

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](mailto:info@caringfoundation.org.nz) before 17th July. All are very welcome.

**Caring Sunday: The Annual Appeal for The Caring Foundation**

Please remember the work of the Caring Foundation on Caring Sunday, 26th July and support our annual appeal and families and communities in need.

With your support, The Foundation gives grants to social services across the diocese who care for our brothers and sisters in need. A gift to our annual appeal will support struggling families in hardship, our young people, our vulnerable elderly, and mothers and their babies and so much more. Please consider a gift today through the second collection, or through our website [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or to directly to our account: 02-0100-0242648-00. To find out more about the work of the Foundation, please visit our website or take home our newsletter from Mass today.



**Sea Sunday**

From the Auckland Stella Maris Team - Our heartfelt gratitude to you all for your prayers and support during this Sea Sunday. Once again, you have extended Christ's helping hand of compassion to the seafarers.

**Mercy Spirituality Centre** @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) for more info.

See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**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

**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](http://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](http://wuss.org.nz) See Parish Noticeboard for details



We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
**Andrew & Rose Chong Wong, Elizabeth Mary Kessler, Jennifer Spencer**

Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers, especially:  
**Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Jenny Hart, Tony Vela, Michael Pender, Luningning Gerobin Sarmiento, Bronwen Hughes, Fr Justin Taylor sm, Patricia Bolton**

**PARISH of ST. MICHAEL**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**19th July 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. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
2. Romans 8:26-27

**Pastor's Column : 16th Sunday 2020 in Ordinary Time**

A feisty parishioner recently remarked to me that: "You can't kill weeds!" I wasn't sure if she was referring to herself, myself, or a well-known noxious Epsom gnome! Once again we find in Jesus parables, surprises that hold the key to the "mysterion" or mysterious nature of the Kingdom of God. Parables or "mashal", are riddles that both reveal and conceal, at the same time. The first of these three parables surprises us by the utter cussedness of the enemy. The naivety of the farm hands is reflected in their question, "did you not sow good seed?" Evil easily insinuates itself, when good people "can't believe" this could happen! The second surprise is the farmer's response, "Let them grow together!" Jesus listeners may have expected his Kingdom to be something other than a mixed bag of good and bad people. His Church, the Kingdom of God on earth is such a ragtag bag. Any exit strategy, based on disillusionment, will in the long run be exiting the proverbial frying pan into a far worse fire. The sorting, is the business of the angels at the final judgement; but will they find any faith on earth?

The jolt of the next parable lies in Jesus using a mustard tree as an image of His Kingdom, rather than perhaps expected, a mighty cedar of Lebanon. The mustard plant is a weed, perhaps not unlike that plague of NZ farmers, gorse! Not only is Jesus using the image of growth, something having very small beginnings growing into something comparatively large, but also His Kingdom will be like a weed, as my feisty friend said, you won't be able to kill it off- it'll just keep springing up again, everywhere.

The third strike, if two wasn't enough, was for Jesus to use the image of yeast. His Jewish hearers knew that yeast was regarded as something, "unclean", so that would have surprised. That is why unleavened bread was used at Passover. The bread had to be pure. Jesus warns of the "leaven" of the Pharisees. Once again, it is an image of small beginnings leading to extensive growth. Three measures of flour was a lot, approx 23 kg. Jesus hearers would have recognised this story coming from the time when the angels visited Abraham. He told Sarah to get three "seahs" of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread. (Gen 18:6) It would have been enough to feed a hundred people. That Sarah would do that for just three people, heavenly visitors too, would have been astonishing and memorable. The "mysterion" of the parable may be referring to the Kingdom of God's anticipation of the extravagant heavenly feast to come!

In old English, the word, "Our Lady" means, "one who kneads the dough!" As the Liturgy prays, "she watches over the growing Church on its pilgrim journey with a Mother's love". Catholic tradition envisages Mary's presence active in all three parables; Mary is the Gate of Heaven, as the 7th century hymn by Venantius Fortunatus sings, "So that the weak may enter heaven, you kindly smooth their path." There is, with her help, hope for the damel. She is the one who gave flesh to the tiny seed of the Word, planted in her womb by the Holy Spirit; that flesh, the fruit of the tree of the Cross whose open arms now welcomes all, like the mustard tree welcoming the birds of the air.

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                         | 16th Sunday Ordinary Time<br>18th and 19th July 2020          |  | 17th Sunday Ordinary Time<br>25th and 26th July 2020            |  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|                                | <b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>                            |  |   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | Lyn Laurenson (P), Neil Laurenson (G)                         |  | Issa Ilo-Cabiling (P), Francisco Byun (G)                       |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Andrew Patel (P), Josephine Hazel-Esquerria (G)               |  | Frances Hay-MacKenzie (P), Lianne Lyons (G)                     |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Shamali Nageswaran (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Julie-Ann Eggemont |  | Phil Porteous (P), Deepak Albert (G), Jerome Anthony            |  |
| <b>Proclaimers of the Word</b> |   |  |   |  |
|                                | 1. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  |  | 2. Romans 8:26-27   |  |
|                                | 1. 1Kings 3:5, 7-12   |  | 2. Romans 8:28-30   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | Kate McKay, Sr Alice Hardiman SMSM (PoF)                      |  | Shenali Fernando, Paul Reid (PoF)                               |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Russell Watt, Bernard Kendall (PoF)                           |  | Simon Glass, Clare Wade (PoF)                                   |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Louise Gordon, Jane Gordon (PoF)                              |  | Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)                      |  |
| <b>Collectors</b>              |   |  |   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | Stan Pinto  |  | Birgita Muller  |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi                                  |  | Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan                                    |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Fitzmaurice Family  |  | Alex Houghton   |  |
|                                | <b>Counters:</b> Parish Office                                |  | <b>Counters:</b> Eva Shorayi                                    |  |
| <b>Laptop Operators</b>        |   |  |   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | John Trenwith   |  | India Twomey  |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Mike Molloy   |  | Jo Hazel  |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Jennifer Frost  |  | Dominic Baylis  |  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>           |   |  |   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | Hiranya Fernando, Sophia Canale, Samuel Wong                  |  | Esmenia D'Souza, Zander Cabiling, Barry Quinico                 |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Patrick Tighe-Umbers, Simon Tighe-Umbers                      |  | Keira Croad, Jacob Croad, Samuel Wong                           |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Emily Choi, Ashley Robins, Jesse Robins                       |  | Liam Houghton, Isaac Houghton, Aaron D'Souza Micayla-Jane Elika |  |
| <b>Sanctuary Care</b>          |   |  |   |  |
|                                | Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge                                 |  | Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan                                 |  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>      |   |  |   |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Children's Liturgy will recommence in term 3                  |  | Jane & Claire   |  |
| <b>Musicians / Cantors</b>     |   |  |   |  |
| Sat 5pm                        | James loelu   |  | Robert Loretz Choir & Neil Moraes                               |  |
| Sun 8am                        | Neil Moraes   |  | Edmond Wong   |  |
| Sun 10am                       | Mike Cruz & Alleluia Choir                                    |  | James loelu   |  |

## NOTICES

### Musicians get together Sunday 26th July after 10am Mass

Calling all those involved in the St Michael's Music Ministry.

You are invited to a musical get together after the 10am Mass then lunch in the Parish House (or downstairs if it's raining). 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](mailto:louise@porter.nz) with numbers of adults and children attending for catering purposes.

### Help Requested for Delivering Anti-Euthanasia Flyers

Please support this effort by our parish to inform the voting public of the dangers of the End of Life Choice Act. We plan to do this by delivering flyers to local letterboxes during the weekend of 1-2 August.

If you or any members of your family are able to help, please call the Parish Office or email [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz) as soon as possible so a plan can be made for the numbers taking part.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:carole.kenealy@gmail.com)

**Baptism Preparation** - to those booked, meet in the Parish House after 10am mass (19<sup>th</sup> July) for session two.

### Pastoral Council

Among matters dealt with at the monthly meeting held on 7 July: a communication to parishioners regarding the parliamentary election; a submission to the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference on issues facing the church; arrangements for the parish annual meeting; a progress report on the delivery of the parish pastoral plan; reports from the pastoral committees and project groups including the update of the parish register, forthcoming parish social gatherings, and arrangements to support the ministry to take holy communion to parishioners unable to get to Mass.

### 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](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under the Administration Tab and Staff Vacancies.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:chair@ignatianspirituality.nz)

### 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: [a.mckeown@smcs.school.nz](mailto:a.mckeown@smcs.school.nz)

