

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.*

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to remember the tragedy that is war, on this the 75th anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (August 6th) and Nagasaki (August 9th) in Japan 1945. We ask you to pray for the prohibition of all nuclear weapons and to pray for peace in the world.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass : Friday 7th August at 7:00pm. St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome

The **Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith** will be held this year on **Saturday 15th August at 3pm**. If you would like to be part of the Rosary, please come to St. Michael's Church at 2.50pm for a 3pm start on Saturday 15th August. All invited and welcome.

Choral Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
We are happy to once again to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Saturday 15th August at 7pm**.
Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. All are very welcome.
Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral. <https://www.facebook.com/events/211864553465535/>

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

Sacred Heart College Ashburton - Reunion lunch (earlier postponed because of Covid) will now be held on **Thursday 15 October** at Hotel Ashburton 12.30pm. Please register your interest (or any queries) to Mary Schmack mdsmck27@gmail.com - 027 550 5783 or Therese Toneycliffe grahamtonycliffenz@gmail.com

A 6 day residential silent individually guided retreat. In the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola **25 October 10am - 30 October 4pm**, St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland Cost: \$770. Apply to chair@ignatianspirituality.nz See Noticeboard for details

We remember those who have recently died:

Elizabeth Tam

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Laurence Gordon

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, Hazel Milligan

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

2nd August 2020

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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 55:1-3
2. Romans 8:35, 37-39

Pastor's Column : 18th Sunday 2020 in Ordinary Time

As a bishop and as Pope Benedict, Joseph Ratzinger often emphasised that the *via pulchritudinis, the way of beauty*, constitutes a privileged pathway for the new Evangelisation. In a world hostile to truth and good moral behaviour derived from truth, the universal language of beauty would be both the medium and message of conveying the Gospel. Above Judges Bay, at the bottom of Gladstone Rd., are the Dove-Myer Robinson gardens; some 5000 roses beautify this space with a kaleidoscope of colour and fragrance. It was the beauty of colourful flower beds dotting the light green spring grass, not of roses, but of people in their multicoloured clothes, that St Peter remarked on, recounting to St Mark the miracle of the loaves and fish. It is in the original Greek. This miracle, the only one recorded in all four Gospels, was a true miracle by which Jesus mysteriously fed the 5000 and more, with those five loaves and two fish. One can only imagine the boy, who no doubt reluctantly surrendered them, being beside himself with wide eyed wonder at what was happening to his lunchbox. We can wonder too, at whatever happened to that boy in his future life? Mark tells us that Jesus **took**, the bread, **gave thanks** "eucharisted" it, **blessed, broke** and **gave** it. That quinary of descriptive words have echoed down the centuries and are used at the Eucharist in our time too. St Matthew, as read today, has his own take on the miracle of loaves. One of Matthew's themes is "more than". He likens Jesus to Moses, but He is "more than" Moses. He likens Jesus to the temple, but Jesus is "more than" the Temple. He is the son of David and Abraham but "more than" either of these. In 2 Kings 4: 32-44 we find the story of Elisha, who asked for a double share of the spirit of his master, the prophet Elijah. Elisha takes 20 loaves and feeds 100 people. Jesus, is "more than" Elisha, he takes 5 loaves and feeds 5000 and some more besides. Matthew, always with an eye to OT parallels, invites us to look back to the miracle of Elisha, then to see Jesus as doing "more than" Elisha and then pointing forward to Jesus. instituting the miracle of the Eucharist. The Church links this Eucharistic miracle to the OT reading from Isaiah. There God's people are invited to a superabundant and supernatural banquet, that is free. Isaiah refers to David's covenant which was a sacred familial bond, sealed with an unbloody sacrifice of bread and wine. The bread and wine, referred to as the Bread of the Presence, were placed in the tabernacle. (L. tabernaculum =tent). Isaiah is looking forward to Jesus, who establishes a new covenant, when he identifies the bread and wine with his own Body and Blood. It is this Bread we pray for in the discipleship prayer, the Our Father. We pray for our daily bread, the super-substantial bread of the Eucharist, Jesus Himself. The Catholic Catechism reminds us: "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life...for in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself, our Pasch." and St Augustine regretting a misspent youth, "Late have I loved you, O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!"

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	18th Sunday Ordinary Time 1st and 2nd August 2020		19th Sunday Ordinary Time 8th and 9th August 2020	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin (P), Krystal Turner (G)		Shenali Fernando (P), Francisco Byun (G)	
Sun 8am	Michael Franklin (P), Faye McKewen (G)		Eva Shorayi (P), Ann Shaw (G)	
Sun 10am	Maricel D'Souza (P), Jonathan Spencer (G), Dirk Van Dort		Terisa Cordtz (P), Jennifer Frost (G), Reuben Katigbak	
Proclaimers of the Word				
	<i>1. Isaiah 55:1-3</i>	<i>2. Romans 8:35, 37-39</i>	<i>1. 1Kings 19:9, 11-13</i>	<i>2. Romans 9:1-5</i>
Sat 5pm	Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Zac Cabiling (PoF)		Gay Barton, Francis Morais (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Peter Hay-MacKenzie, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)		John Shaw, Russell Watt (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Margaret-Mary Farrell, Louise Gordon (PoF)		TBA, Margaret van Meewen (PoF)	
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	Movez D'Souza		Surajith Fernando	
Sun 8am	Anne Cotton		Bernard Kendall	
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz		John Paul Baylis	
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Santiago Aguirre		Francine and Ben Morais, Esmenia D'Souza	
Sun 8am	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Jonathan Luxford		Keira and Jacob Croad, Samuel Wong	
Sun 10am	William Harris, Gian Pollaruste, Aaron D'souza		Dre Canapi, Ashley and Jessie Robins	
Sanctuary Care				
	Albert & Cynthia Agustin		Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson	
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	Marija Batistich & Louise Barnett		Sara-Jane & Ralph Elika	
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang, Anna Dolan		Neil Moraes, Anna Dolan, Ben & Felicity Piper	
Sun 8am	Annemarie Kerridge		Maria Bullock	
Sun 10am	Matthew Harris and Antonia Brightwell		Alleluia Choir	

NOTICES

Baptism Preparation Course

The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning in August. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on **Sunday 30th August, 20th and 27th September** (*there is a 2 week break between the first and second sessions*). Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. Please contact the parish office office@remueracatholic.org.nz or phone 520-1226 to register.

The final programme for the year will be held in on 8th, 15th, 22nd November.

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 and 8-9 August.

If you or any members of your family are able to help, please call the Parish Office or email 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

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School / Parish Mass

There will be a School / Parish Mass on **Saturday 15th August at 5pm** celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. All are very welcome to attend.

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



Fundraiser Concert for St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies - Sunday 27 September 2020 at 2pm

St. Michael's is hosting a fundraiser concert featuring bass-baritone James loelu (and others) to raise funds for the recently opened St Gianna's Home based in Auckland. The Home's official opening and blessing was performed by Auxiliary Bishop Michael Gielen on Friday 19 June. Further details of the concert to be held at St. Michael's Church in September will follow. Please **save the date** for this wonderful and worthy event.

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

Can you help? Once again we appeal to your generosity as we need beds, mattresses and blankets for our homeless families. Lately we have housed many families from Monte Cecilia Housing Trust and they have moved out and have no beds. If you are able to help, please call Elaine Lolesio Phone 275 6661 or 0277770632 or email elaine@montececilia.org.nz for collection. We appreciate your support. Thank you

Pregnancy Help, a charity serving vulnerable pregnant women and women facing unplanned pregnancies, is looking to lease inexpensive office space, 80 -100m2 in the suburbs within a 10 km radius of the city centre. Please contact Kheng or Dori on 09 373 2599 or auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz.

