire" describes that very Australian phenomena, as common there, as rain is for Auckland. One of the curious aspects of these Australian bush fires is that they are an integral part of the growth and development and life cycle of the Australian Blue Gum tree. It is counter intuitive to think of fire as constructive, rather than destructive. The Gospel challenges our way of perceiving Jesus. He is called the Prince of Peace and yet He tells us that He did not come to bring peace, but division. The context of this Gospel is what we call the last things; theologians use an impressive word; eschatology, often just to appear impressive. In Jewish speak, a particular kind of language and imagery was used in this context. It was called "apocalyptic!" It was a common belief that the world had at one time been destroyed by water; the story of Noah is a retelling of that belief. It was also a common belief that it will, in the future, be destroyed by fire. The images of water and fire can both be understood as purification and transformation. We find that imagery of fire, particularly as a symbol of the Holy Spirit throughout scripture. Moses encounters God in the form of a burning bush. The Father speaks, the Son is the Tree of life and the Holy Spirit is the flame. Elijah "arose like fire" whose "word burned like a torch" brought down fire from Heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel; an image of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist goes before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah and proclaims Jesus as one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus echoes this when He says, "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled. The Holy Spirit then comes at Pentecost with tongues of fire. When Jesus says He will be a source of division, He is quoting the words of the prophet Micah, found in chapter 7. The prophet predicts a time of tribulation before salvation, division before restoration. Micah says, "The son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me!" Truth, is, of its nature divisive. Jesus says, "I am the Truth". If we decide to follow Him we will walk the path of division because not everyone is on the side of truth. As St John the Apostle tells us, "Men prefer darkness to the Light!" The Church, called to be faithful to her Lord, will be at odds with the values of the world. Following her Lord she says; yes to meekness and no to violent anger; yes to humility and no to pride; yes to truth-speaking and no to lying; yes to great-soulness, no to envy; yes to generosity and no to greed; yes to fidelity and no to betrayal; yes to restraint and no to gluttony; yes to chastity and no to lust; yes to diligence and no to laziness. The great heresy permeating the Church of our time is Modernism; the belief that the Gospel can be accommodated to the values of the world; it is the heresy of the irrelevancy of relevancy. Our tradition holds that there is an objective order of truth to which we are challenged to conform our ideas, feelings and behaviour. The world says truth is to be conformed to my subjective feelings, needs, desires and perceptions; that is my right! Sorry world, you are wrong!

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	20th Sunday Ordinary Time 17th & 18th August 2019	21st Sunday Ordinary Time 24th & 25th August 2019
	Ministers of Holy Communion	
Sat 5pm	Nelson Aguirre (G), Issa Ilo-Cabiling (P), Cristina Mendoza	Cristina Mendoza (G), Francisco Byun (P), Shenali Fernando
Sun 8am	Frances Hay-MacKenzie (G), Michael Franklin (P), Lianne Lyons	Fay McKewen (G), Jane Penney (P), Teresa Wong
Sun 10am	Phil Porteous (G), Nancy Platt (P), Rob Fonseca-Ensor	Anne Stevenson (G), Jonathan Spencer (P), Elizabeth Taumoepeau
Proclaimers of the Word		
	1. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 2. Hebrews 12:1-4	1. Isaiah 66:18-21 2. Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Sat 5pm	Fiona Twomey, Sr Alice Hardiman (PoF)	Zac Cabiling, Issa Ilo-Cabiling (PoF)
Sun 8am	Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Peter Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)	Catherine Husheer, John Shaw (PoF)
Sun 10am	Ron Seeto, Sue d'Young (PoF)	Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Michael Pender (PoF)
Collectors		
Sat 5pm	Stan Pinto	Birgita Muller
Sun 8am	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Fitzmaurice Family
	Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner
Laptop Operators		
Sat 5pm	Movez D'Souza	Surajith Fernando
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall	Kerry McKewen
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	Marie Olvido
Altar Servers		
Sat 5pm	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Zander Cabiling	Sydelle Kumar, Sophia Canale, Zander Cabiling
Sun 10am	Alyssa D'Souza, Aaron D'Souza, Stella Valerio	William Harris, Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste
Sanctuary Care		
	Albert & Cynthia Agustin	Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson
Children's Liturgy		
Sun 10am	Louise Gordon	Caroline Harris
Musicians / Cantors		
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Louise Porter, Felicity & Ben Piper	Robert Loretz & Neil Moraes
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock	Edmond Wong
Sun 10am	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes & Meileen Huang	Matthew Harris, Anna Dolan, Cameron Downey

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.

Abortion Law Reform Bill was given its First Reading on 8 August: The proposed Bill:

*liberalises late-term abortion. *has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions. *allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand. *has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced. *has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement. *has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability. *does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor. *violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals. *provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Further details and a Submissions Guide - www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Submissions close on 19 September. Emailed submissions are not accepted. Post or send via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

St Michael's Scripture Study Group. We will meet again **Sunday 18 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.

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

St Michael's Catholic School will be celebrating Grandparent's Day with Mass on **Friday 23 August** at 12noon. Parishioners are welcome. Please note there will be **no exposition on this day.**

Winter Seminar : Wednesday 11 September *THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT* led by Justin Taylor SM
"What is the power of the Spirit that was given to Peter and Paul and the early Church?"

7.30pm in the Parish Centre. More information in the church porch and on the website www.remueracatholic.org.nz



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.

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

Parish Education in Faith Coordinator

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 advertisement and position description for the above role, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

Catholic Tribunal

Administrator/Case Instructor Applications are being sought for this part-time (approx. 28 hours per week) permanent role of Administrator/Case Instructor in the Tribunal's Auckland office based at the Pompallier Centre. Full training provided, small and supportive team. For a job description or further information please contact tribunal.auckland@catholic-tribunal.org.nz

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

- **DREAMWORK 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)** with MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$95. This is a second-level workshop.
 - **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.
 - **CHILE: Chilean Culture – Mapuche Spirituality and Spanish Colonisation in Chile** with ANA MARIA DE VOS SANCHEZ. Fri 6 Sept, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. This evening is for anyone who wants to know about the Mapuches' (indigenous people in Chile) and Chilean culture / religion, music and dance and also, anyone who appreciates history and culture (music, dance, costumes and landscape will be shown).
 - **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: Love is all around us in disguise** with Fr MARK CHAMBERLAIN. Tues 10 Sept, 7-9pm. \$20
- See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.