

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Postponement.** The Healing Service with Father John Rea on March 21st at Ponsonby has been postponed.

**Interfaith Service.** Sunday, March 15th 2pm - 3.30pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Auckland Inter-faith Council is bringing members of the Inter-faith network together to remember those whose lives were lost one year ago in the mosques of Christchurch. Let us be inspired to work together and pray for peace, looking forward with hope as we build a harmonious society. All are welcome at this service which will include prayer, live song, readings & time for quiet reflection.

**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.  
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**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](mailto:aucklandhospitalchaplaincy@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](mailto:finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) Telephone: (09) 625 6651 Write: 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042. Applications close 20 March 2020. *See Poster on Church Noticeboard*

**Maintenance/grounds** person required. St Benedict's Church requires a maintenance worker for approx.8-10 hours per week with some flexibility of hours/days. Position involves small repair jobs for the church or related properties, liaising with trades people as required, keeping grounds, gardens and church tidy, and other small jobs as required. Please apply in writing to Monsignor Paul Farmer, 1 St Benedict's Street, Newton, Auckland 1010 or by email at [office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz](mailto:office@stbenedictsaukland.org.nz)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:CatherineR@cda.org.nz)

**Kevin Tavar** is a 16 year old young man from Papua-New Guinea. He is from a Catholic family who are subsistence market gardeners. In 2018 Kevin came to New Zealand for an extended six month period under a programme that brings children from the Pacific to Auckland for surgical treatment unavailable in their home countries. The organisation, known as ROMAC (an acronym for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) supports costs of bringing the children to New Zealand (or Australia), supporting them while they are here, their investigation costs and after care. The organisation is entirely voluntary and is Rotary supported. Our Rotary Club was extensively involved while Kevin was in Auckland. His surgery was performed at Starship Hospital.

Kevin had a very large benign growth high up in the back of his nose, eroding the bone of the base of his skull, and was pressing on his eye nerves, causing progressive blindness. After multiple, and many hours of long operations, the growth was successfully removed and his vision has been saved with particular improvement in one eye.

During his treatment and prolonged convalescence, we got to know Kevin well. He and his mother attended this church, establishing a particular relationship and bond with Father Dunn. Kevin regards this Parish as his "special" Parish away from home.

As the Remuera Rotary Club members got to know Kevin better, over six the months he was here, we realised he was a rather special young man and he impressed us he had potential to go further.

We have been able to arrange for him to receive a scholarship to attend Wesley College in South Auckland as a year 10 Boarder with the help of one of our members who happens to be the Chairman of the School Board. He is now at the school, unfortunately starting a little late because of Visa difficulties that took time to iron out.

There are of course a lot of costs involved in supporting Kevin and we would like to ask the Parish to consider helping to support Kevin and perhaps making a contribution to his costs.

In the foyer of the Church is a pamphlet with further information explaining how you might contribute. Please pick one up if you are interested. ....Thank you for your attention.

We remember those who have recently died:

**Paul Heeney, Teariki Framhein**

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, Br Gerard Mahony**

**15th March 2020**

**Parish of St. Michael, Remuera**

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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. *Exodus* 17:3-7

2. *Romans* 5:1-2, 5-8

### Pastor's Column : 3rd Sunday of Lent 2020

Contrary to the present cultural madness, there are deep and radical differences between men and women. It has been said that the eyes are the scouts of the soul. This is more true for men, than for women. In the long run, hearing trumps sight, as far as women are concerned. There is a general tendency for young men to go along with love in order to get sex, whereas young women will go along with sex, in order to get love. Irrespective of fundamental differences between the sexes different cultures have different mores for eligible young men looking for eligible young women. At the time Jesus lived, a young eligible Jewish man, looking for a young Jewish girl, would not go on line or to a bar or club, he would go to where the ladies were, to the local well. This key piece of Jewish culture holds the key to understanding this encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. It was at a well that Moses first encountered Zipporah. Abraham's servant found a wife, Rebekah, for Isaac, at a well. Isaac's son Jacob meets his future wife Rachel at a well. In Jewish thinking there is a pattern; male foreigner meets woman at a well leading to betrothal. This is implied, too, in the reaction of Jesus' disciples, to find Jesus talking with this woman at Jacob's well.. As a Samaritan, she represents both Jew and Gentile. In this drama we see Jesus enacting the metaphor of marriage between God and his faithless bride, Israel. Jesus, as God is betrothing to himself to humanity; Jew and Gentile; "ecclesia" called to belong to the new Israel, the Church, through the living waters of baptism. These living waters of baptism, flow from the pierced side of Jesus on the cross, flowing from his heart. They are the same living waters that are prophesied by Ezekiel, to flow from the side of the new temple, growing into a mighty river, wherever it goes, he says, everything will live. Along with this water, he gives his blood, the gift of himself in the Eucharist. He breathes out his recreating Spirit in death, fulfilling his promise of life, through water and spirit. The cross is the marriage bed on which he consummates his love for his bride the Church giving of himself totally. We enter into this mystery at every Eucharist. This is my body given for you. This is my blood of the covenant poured out for you. This is all so totally awesome. Jesus said at Jacob's well, "I thirst!" He said it again on the cross, "I thirst". He is thirsting for you and for me to respond to his love. He thirsts for us to receive his love in an equally giving kind of way. Nothing is more important. Will I do it? 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	Third Sunday of Lent 14th and 15th March 2020	Fourth Sunday of Lent 21st and 22nd March 2020
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin (G), BJ Bauzon (P), Josephine Hazel-Esguerra, Nelson Aguirre, Issa Ilo-Cabiling	Rolinda D'Souza (G), Philomena Pinto (P), John Rooney, Moira Rooney, Shenali Fernando
Sun 8am	Faye McKewen (G), Joahanna Esguerra (P), Tina Fitness, Bailey Stewart, Ann Shaw	Eva Shorayi (G), Jane Penney (P), Andrew Patel, Judy Aldridge, Salvo Duarte
Sun 10am	Shobha Johnson (G), Hester Leung (P), Christopher Leung, Sara-Jane Kingston, Jonathan Spencer	Reuben Katigbak (G), Maricel D'Souza (P), Terisa Cordtz, Julie-Ann Eggermont, Jennifer Frost
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>		
	1. Exodus 17:3-7      2. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8	1. Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13      2. Ephesians 5:8-14
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais, Paul Reid (PoF)	Viki Cullen, Gay Barton (PoF)
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall, John Shaw (PoF)	Catherine Husheer, Simon Glass (PoF)
Sun 10am	Gay Barton, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)	Margaret-Mary Farrell, Sue d'Young (PoF)
<b>Collectors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Stan Pinto	Birgita Muller
Sun 8am	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Denise Valerio
	<b>Counters:</b> Parish Office	<b>Counters:</b> Eva Shorayi
<b>Laptop Operators</b>		
Sat 5pm	Anna Dolan	John Britto
Sun 8am	Anne Cotton	Bernard Kendall
Sun 10am	John Paul Bayliss	Yelena Cordtz
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Sat 5pm	Santiago Aguirre, Sydelle Kumar, Zander Cabiling	Destiny Jayamane, Hans Jayamane, Barry Quinico
Sun 8am	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad
Sun 10am	William Harris, Ashley Robins, Jesse Robins	Liam Houghton, Isaac Houghton, Aaron D'Souza
<b>Sanctuary Care</b>		
	Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge	Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
Sun 10am	Louise Gordon & Claire Stirrat	Marija Batistich
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>		
Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang/Ben & Felicity Piper/ Michka Kang, Cameron Downey	Neil Moraes & Robert Loretz Choir
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock	James Ioelu
Sun 10am	James Ioelu/Bridget Strand, Matthew Harris	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes and Meileen Huang

### NOTICES

**St Michael's Scripture Study Group** We will meet again Sunday 15 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.

#### **Pastoral Council News**

From the meeting of 3 March: the Lenten Programme, which started this week, has attracted 85 enrolments; a new meditation group will be formed if there is sufficient parish interest; a message to be sent to Cardinal Dew with best wishes for an recovery from his recent indisposition; approval given to the social worker ministry to be offered in the parish by the Caring & Support Committee with the support of Catholic Social Services; discussion of the programme for Holy Week and Easter and plans to form a team to organise the Prayers Around the Cross service for Good Friday evening; the mission statement in the new pastoral plan to become the congregation prayer following the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses; liturgical ministry roster coordinators Tina Fitness (Holy Communion) and Louise Gordon (Readers of the Word) to join the Liturgy Committee.

**Meditation Group** - Those interested in being part of a newly formed Meditation group in the parish are invited to email or telephone the parish office by 30 March.

**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](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz)) know if you are interested by the 6th of March.

**Sacristy Ministry** - Fr. Tony would like to hear from parishioners who would join the group of ministers assisting 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. Please contact Fr. Tony.

**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 the parish office.

**Social Worker Available** - Parishioners who feel they may benefit from consultation with a social worker can arrange an appointment to meet with the parish social worker, Annie Summerfield. Annie is a parishioner and a registered social worker with a master's degree from the University of Auckland. There will be no charge to parishioners for Annie's services; she will be working on a voluntary and part-time basis. Those interested should make an appointment with Annie through the parish office. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained at all stages. For further information please contact Fr. Tony.

**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)

**Baradene College Alumnae A.G.M.** - The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2020 AGM at Baradene College "The Parlour" on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 6.30pm.

**Covid-19 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 12 March 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 [fii.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fii.org.nz/40daysforlife) or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or [michelle@fii.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fii.org.nz)

**TONIGHT: Candlelight Vigil praying for healing, mercy, and life.** Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil this 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 [fii.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fii.org.nz/40daysforlife)

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](mailto:pastoraloffice@ccda.org.nz). Morning Tea provided. Please bring own lunch. For topics and speakers, visit our website [here](http://fii.org.nz).

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**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 Church Noticeboard

Voluntary Position - **Natural Fertility Educator.** We are seeking person(s) or husband & wife couple(s) 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 May 2020). This is becoming a highly popular form of Family planning and also helps couples struggling with infertility and we are responding to this need by offering a service. The closing date is fast approaching. Contact Gerry on 09- 3603025 / 021- 02247442 or [geryns@cda.org.nz](mailto:geryns@cda.org.nz)

Voluntary Position - **Marriage Educators.** 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 April 2020. Find out more about this voluntary role - contact Gerry on 09- 3603025 / 021-02247442 or [geryns@cda.org.nz](mailto:geryns@cda.org.nz)