

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), is the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Your donation is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

Donation details: **Sea Sunday INTERNET BANKING DONATION to: 01-0297-0024651-00 (AoSNZ Auckland) In the 'Payees/Particulars' box please write: your initials (optional) / Donation AoS Email name and address for tax-rebate receipt to: evashorayi@gmail.com ; quote your initials and date of donation.**

For more information about its work and volunteering, visit www.aos.org.nz

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

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

The July 12-25 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Church doesn't require Jesus to be blonde and blue-eyed. New home for babies and mothers. Christchurch parish outreach training planned. Caritas opposes West Bank plans. Available for sale in the church porch - \$4 in the papers box please.

The Marist Messenger (July 2020) is available for sale in the church porch - \$6 in the papers box please.

Journey through the Book of Ruth. Each day of this Retreat the following themes from the Book of Ruth will be explored: Ruth the Prophet, Ruth's radical trust in Providence, the Theology of Blessing, and the Ministry of Empowerment. Sun 12th to Wed 15th July 2020, 10.00am – 3.00pm. *See Parish Noticeboard for details*

Organ Recital - Sunday 19th July 4pm at the Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Rd, Takapuna, Auckland
Admission by programme: Suggested donation \$25 to organ refurbishment funds

Bishop Pat invites you to attend the Caring Foundation's **Caring Mass on Wednesday 22nd July 2020**. It will be held at Christ the King parish, Owairaka at 11.30am with light refreshments to follow.
If you are able to attend, please RSVP to info@caringfoundation.org.nz before the 17th of July. All are very welcome.

An evening of meditative prayer and music of Taizé *See Parish Noticeboard for details*
Friday 31 July 2020, 7.00 pm. – 8.00 pm. Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland

The **Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith** will be held this year on **Saturday 15th August at 3pm**. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

Liturgy Conference 2020

An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference 1-3 October at Baradene College. Worshipping under Southern Skies | *Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi* - Weaving together Liturgy and Life | *E rarangatia ana ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata*. It will be a great opportunity to grow in faith. Please visit the website wuss.org.nz *See Parish Noticeboard for details*



We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John O'Brien

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

Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Jenny Hart, Tony Vela, Francine Morais, Michael Pender, Luningning Gerobin Sarmiento, Bronwen Hughes, Fr Justin Taylor sm, Br Gerard Mahony, Patricia Bolton

12th July 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. Isaiah 55:10-11
2. Romans 8:18-23

Pastor's Column : 15th Sunday 2020 in Ordinary Time

Those of you who like fishing, sailing or boating will know a simple acoustic fact, that sound travels more easily over water than land. Within walking distance of Tabgha, in Galilee, the traditional place of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, is a lesser known place called the "Bay of Parables". It is a natural amphitheatre. Knowing sound travels better over water, it makes sense for Jesus to have told his stories from a boat and with his listeners backed by a natural sound-shell. The other curious thing about this place, is that even now there are areas of rock, fertile soil, thorns, pathways marked with purple rocks and birds. Communicators tell us to use concrete visual images; it is easy to imagine Jesus pointing to these different types of soil from the boat, helping his parable to come alive. The Greek word "paraballo" means, "to place one thing besides another." The scripture scholar C.H.Dodd, in his book, "The Parables of the kingdom," defines a parable as a "metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought." The parable of "the Sower" invites us to play with it, perhaps to get an, "Aha", insight, a glimpse into the "mysterion", the hiddenness of the Kingdom of God and of Jesus Himself. The ultimate "mysterion" is Himself, the God-man. Perhaps He intended the parable not to be understood until after His death and Resurrection and gifting of the Holy Spirit.

Whether present water issues in Auckland are due to climate change aka weather, or infrastructure and management issues of Water-care, in every age water is necessary for agriculture. It was true of Jesus time as it is now. Israel is semi-tropical and has rain only from October to April. Water storage is an important issue, more so in Jesus time, perhaps lacking the modern sophisticated irrigation techniques now utilised in Israel. Seed storage was important too and seed wasn't to be wasted. It is this last point on which hinges the twist in the parable of the Sower and the seed. This farmer is kind of crazy, or at least, 1st century farmer-Jews, hearing this story, would have thought so. Throwing seeds in all directions was both wasteful and futile. Yet Jesus, the Word, and the Sower, does that. The words of the Word are for everyone, not just the Jews. God's munificence is scandalously wasteful! What is key too, is that an individual response is crucial, we cannot exonerate ourselves from the responsibility of responding by disappearing into an amorphous collectivity. For Jesus hearer's it meant there would not be an elevation en masse of the chosen people into the New Israel. The parable can be approached from different angles. One way is to frame it through the lens of timing and the different conditions of the human heart; the rock, the path and birds, the thorns and the good soil may indicate different levels of receptivity contingent on what is going on in a person's life at a particular time. eg at home life may be sweet- seed fruitfulness, but when I go to work, I may have a stoney relationship with some co-workers. Is that where God is asking for his seed-Word to touch and convert? Jesus quoted most from the book of Deuteronomy, of all the five books of the Torah. A key word from that book is the Hebrew word, "Shema", meaning to hear and obey. Listen and then put into action. When he finishes the parable, "If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen," he would be meaning, "Shema!" Another angle may be that the seeds are the disciples themselves, to be sent on mission and the various conditions of soil will be the various reactions that they will meet as they proclaim the Kingdom of God. Indifference, initial responsiveness that fades, yes but, and sometimes different levels of fruitfulness. Pat Dodson an Aboriginal and politician and one time Catholic priest, tells of how he was taught public speaking, by a blind mentor. On one occasion his mentor interrupted, "I can't see what you're saying. Speak in pictures." This, Jesus certainly did and he would have cured Pat's mentor to see, not only imaginings but reality of the Mysterion, itself! Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	15th Sunday Ordinary Time 11th and 12th July 2020	16th Sunday Ordinary Time 18th and 19th July 2020
	Ministers of Holy Communion	
Sat 5pm	BJ Bauzon (P), Nelson Aguirre (G)	Lyn Laurenson (P), Neil Laurenson (G)
Sun 8am	Jane Penney (P), Faye McKewen (G)	Andrew Patel (P), Josephine Hazel-Esquerre (G)
Sun 10am	Christopher Leung (P), Anne Stevenson (G), Hester Leung	Shamali Nageswaran (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Julie-Ann Eggermont
Proclaimers of the Word		
	1. Isaiah 55:10-11 2. Romans 8:18-23	1. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 2. Romans 8:26-27
Sat 5pm	Kelsey Turner, Francis Morais (PoF)	Kate McKay, Sr Alice Hardiman SMSM (PoF)
Sun 8am	Catherine Husheer, John Shaw (PoF)	Russell Watt, Bernard Kendall (PoF)
Sun 10am	Margaret-Mary Farrell, Sue d'Young (PoF)	Louise Gordon, Jane Gordon (PoF)
Collectors		
Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Fitzmaurice Family
	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner	Counters: Parish Office
Laptop Operators		
Sat 5pm	John Britto	John Trenwith
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Marie Olvido	Jennifer Frost
Altar Servers		
Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Santiago Aguirre	Hiranya Fernando, Sophia Canale, Samuel Wong
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers
Sun 10am	Dre Canapi, Stella Valerio, Joaquin Ambrosio	Emily Choi, Ashley Robins, Jesse Robins
Sanctuary Care		
	John & Joy Salivio	Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge
Children's Liturgy		
Sun 10am	Children's Liturgy will recommence in term 3	
Musicians / Cantors		
Sat 5pm	Edmond Wong, Anna Dolan, Ben & Felicity Piper	James loelu, Bridget Strand
Sun 8am	Annemarie Kerridge	Maria Bullock
Sun 10am	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes and Meileen Huang	Mike Cruz & Alleluia Choir

NOTICES

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.*

Musicians get together Sunday July 26th after 11am Mass

Calling all those involved in the St Michaels Music Ministry Past & Present!

You are invited to a musical get together on Sunday July 26th after the 11am Mass then lunch in the Parish House. At 11.15am James loelu will present a session for Singers; 11.45am Philip Smith with organists and Musicians. It's a great chance to increase our skills and meet and get to know the singers and organists of all groups. Please RSVP to louise@porter.nz with numbers of adults and children attending for catering purposes

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 acotton@maxnet.co.nz

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

Baptism Preparation Course

A reminder to those attending, please meet in the Parish House after 10am mass (Sunday 12th July).

Diocesan Vacancies

Accountant – Pompallier Diocesan Centre. A full time role is responsible for managing the financial functions contained within the role responsibility. The Accountant will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information to ensure the Diocese fully meets statutory requirements and achieves strategic goals.

Assistant Accountant – Pompallier Diocesan Centre. The Assistant Accountant is responsible for co-ordinating and effectively delivering the financial functions contained within the role responsibility. This role is full time and works closely with all members of the Finance Team to ensure the highest standards in financial processing and reporting are delivered for the Diocese.

Hospital Chaplain North Shore Hospital Applications are sought from experienced or otherwise suitably qualified persons for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at North Shore Hospital. Applicants should ideally have completed or be willing to complete a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education course or equivalent and/or some experience in parish ministry or other relevant chaplaincy ministry position. The ability to provide spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to people with a range of health needs and from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, and to participate in a multi-disciplinary health care team consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, is essential.

To view the full advertisements and position descriptions, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under the Administration Tab and Staff Vacancies.

St Benedicts Parish is looking to fill a position for a part time Sacristan - see the Parish noticeboard for details.

Administration Assistant/ PA - St Luke's Parish Flat Bush

Part Time - 20 hours per week. See Parish noticeboard for job description details.

If you are interested, please apply with a cover note and CV to office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat 2020 In the dynamic of the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola 'Come and See' 6 day: **25 October** (10am)– 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770 apply to chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

Draw closer to Jesus and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome to attend an 8 week **Life in the Spirit Seminar** at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. 8 Tuesdays starting 7 July 2020, 7.30pm. (Cuppa from 7pm). Register with Ally 376-4303 or ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com

Nau Mai Haere Mai "COME AND SEE" **Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy. Saturday 18th July 2020** 9.30am to 1.30pm Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie RSVP and for more information contact: - vocations@mercy.org.nz Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439

See Parish Noticeboard for details

SMCS Reflective Area

To the right and on the Parish Noticeboard is a picture of the proposed St Michael's Catholic School Reflective area. We are looking for people who can make this for the school. If you or someone you know have the skills to help make these tiles then please let us know.

