

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Available for sale in the Church Porch
\$4 in the papers box please

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.

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 aucklandhospitalchaplancy@gmail.com *See Church 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 rangatia 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.

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the *non-residential* MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 16-17 May at INZIDE Offices Takapuna.

BOOK NOW! - Ph 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com.



Latest news and development on the Abortion Law. The Abortion Legislation Bill is expected to be debated in Parliament later today and in subsequent days click on the link for more details <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Abortion-Law-Reform-Parish-Response-PDF-18-February-2020.pdf>

Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2020, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email CatherineR@cda.org.nz

We remember those who have recently died:

Monsignor Michael Browne, Fr Patrick McCann SM, Paul Heaney

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

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

8th March 2020

Parish of St. Michael, Remuera
6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, 1050

Phone: 09 520 1226

office@remueracatholic.org.nz

www.remueracatholic.org.nz

Parish Priest: Father Tony Dunn

frtonydunn@gmail.com (021 954 292)

In residence: Father Stephen Berecz

sberecz@gmail.com

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. Genesis 12:1-4

2. Timothy 1:8-10

Pastor's Column : 2nd Sunday of Lent 2020 Transfiguration

Special effects in movies, continue to improve exponentially. Last year Disney produced a new version of "Aladdin," with Will Smith as the genie and a little known Egyptian actor, Mena Massoud as, Aladdin. One of the repeated character references for Aladdin is "a diamond in the rough!" That image of a "diamond in the rough" hints at the mystery of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Many questions present themselves to us about this Gospel passage. Once again the key to answering them is to be found in the Old Testament. Matthew wants us to interpret this event as it is mirrored to us by Moses ascension of Mt Sinai. We are told in Exodus 24 and 34 how Moses went up Mt Sinai, on the 7th day. (Jesus goes up after 6 days), accompanied by Aaron (the high priest) and Aaron's two sons; Nadab and Abihu, (paralleled by Peter and James and John who were brothers). On Sinai Moses' face shone, reflecting the glory of the Lord or the Shekinah. Jesus shines from within, with His own light, revealing the Divine Son of God. (the diamond in the rough). When Moses went up Sinai, the glory cloud came down, tabernacling the presence of God. Jews knew that this cloud contained God himself and that is why Peter, James and John prostrate themselves. God spoke to Moses from the cloud on Sinai and so on Tabor, the voice of the Father is heard. So Tabor is the new Sinai and Jesus is not only the new Moses, but so much more. Elijah is present, because he too went up a mountain, and encountered the presence of God. That story is found in 1 Kings 19. The Catholic Catechism in no. 555, quoting Aquinas, reminds us that the Baptism of Jesus and his Transfiguration are the two occasions of the revelation of the Three. The Father speaks, the Son is revealed and the Spirit manifests as the cloud. Jesus, Peter, James and John, then come down the mountain, in order to ascend another, the Mt of Golgotha. It is the archetypal map of religious experience; before enlightenment; chop wood, carry water. after enlightenment; chop wood, carry water. The Greek word for transfiguration; "metamorphothe" captures more deeply the radical transformation of Jesus in this event. With the monarchs visiting before winter and the transformation of the caterpillar to the butterfly, we see hints at this radical change. Jesus, the God-man, fully Divine and fully human, is indeed a "diamond in the rough!"

Fr Tony Dunn

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	Second Sunday of Lent 7th and 8th March 2020		Third Sunday of Lent 14th and 15th March 2020	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	John Rooney (G), Moira Rooney (P), Krystal Turner, Francisco Byun, Shenali Fernando	Ant Martin (G), BJ Bauzon (P), Josephine Hazel-Esquerria, Nelson Aguirre, Issa Ilo-Cabiling		
Sun 8am	Michael Franklin (G), Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), August Nicol, Lianne Lyons, Eva Shorayi	Faye McKewen (G), Johanna Esquerria (P), Tina Fitness, Bailey Stewart, Ann Shaw		
Sun 10am	Elizabeth Taumoepeau (G), Terisa Cordtz (P), JR Ambrosio, Phil Porteous, Robert Salivio	Shobha Johnson (G), Hester Leung (P), Christopher Leung, Sara-Jane Kingston, Jonathan Spencer		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Genesis 12:1-4	2. Timothy 1:8-10	1. Exodus 17:3-7	2. Romans 5:11-2, 5-8
Sat 5pm	Philomena Pinto, Shenali Fernando (PoF)	Francis Morais, Paul Reid (PoF)		
Sun 8am	Russell Watt, Kerry McKewen (PoF)	Bernard Kendall, John Shaw (PoF)		
Sun 10am	Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Ron Seeto, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)		
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto		
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi		
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Alex Houghton		
	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner	Counters: Parish Office		
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	John Salivio	Anna Dolan		
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton		
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	John Paul Bayliss		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Hiranya Fernando, Sophia Canale, Samuel Wong	Santiago Aguirre, Sydelle Kumar, Zander Cabiling		
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers		
Sun 10am	Emily Choi, Dre Canapi, Joaquin Ambrosio	William Harris, Ashley Robins, Jesse Robins		
Sanctuary Care				
	John & Joy Salivio	Louise Gordon & Claire Stirrat		
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	Caroline Harris & Louise Barnett	Caroline Harris & Louise Barnett		
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Edmond Wong, Poppy McDonnell/Antonia Brightwell	Meileun Huang/Ben & Felicity Piper/ Michka Kang, Cameron Downey		
Sun 8am	Neil Moraes	Maria Bullock		
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir, Mike Cruz	James Ioelu/Bridget Strand, Matthew Harris		

NOTICES

Important Notice Regarding Weekend Parking on Remuera Road

11.00am to 3.00pm Saturday and Sunday there is no parking on Remuera Road. This is on the left side of the road heading to Newmarket. If you are attending 10am Sunday mass, we advise not to park on Remuera Road to avoid being towed.

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

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.

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.
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 fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.org.nz
Candlelight Vigil praying for healing, mercy, and life. Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil on Sunday 15 March at 7:30pm outside the local abortion centre, AMAC. This is a meaningful way to pray for an end to abortion, remember those who have died, those who have been wounded by abortion, and to be a sign of hope. The vigil is part of the 40 Days for Life prayer effort. All welcome. For more information phone Michelle 027 526 1199 or visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife
A Public Lecture on 'Governance and Abuse in the Church' celebrating St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical Ut Unum Sint May 1995, promoting Christian Unity. A talk not to be missed by a female renowned international speaker, an expert in Canon Law, Dr. Myriam Wijlens. On 11th March 2020, 7:00PM at the St Columba Centre, Ponsonby. See <i>Church Noticeboard</i>
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 <i>Poster on Church Noticeboard</i>
33 Days Spiritual Journey. Are you called to be a Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy? Consecration to the Divine Mercy on 19 April (Divine Mercy Sunday). Preparation starts 17 March for 33 days until 18 April. \$20 for reading material. Those who previously did the consecration, please prepare for renewal. For details, please contact 02041026838. See <i>Church Noticeboard</i>
Prayer for healing and miracles. Everyone is invited to a Healing Service with Father John Rea SM on Saturday 21st March, 9.30am - 12ish at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Praise and worship and teaching followed by prayer for healing. Note: This service does not include mass. Info: Deidre Broome 09 4108899
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Can we find God in the dark?" with Fr KEVIN WALDIE sm. Wed 11 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15. • LENT 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. • Ignatian Contemplation for LENT: <i>Encounter with Jesus At Bethany where Mary anoints him</i> with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Sat 14 Mar, 1.45-4pm. \$20. • Kanohi ki te kanohi, Face to face: <i>The meaning of "Presence" in Te Ao Māori, the Māori World</i> with RICHARD KERR-BELL. Wed 18 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm. Koha/Donation.
See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.
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.