

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Have you been on a Pilgrimage trip? What promises, expectations, hope and joy do you look forward to the trip?  
*We live in the hope that Jesus' mission will be kept alive, will one day be fulfilled.*

### St. Michael's Mission

*We the Eucharistic community of St Michael's parish,  
by the gifts of the Holy Spirit,  
are called to witness to the living Jesus.*

**Lift up Their Voices Formation** Day in the music ministry. **15 February 2020**, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 97 Galway St Onehunga, 9.15 – 3.15. A day for liturgy committees, choir members, cantors and musicians. There is no cost, donations appreciated. Please register at [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz) and remember to bring your own lunch. See Church Noticeboard

**Ignatian Spirituality for Women.** An 8-day silent, individually guided retreat, given by Adriana Janus, Nicola McCarthy and Joy Cowley. **20-29 March 2020** at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost: \$675, includes accommodation for 9 nights, all meals and daily spiritual direction. For further information and registration please contact Joy Cowley, [joycowley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joycowley@xtra.co.nz).

See Poster on Church Noticeboard

### Marriage Educators – voluntary position

Have you been married for 5 or more years and passionate about the sacrament of marriage? Would you like to train as Marriage Educators and give back to the community your wisdom and passion for strong marriages? Do you have four hours per month to see couples in your home? If you have answered yes to the above please consider training as Marriage Educators – Training course starts February 2020. If you would like to find out more about this voluntary role please contact Gerry on 09 360 3025 / 021 0224 7442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

### Natural Fertility Educator – voluntary position

We are seeking a person(s) or husband & wife couple(s) who are interested in learning and training to become Natural Fertility Educator(s) to join our Marriage & Family Life Education Team (some funding is available for the training starting in March 2020). If you would like to find out more about this voluntary role please contact Gerry on 09 360 3025 / 021 0224 7442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

### Diocesan Job Vacancy. Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre

A full time role to provide credit control and administration support to the Revenue Manager for the collection of attendance dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school attendance dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full position description, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under the Administration Tab and Staff Vacancies.

**Are you of Irish descent?** This message is for you on behalf of the Embassy of Ireland to New Zealand and the Centre for Scottish and Irish Studies at the University of Otago. *Calling all Irish people, Irish community groups, people of Irish heritage or affinity with Ireland living in New Zealand. The [Embassy of Ireland in Aotearoa, New Zealand](#), has partnered with the [Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies](#) who have designed two short surveys, that we hope, will assist in showcasing the rich Irish history we have in New Zealand, as well as the opportunities for future collaboration and connection. You can access the surveys and more information at [Friends of Ireland](#) If have any questions about these surveys please email [info@friendsofireland.co.nz](mailto:info@friendsofireland.co.nz).*

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, Betty Fitzmaurice, Brother Richard Dunleavy, Luningning Gerobin Sarmiento, Bronwen Hughes, Fr Justin Taylor sm, Betty Flynn**

**1st February 2020**

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**In residence:** Father Stephen Berecz  
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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,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **7am**  
Thursday 7am and 9:15am (School Mass)  
Saturday 8am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

After Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
7am Mass

### Anointing of the Sick:

First Friday of each month 11am

### Reconciliation / Confession:

Half hour before Mass on Saturday 5pm,  
Sunday 8am, 10am, 8.30pm  
Saturday 8:30am or by appointment

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1. *Malachi 3:1-4*  
2. *Hebrews 2:14-18*

### Pastor's Column : The Presentation of the Lord

I remember one afternoon, in my last year of school, 1973. It was during the Religious Education class, as our teacher, Fr Gerry Mills sm was holding forth. We were on the first floor of what had been affectionately referred to as the old grey mother. The main school building of St Patrick's, was an imposing castle-like building overlooking the Basin Reserve; then it struck, a hum-dinger of a Wellington earth-quake. The old grey mother would in no way meet present earthquake requirements. Fr Mills blessed himself!. When things had subsided, he told us he had just prayed the Nunc Dimittis, the prayer of Simeon that we find in today's Gospel. It is the prayer of the Church for the Night prayer of the Office. It is a prayer in the face of death. Sleep is a daily role play for death. Why the French call it a "petit mort!" Simeon is saying to God that he can now die, as he has witnessed the fulfilment of the OT prophecies found in Malachi and in Isaiah; that God, in the Messianic age, would come to his temple. He comes as a little baby and it is through a special revelation of the Holy Spirit that Simeon recognises Him. The same Spirit maps out for Mary her role in this drama. Just as Jesus was destined to suffer and die, so too would Mary, in her heart. It would be pierced by a sword of sorrow. This is the basis of her title as Queen of Martyrs and also a suggested title by Pope St John Paul II, co-redemptrix; she participated vicariously in her Son's sufferings for our salvation as far as any human could. This all took place 40 days after Jesus birth. Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the Torah. A new baby son was to be presented to God and also because child birth made one ritually unclean, you were excluded from Temple worship. A sacrifice was necessary for presentation and purification - (a Jewish practice that was necessitated after bleeding and some other release of bodily fluids like seminal emission.) It was not the occasion of Jesus circumcision. That event took place 8 days after a male was born. It is the origin of the Octave of Christmas. In modern times this very important feast has been super-ceded by the feast of Mother of God on January 1st. Joseph and Mary gifted a poor person's offering - pigeons or doves, rather than a lamb. However Luke may also be saying too that the lamb, brought to the temple is Jesus Himself, in anticipation of His ultimate sacrifice on Calvary. Luke likes to present his recounting of Jesus story, with a male/female balance. Mary and Joseph come to the temple and here too, we have Simeon and Anna. Women in the Scriptures have very significant roles to play; in this case a prophetic one! She and Simeon give Mary and Joseph much to ponder, discuss and wonder at about this baby that has been gifted them. It would not be such a bad thing for all of us to pray Simeon's prayer, with the Church as we drift off to sleep! "At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have the seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people!" And its antiphon; "Save us, Lord, while we are awake, protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace."

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	Presentation of the Lord 1st & 2nd February 2020	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 8th & 9th February 2020
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando (G), Francisco Byun (P), Rolinda D'Souza, Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Christina Mendoza	Philomena Pinto (G), John Rooney (P), Nelson Aguirre, Ant Martin, John Salvio
Sun 8am	Eva Shorayi (G), Faye McKewen (P), Andrew Patel, Ann Shaw, Tina Fitness	Camila Martinez (G), Silvio Duarte (P), Lianne Lyons, Johanna Esguerra, Jane Penney
Sun 10am	Shobha Johnson (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), Reuben Katigbak, Rob Fonseca-Ensor, Deepak Albert	Sara-Jane Kingston (G), Kate McKay (P), Hester Leung, Julie-Ann Eggermont, JR Ambrosio
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>		
	<i>1. Malachi 3:1-4</i>	<i>2. Hebrews 2:14-18</i>
Sat 5pm	Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Zac Cabiling (PoF)	<i>1. Isaiah 58:7-10</i> Francis Morais, Sr Alice Hardiman (PoF)
Sun 8am	Catherine Husheer, Bernard Kendall (PoF)	<i>2. 1Corinthians 2:1-5</i> Peter Hay-MacKenzie, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)
Sun 10am	Ron Seeto, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Emma Houghton, Cara Fonseca-Ensor (PoF)
<b>Collectors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Denise Valerio
	<b>Counters:</b> Heather Jayamanne & Family	<b>Counters:</b> Helen & Tony Turner
<b>Laptop Operators</b>		
Sat 5pm	John Trenwith	India Twomey
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton
Sun 10am	Yelena Cordtz	Benedict Baylis
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Sat 5pm	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Zander Cabiling	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Sophia Canale
Sun 10am	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers, Dre Canapi	Liam Houghton, Eva Houghton, Jonathan Luxford, Micayla-Jane Eilika
<b>Sanctuary Care</b>		
	Albert & Cynthia Agustin	Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
Sun 10am	TBC	TBC
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang, Louise Porter	Edmond Wong, Cassy Wooler
Sun 8am	Neil Moraes	Maria Bullock
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell

## NOTICES

**St. Michael's New Weekday Mass Times** – Please refer to the front page of the newsletter, Church Porch and Website

**Waitangi Day** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Mass 7am and 9.15am

**Coronavirus & Liturgy** - The Chalice will not be offered at mass, nor will there be shaking of hands. Please refer to the Church Noticeboard for a message from the National Liturgy Office dated 30 January 2020.

### Parish Meeting - 4pm Sunday 23 February

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this event. See the poster in the church porch.

Cardinal John Dew will speak about the issues facing the Church in New Zealand. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

The meeting will end with a social hour. No charge. All adult parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Lenten Programme - enrolments now open

Full information about the programme - *Sent by Christ* - can be found in the church porch, on the parish website or at the parish office.

This will be the most important faith education activity for our parish in 2020. Please make sure you set aside the time to take part. There is a wide choice of dates and times, and at least one option to suit just about everyone.

### Helpers needed for Sacristy Ministry

Fr. Tony would like to hear from parishioners who would join the group of ministers who assist the celebrant at Sunday Mass. Duties involve preparing the hosts, wine, linen and lectionary for the altar before Mass and putting away after Mass. (The role does not include acting as an altar server or as a Minister of Communion).

Volunteers will be asked to take their turn at the Sunday Mass they usually attend.

This is an important ministry providing a valuable service. It is well within the capability of the majority of adult parishioners, male or female.

### Holy Communion Outreach

Parishioners who are unable through age, illness or other good reason to get to Mass are welcome to ask for a minister of Holy Communion to visit them.

Those wishing to get the benefit of this ministry, for themselves or someone else, are invited to contact Fiona Twomey at the parish office.

### Safeguarding Training

Two dates are available for St. Michael's (to be held at the Presbytery) for people serving in ministries who have not yet received training, or newly recruited to a ministry. The two date options are **Tuesday 18 February at 1pm** and **Thursday 20 February at 10am**. Please register your attendance with the Parish Office.

**Old magazines** at home or in the office? Please consider dropping them to the presbytery for school retreats.

**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 [acotton888@gmail.com](mailto:acotton888@gmail.com)

**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, 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)

### An Evening of Prayer for those suffering from Human Trafficking

St. Josephine Bakhita is the Patron Saint against human trafficking. Her feast day is on the 8th of February. This evening will be an opportunity to learn about Josephine Bakhita's life and how she became an advocate against human trafficking. We will also take time to pray for those suffering from the many forms of slavery and human trafficking in our world today.

*See Poster on Church Noticeboard*

**Date & Time:** Friday 7 February, 7-8pm

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland. Phone 09 528 5204

**Feast Mass**, St. Gonsalo Garcia, **Saturday 8 February** at 9am, Christ The King Church. The East Indian Association welcomes everyone. Queries: Marina Gonsalves 021 236 2307

**St Valentine's Day Mass** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Celebration of Marriage and Family. **Friday 14 February 2020** at 7.30pm (Wilson parking \$4.00 validate ticket at Cathedral). All welcome: Engaged, Married, Singles, Families, Children. Email Gerry at [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz), ph 360-3025

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**St Peter's College Open Day** Tuesday 25 February 2020 9.30am or 1pm. *See Poster on Church Noticeboard*

**March for Life** - a family-friendly, life affirming awareness march to show our love for vulnerable, unborn babies, their mothers, and the wider impacted whanau. At 1pm on **Saturday 29 February**, gather at Freyberg Square, Auckland CBD. 2pm march to Aotea Square along Queen Street, 2:45pm speeches at Aotea Square.

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### DRCNZ – Teens Seminar in Auckland

Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand (DRCNZ) an Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland is organizing a Teens Seminar Jonah and the Whale on **29 February 2020** from 10am to 2pm at St John Vianney Church Hall, 317 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, Auckland 1042.

Parents are requested to kindly send their teenage children to participate in this celebration!

Bring your family and friends with you. No registration fee. Contact: Arthy M:022 319 3621

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