

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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: Bishop Pat encourages all parishioners to join us for the Episcopal Ordination of Rev Fr Michael Gielen at 11:00am on **Saturday 7 March** at Vodafone Events Centre. Don't miss out on this amazing Diocesan celebration of faith and culture. Free parking for buses and cars (please carpool). Please be seated by 10.45am.

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

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

Vacancy: Grounds-person for St Francis Retreat Centre. 20-30 hours per week position depending on the successful applicant's availability. For a full job description and application form: email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Telephone: (09) 625 6651 Write: 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042. Applications close 20 March 2020. See Poster on Church Noticeboard

The Liturgy Centre has planning well underway for Conference 2020. Visit our Conference - Oct 2020 website <https://wuss.org.nz/>

Worshipping under Southern Skies 2020 - Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi

Weaving together Liturgy and Life - E rarangatia ana ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata.

This Conference is a rare event (the last one was on 2003) and a wonderful formation opportunity for people from parishes & schools throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. We hope every parish will have a group of people attending this conference. We hope parishes encourage their people to attend. We have already received inquiries from people from other Dioceses, who are wanting to attend the Conference, but are trying to minimize their costs. One option for minimizing costs is to find billets near the Conference venue (Baradene College of the Sacred Heart). The Liturgy Centre is therefore asking St Michael's Remuera, if there are people within the parish who would consider hosting people for the three days of the conference.

Are there people at St Michael's who have spare bedrooms at home who could billet people coming from other parts of New Zealand. We at the Liturgy Centre would love to hear from people who could billet people and we would coordinate hosts with guests. The host would provide a bed, breakfast on Friday October 2nd and Saturday October 3rd, and possibly also dinner on Thursday October 1st. Some hosts may also like to collect and drop off people at the beginning and end of their stay. If you are able to help, please contact the Liturgy Centre at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz Offering your home as a place to billet people is an act of charity and not something that a person is reimbursed for, although it might be a great way to make new friends.

We remember those who have recently died:

Andrew Wong, Rose Chong

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

1st March 2020

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Sr Francis Kelly (adults)

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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. Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2. Romans 5:12-19

Pastor's Column : 1st Sunday of Lent 2020

Fr John Thornhill sm was an Australian Marist priest and theologian. He died last July at the age of 89. I remember a conversation with him while he was conceiving a book called, " Making Australia - exploring our National Conversation". One of the ideas underpinning the book was how the "outback" the vast desert spaces of Australia has impacted on the Australian psyche and culture. He saw that as a significant difference, comparing Australians to New Zealanders. Kiwis are a people impacted not by desert, but by water, oceans of it! To understand the Gospel account of Jesus temptations we have to try and enter into the context of first century Judaism, remembering Jesus, the God-man, was enfleshed into that time, culture and religion. For a Jew of that time the desert was remembered as a place of testing, especially when triggered by the number 40! Just as the people of Israel were led by Moses out of slavery under Pharaoh, through the Red Sea waters and then into the desert to be tested for 40 years; so Jesus is the new Moses and the embodiment of the new Israel, having passed through the waters of his own Baptism by John and *ekballw* (the Greek says) picked up and thrown into the desert to be tested by the devil. There we find the archetypal map of every disciple of Jesus, expressed in the prayers and actions of the Baptismal liturgy. Jesus' temptations are unique in that the devil, unsure of who he is dealing with, invites Jesus to use his Divinity to bypass his humanity and God's plan of redemption by way of the Cross. Jesus, fully human and fully Divine, in his humanity was tempted in every way that we are and without sin. Being desperately hungry, why not feed himself miraculously. Second why not demonstrate His Divine power in the first ever bungy jump without rubbers. Thirdly why not save humankind without having to pay such a dreadful price. Each time He counters the devil with the Word of God from Scripture - the Word speaking his words. For us it means that discipleship means participation in Jesus suffering and crucifixion in order to participate in His resurrection. Any other way is a false spirituality, a temptation to avoid authentic discipleship of the Lord. Whether we are an Australian impacted on by the outback, or a kiwi surrounded by water; desert or ocean can be a constant reminder of who we are as disciples and the map the Lord has given us!

Fr Tony Dunn

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.

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	First Sunday of Lent 29th February & 1st March 2020		Second Sunday of Lent 7th and 8th March 2020	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G), Rolinda D'Souza (P), Philomena Pinto, Ant Martin, Nelson Aguirre	John Rooney (G), Moira Rooney (P), Krystal Turner, Francisco Byun, Shenali Fernando		
Sun 8am	Silvio Duarte (G), Ann Shaw (P), Jane Penney, Joahna Esquerre, Tina Fitness	Michael Franklin (G), Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), August Nicol, Lianne Lyons, Eva Shorayi		
Sun 10am	Julie-Ann Eggermont (G), Deepak Albert (P), Reuben Katigbak, Maricel D'Souza, Shobha Johnson	Elizabeth Taumoepeau (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), JR Ambrosio, Phil Porteous, Robert Salivio		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7	2. Romans 5:12-19	1. Genesis 12:1-4	2. Timothy 1:8-10
Sat 5pm	Viki Cullen, Kate McKay (PoF)	TBA		
Sun 8am	Eileen Robinson-Piper, Catherine Husheer (PoF)	TBA		
Sun 10am	School Mass	TBA		
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney		
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy		
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Fitzmaurice Family		
	Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner		
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	Winston Teo	John Salivio		
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jo Hazel		
Sun 10am	School Mass	Ashalena Cordtz		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Esmenia D'Souza	Hiranya Fernando, Sophia Canale, Samuel Wong		
Sun 8am	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad		
Sun 10am	Zander Cabiling, Sophia Canale, Stella Valerio (School Mass)	Emily Choi, Dre Canapi, Joaquin Ambrosio		
Sanctuary Care				
	Maryanne Mahoney, Ellen Harris	John & Joy Salivio		
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	School Mass	Caroline Harris & Louise Barnett		
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Edmond Wong, Cassy Wooler, Eric Balderas	Edmond Wong, Louise Porter		
Sun 8am	Annemarie Kerridge	Neil Moraes		
Sun 10am	St. Michael's Catholic School Choir	Alleluia Choir		

NOTICES

St Michael's Scripture Study Group We will meet again **Sunday 1 March** 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.

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.

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.

Easter Masses – please sign up for Reader of the Word and Eucharist Ministries. The sign-up sheet is in the Church Porch.

If the Parish Office is unattended when you telephone, please clearly leave your name and number and a brief message so that we are able to call you back and help with your enquiry. Many thanks.

Lenten Programme 2020 – LAST CHANCE

Enrolments will close next **Monday 2 March**.

Parishioners who have still to enrol can use the form on the parish website or in the church porch.

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.

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

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

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.

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 fi.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fi.org.nz

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. *See Noticeboard*

DRCNZ – Teens Seminar in Auckland

See Poster on Church Noticeboard

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>

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. *See Poster on Church Noticeboard*

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.

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

* **Aromatic Anointing Jesus: "Our Ultimate Healer"** with REBECCA MCGINTY. Wed 4 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15. Reflection on the biblical use of oils throughout the old & new testament.

* **"Can we find God in the dark?"** with Fr KEVIN WALDIE sm. Wed 11 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15.

* **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm & ANNE WARREN chf. Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm, 13 Mar-3 Apr. \$15 each or all 4 sessions for \$50.

* **FOUR-DAY LIVE-IN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT *Being present – to ourselves, God and all creation*** with MARY BETZ. Sun 22 Mar, 7pm to Thurs 26 Mar, 2pm. \$490

See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.