

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### 8 September is the Annual Appeal at the Cathedral

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre.

Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs.

Donations can be by direct credit to St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05 with contact details emailed to [frances@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:frances@stpatricks.org.nz) for a tax receipt.

### Reflection Day "TAIZE" - Friday 13 September 2019 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

A meditative, candlelit service which will include singing of chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and ample time for a quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace. (Light supper served at conclusion).

**Facilitator:** Jill McLoughlin rsj

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland

**Registrations to:** [Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au](mailto:Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au)

### Choral Mass for the Exaltation of the Cross

*O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory.*

*Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.*

**Saturday 14 September at 7.30pm.** We celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross with a Choral Mass with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes, the Assistant Director of Music.

Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks at Hobson Street (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2).

Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

**Holy Cross Seminary** invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on **Monday, 16 September**. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Denis Browne.

### THE LIFE album release on prison tour

Prison Chaplaincy Services invites you to NICKY MORAN Gospel musician NZ Prison Tour

THE LIFE Album release - 10 ex-prisoners' original redemption songs. **Friday 20 September 7.30pm**

St. Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, REMUERA (off street parking available)

A concert for Prison Chaplaincy volunteers and supporters. Multi instrumental live looping. Inspirational original songs.

Free entry. CDs for sale. Supper & optional Koha. [www.nickymoran.com](http://www.nickymoran.com) <https://youtu.be/5c1ydkQEoFw>

### Cathedral Pasifika Dinner-Dance - Saturday 21 September 2019, 7-11pm, 89 Galway St, Onehunga

You're invited! Join us for an evening of dinner & dancing - celebrating contributions of Pasifika culture. Bring family and friends. Tickets \$50 incl food & entertainment. Available at eventbrite.com. Tickets not required for children under 14 years.

**Mercy Hospice** has opened a new shop at 320 Remuera Road. We welcome donations of clothing and household goods. We would love to see you shop there also. We are seeking volunteers for three and a half hour shifts per week. For further enquiries please contact Christine Magness, Store Manager, phone 634 3170.

**Sacred Heart School, Dunedin** - 125th Celebrations, 2020 All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at Labour Weekend 2020, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin. Everyone interested in attending these celebrations should email: [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz)

We remember those who have recently died:

**Jose C Bautista, Elaine Craig**

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Dolores Cruz**

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

**Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Judy Ganley, Jenny Hart, Paul Heaney, Tony Vela, Francine Morais, Susan d'Young**

### 7th September 2019

#### Parish of St. Michael, Remuera

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**Parish Priest:** Father Tony Dunn

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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. *Wisdom* 3:13-18

2. *Philemon* 9-10, 12-17

### Pastor's Column : 23rd Sunday 2019

If there is one thing, Aucklanders can agree on, is that we have a traffic issue. There have been many creative suggestions on how to respond to this concern. The symptom is obvious, the cause is no doubt multifaceted. One possible cause may be rooted in western individualism, which in turn was supported by the philosophical materialism of Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679). An anecdotal survey would identify one of the symptom's as; one person, one car. An anecdotal survey of areas populated by communal based cultures, would result in a very different outcome; many persons, one car. One significant factor explaining this difference is that there is a cultural bias among some cultures to be "shoal fish" and a cultural bias among those whose origins lie in Western Europe to be "loan sharks". It is of course not PC to racial profile, which statement, is of itself, inherently contradictory. The point being is that to understand the radicalness of Jesus challenge, in today's gospel, it needs to be understood in the context of Middle-Eastern culture of his day. Today you can order a personalised Bible which will insert your name into more than 7000 verses from Scripture eg "Tony like a sheep has gone astray. Tony has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53: 6) This is foreign to a Biblical mindset. Much of the time Jesus and Paul were speaking to "group think" as a whole, not to individuals. In English we have one word for "you". Unlike Latin, Greek, French or Hebrew there is no, "you singular" or "you plural". When Jesus uses the word, "hate", he is challenging people to put God, before family, friends and tribe. However He says this in reference to himself. No Hebrew would hate his parents and family above a rabbi. The implication, then, is Jesus is identifying himself with God, Himself. If that is not radical, what is? St Thomas More succinctly articulated what this whole passage means; about to lose his head on the scaffold outside the tower of London, he said, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Would we have the courage to do the same?

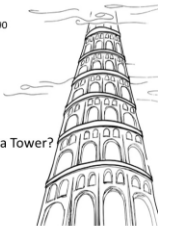
Fr Tony Dunn

Teach us that we may gain

Wisdom of Heart - Psalm 90



How unsure are you of your plans?  
Do you count the Costs before building a Tower?  
What would you let go today?



WE OFTEN NEED GREAT WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO ACT  
- TRUST IN GOD WHO KNOWS MORE THAN WE DO -

ROSTER	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 7th & 8th September 2019	24th Sunday Ordinary Time 14th & 15th September 2019
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 5pm	John Rooney (G), Moira Rooney (P), Nelson Aguirre, Francisco Byun, Shenali Fernando	Ant Martin (G), Rolinda D'Souza (P), Cristina Mendoza, Philomena Pinto, Issa Ilo-Cabiling
Sun 8am	Michael Franklin (G), Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), August Nicol, Lianne Lyons, Eva Shorayi	Faye McKewen (G), Johanna Esquerre (P), Andrew Patel, Teresa Wong, Ann Shaw
Sun 10am	Elizabeth Taumoepeau (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), JR Ambrosio, Phil Porteous, Anthony Segedin	Claire Stirrat (G), Hester Leung (P), Christopher Leung, Sara-Jane Kingston, Jonathan Spencer
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>		
	1. <i>Wisdom 3:13-18</i> 2. <i>Philemon 9-10, 12-17</i>	1. <i>Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14</i> 2. <i>1 Timothy 1:12-17</i>
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais, Gay Barton (PoF)	Kate McKay, Shenali Fernando (PoF)
Sun 8am	John Shaw, Kerry McKewen (PoF)	Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Peter Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)
Sun 10am	Michael Pender, Louise Gordon (PoF)	Margaret van Meewen, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)
<b>Collectors</b>		
Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Fitzmaurice Family
	<b>Counters:</b> Helen & Tony Turner	<b>Counters:</b> Heather Jayamanne & Family
<b>Laptop Operators</b>		
Sat 5pm	John Salivio	Anna Dolan
Sun 8am	Marie Olvido	Jo Hazel
Sun 10am	Jennifer Frost	Yelena Cordtz
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Sat 5pm	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Sophia Canale	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Zander Cabiling
Sun 10am	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers, Dre Canapi	Emily Choi, Keira Croad, Micayla-Jane Elika
	Thomas & Polly Yeung	Maryanne Mahoney & Ellen Harris
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
Sun 10am	Marija Batistich	Anna Mechanova & Lynette Herrera-Torres
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang, Anna Dolan	Edmond Wong, Antonia Brightwell, Ben & Felicity Piper
Sun 8am	Edmond Wong	Matthew Harris
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes and Meileen Huang

## NOTICES

### 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.remuercatholic.org.nz](http://www.remuercatholic.org.nz)

**Becoming Catholic Programme** Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Tell them about the St. Michael's 'Becoming Catholic' programme, and invite them to an Enquiry Evening to be held in the parish house on **Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm**. For further information ring Sr Francis Kelly Ph. 520 0445.

Dear parishioners, In Aotearoa at this time we are facing a huge challenge with the discussions on the Euthanasia bill before parliament and now submissions on the Abortion (till nine months) Act. Some of us are overwhelmed by both pieces of legislation and we at St. Michael's recognise this. Come and join us in a pro-life rosary. The times are Tuesday Rosary Group 7.30pm, Saturday 7.30am and stay for 8.00am mass or 8.00pm on Sunday before the 8.30pm mass. If these times don't suit, start a new group and check with Fiona in the office. The more prayer we can muster the better.

## 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*

### 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 [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz). **Submission Guides** are available in the Church Foyer - please take one home.

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE-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](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

**Pilgrimage for Life** In response to the proposed abortion law legislation, Family Life International, a Pro-Life organisation based has quickly organised a nation-wide Pilgrimage for Life. The pilgrimage started in Cape Regina and Bluff moving from parish to parish, until they eventually meet on Wednesday, 18th September at St. Francis de Sales Island Bay Wellington, for a final 7 pm Mass. This is one day before submissions close. The pilgrimage began last Sunday. To find out more including how you can participate, see the <https://fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life/>



**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@remuercatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remuercatholic.org.nz) or phone 520-1226 to register. This is the last course for 2019.

St. Michael's Parish accept donations of non-perishable food and household items which are distributed by **Monte Cecilia** to those families in need. If you would like to donate such items, a large basket is located in the Church Foyer. [www.montececilia.org.nz](http://www.montececilia.org.nz) We work in conjunction with St. Michael's Catholic School. Thank you for your support.

**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 Kimberley D'Cruz on 021 0232 9960 or Paul Duggan on 022 161 7887

**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)

### Cyber-Attacks! What Can We Do?

As you will know, we have had a number of "phising" (pronounced 'fishing') attacks on priests' email of late. Bruce Thom, Senior Advisor at Codeblue, the Auckland Diocesan IT provider, has given some tips and explanation as to what is happening. This information has been posted on the Noticeboard in the Church Foyer.



The Sept. 8 – 21 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Fr Matthew Gibson ordained in Hamilton. NZ co-hosts safeguarding conference in Rome. Bishops urge parishioners to stand for life. Visiting Deaf priest stresses need for sign language training. \$4 in the papers box please.

We are in the **"Season of Creation"**, an ecumenical initiative dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Copies of the pamphlet "23 green tips – small steps towards a sustainable life" from the Justice and Peace Commission are available now in the parish & also online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>. Simple practical ways to make a difference.