

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



NZ Catholic for sale in the Church Porch
\$4 in the papers box please.

Ash Wednesday Masses at St Patrick Cathedral - 26 February 2020 are 7am, 12.15pm & 1.15pm. At 7.30pm will be a Combined Services of the Ashes with the Anglican Bishop, Ross Bay and Bishop Pat Dunn at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Ashes will be distributed at all of the services. Validated parking at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2) only available for the evening service. Parking ticket to be validated in the Cathedral.

St Peter's College Open Day Tuesday 25 February 9.30am or 1pm.

Sacred Heart College Open Day Wednesday 4 March. Principals Welcome address 1pm, tours of College 11.45am & 1.30pm.

Baradene College Open Evening Thursday 5 March 6.30pm. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

St Mary's College Open Day Thursday 5 March 2.30pm & 6.30pm See Posters on Church Noticeboard

WELCOME BBQ for Tertiary Students. The Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) invites all city-based tertiary students to a free BBQ to kick off the 2020 academic year. **Friday 28 February, 6pm-8pm.** 110 Symonds Street.

Young Adults Evening. All young adults (18-30s) are invited to join us for an evening filled with conversations, fellowship and free food!! Special invitation to all those young adults who are new to Auckland. Happening on **Friday 6 March, 5.30pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, St Mary's Bay.** Plenty of parking available. RSVP with Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

Episcopal Ordination: ALL are welcome to fill the Vodafone Event Centre to celebrate the Episcopal Ordination of Rev Fr Michael Gielen at 11am on **Saturday 7 March.** Free parking for buses and cars (please carpool).

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI Nga Whaea Atawhai O Aotearoa - Sisters of Mercy invite young women aged between 18 and 40 to a Come and See Day to discover more about our Mercy Life. **Saturday 7 March 2020, 10am to 3.30pm,** Holy Cross Parish Hall, Papatoetoe. RSVP for catering & for more info contact: vocations@mercy.org.nz or Sr Fatima-02108429440, Sr Linda-0212630439.

God as Source of Light - During this day we will explore God as the Source of Light drawing on the inspiration of John Philip Newell's book 'Reimagining God's Dream for Us'. **Tuesday, 10 March** - 10.00am - 2.00pm at Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland, Phone 09 528 5204.

Evening Talk not to be missed, on Governance and Abuse in the Church. A canon law expert, an international speaker, Dr Myriam Wijlens speaking on "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord", **Wednesday 11 March 2020** at 7:00pm, St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. See Poster on Church Noticeboard

St Patrick's Day High Tea at the Cathedral - Celebrating 179 Years of the Cathedral (1841 - 2020). Join Bishop Patrick at the St Patrick's Day to a High Tea in Liston Hall. 1pm **Tuesday 17 March.** Tickets are \$35 and are available for sale at The Square Gift Store, St Patrick's Square, 43 Wyndham Street - cash preferred. Tickets are strictly limited so be in quick so you aren't disappointed. See Poster on Church Noticeboard

Position Vacant Part-time Office Assistant

St Benedict's Parish, Newton/Eden Terrace is looking for an assistant in the Parish Office for 15 hours per week. Can be some flexibility of days/hours. We are seeking a well organised person with knowledge of Microsoft word, excel and publisher. Position involves general office duties, preparation of rosters, hymn sheets, newsletters etc. Please send application and CV to catherine@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz or phone Catherine on 09 379 0624.

Training course for Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants at Auckland Hospital. If you are interested, please contact Robert Burley, Chaplaincy Assistant Training administrator on email aucklandhospitalchaplains@gmail.com (See Noticeboard)

Caring Foundation Annual Grants - The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on 10th of April, 2020. For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz. Find out how your gift to the Catholic Caring Foundation is supporting families and communities in need throughout our diocese, by reading our latest newsletter. Make a difference to our community by gifting to the foundation.

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

Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Jenny Hart, Paul Heaney, Tony Vela, Francine Morais, Betty Fitzmaurice, Luningning Gerobin Sarmiento, Bronwen Hughes, Fr Justin Taylor sm, Mons Des McCarthy

23rd February 2020

Parish of St. Michael, Remuera

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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. *Levit. 19:1-2, 17-18*

2. *1Corinthians 3:16-23*

Pastor's Column : 7th Sunday Ordinary Time 2020

Utu, the Maori word for revenge, was the title of a NZ film produced in 1983, loosely based on the exploits of Te Kooti's wars. It tells of a Maori soldier setting out to get utu or vengeance on his former allies, after the British army destroys his home village and kills his uncle. The film is set in the 1870's. Utu is the underlying theme of the 2002 movie "The Count of Monte Cristo," based on a novel by the same name, by Alexander Dumas. Again we find the same theme in the 2017 movie, Papillon, a retelling of Henri Charriere's novel. These movie's appeal, because they speak to a very human reality. When we are wronged, our reflexive reaction is "utu!" Turn the clock back some 3000 years and we find Moses confronting the same issue. Utu had become so fierce and widespread, that when one tribe or family member was wronged the response was "scorched earth!" Moses then mandated that the response had to be measured according to the offense given and so we have the famous, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth!" No more no less. Jesus, as is His want, on His own authority super-cedes Moses' restrictive laws and instead mandates, "Love your enemies!" Note He is not saying "Like" your enemies. The biblical concept of love in this context is to will the truest and best for one's enemies. They may still remain your enemy. The point is not to change them, but to change ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit. The perfection Jesus commands is in imitation of His Father, who sends the sun and rain to shine and fall on good and bad alike. Just as our Father in Heaven's love is all embracing of good and bad alike, so, if we are to be His children, should ours be too. How do we do this. The first and most important step is to pray for our enemies. If we cannot manage that, even through clenched teeth, then ask Our Lady to do it for you. She has a special charism for bridge building!

Fr Tony Dunn

ASH Wednesday at St Michael's - 26 February 2020

Mass Times 7am | 9.15am (School Mass) | 7.30pm

IMPORTANT: The parish meeting scheduled for Sunday 23 February **will not take place.** Cardinal Dew regrets that he is unable to come to Auckland this weekend.

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.

ROSTER	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 22nd & 23rd February 2020		First Sunday of Lent 29th February & 1st March 2020	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Cristina Mendoza (G), Francisco Byun (P), Ant Martin, John Rooney	Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G), Rolinda D'Souza (P), Philomena Pinto, Ant Martin, Nelson Aguirre		
Sun 8am	Fay McKewen (G), Eva Shorayi (P), Tina Fitness, Ann Shaw, Andrew Patel	Silvio Duarte (G), Ann Shaw (P), Jane Penney, Joahna Esquerra, Tina Fitness		
Sun 10am	Claire Stirrat (G), Jonathan Spencer (P), Sara-Jane Kingston, Deepak Albert, Shobha Johnson	Julie-Ann Eggermont (G), Deepak Albert (P), Reuben Katigbak, Maricel D'Souza, Shobha Johnson		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Levit. 19:1-2, 17-18	2. 1Corinthians 3:16-23	1. Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7	2. Romans 5:12-19
Sat 5pm	Paul Reid, Shenali Fernando (PoF)		Viki Cullen, Kate McKay (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall, John Shaw (PoF)		Eileen Robinson-Piper, Catherine Husheer (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Michael Pender, Ron Seeto (PoF)		Margaret Mary-Farrell, Emma Houghton (PoF)	
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Birgita Muller		Ant Martin	
Sun 8am	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan		Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton		Denise Valerio	
	Counters: Eva Shorayi		Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family	
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	John Trenwith		Winston Teo	
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen		Mike Molloy	
Sun 10am	Jennifer Frost		Dominic Baylis	
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Hiranya Fernando		Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Esmeria D'Souza	
Sun 10am	William Harris, Keira Croad, Gian Pollaruste		Zander Cabiling, Sophie Canale, Stella Valerio (School Mass)	
Sanctuary Care				
	Thomas & Polly Yeung		Maryanne Mahoney, Ellen Harris	
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	Lynette Herrero Torres and Ana Hech-Lu		School Mass	
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Robert Loretz		Edmond Wong, Cassy Wooler, Eric Balderas	
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock		Annemarie Kerridge	
Sun 10am	Edmond Wong, Carole Kenealy		Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell	

NOTICES

You are invited to come and join us on the **Stations of the Cross** journey in the church on Friday's in Lent. We meet at 6.30pm and journey together for about 40-45 minutes. We would love you to come. We are also looking for children wanting to audition to take part in **Good Friday's Way of the Cross (at 10am)**. We are looking for readers and singers. Please let Fiona (office@remueracatholic.org.nz) know if you are interested by the 6th of March.

Altar Servers Training For those who have received their First Holy Communion already ...
The next Altar Servers Training will be on **Sunday 23rd February 2020 (11am to 12.30pm)** at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Please register interest to Issa on [021 179 3801](tel:0211793801) or issa_ilo@yahoo.com.

St. Michael's School Family Fun Day - Sunday 1st March 2020, 11am to 2pm
Join us after 10am Mass for a fun filled family day with food, drinks and entertainment. Activities include a cake stall, tombola, sausage sizzle, coffee cart, mobile farmyard and pony rides, bouncy castle & more! All welcome.

PARKING on Sunday 1st March for 10am Mass: Please note that there will be no parking beside or behind the church for those attending 10am Mass due to space requirements for the Family Fun Day. Parishioners attending 8am Mass are welcome to park as normal but are kindly asked to move their cars as soon as they can after Mass has finished.

<p>Lenten Programme - enrolments now open Full information about the programme - <i>Sent by Christ</i> - 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.</p>
<p>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 <u>not</u> 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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Old magazines at home or in the office? Please consider dropping them to the presbytery for school retreats.</p>
<p>St. Michael's meet for a pro-life rosary at 8pm before the Sunday 8:30pm mass. All welcome.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>40 Days for Life: Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives! February 26 to April 5 – Monday to Saturday – 7am to 7pm. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting, and vigil outside the local abortion centre in Mt Eden. Vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. A positive, peaceful and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour please visit fii.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fii.org.nz</p>
<p>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. <i>See Noticeboard</i></p>
<p>DRCNZ – Teens Seminar in Auckland <i>See Poster on Church Noticeboard</i> DRCNZ invites teenagers (Age: 13-19) to the Teens Seminar "Jonah And The Whale", on Saturday 29 February 2020 at St John Vianney Church Hall, 317 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough from 10am to 2pm. Teens will learn to submit to God in their everyday life, and to face life's challenges as an opportunity to witness God's love. Free entry and lunch provided. To register and for inquiries contact Arty 022 319 3621. Website: http://www.drcnz.org</p>
<p>One-day pastoral leadership conference for all Catholic faith community leaders. Theme: Seeking Holiness in a Secular World; Saturday 14 March 2020, 9:30am – 2pm at Our Lady of Assumption Parish hall, 97 Galway St, Onehunga. Registration essential email us at pastoraloffice@ccda.org.nz. Morning Tea provided. Please bring own lunch. For topics and speakers, visit our website here. <i>See Poster on Church Noticeboard</i></p>
<p>Holy Land pilgrimage: A few places are still available for a 21-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be led by Pat and Suzie McCarthy from April 24 to May 14, 2020. The itinerary includes all major holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and around the Sea of Galilee, plus Mount Carmel, Acre and the Dead Sea. Cost around \$8500. Contact Pat at patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or on 480-4463.</p>
<p>CYAC [Auckland Catholic Young Adults Community] is a group of young people in their 20's and 30's who meet most Monday evenings to learn more about our faith and build community with like-minded young Catholic's. Date: Starting 10 February Monday - 6:30pm- 8:30pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, Ponsonby). For more details see our Facebook page, Auckland Catholic Young Adults or email aklcyac@gmail.com</p>