

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*



Baradene Art Show – free admission 10-4 on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August, we'd love to see you there!
 For more show information visit www.baradeneartshow.co.nz

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/>

Social Justice Election Forum: 7:00pm Tuesday 18 August 2020 St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby hosted by the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission. This is your chance to ask representatives of all the major Parties where they stand on important issues. All welcome. For further information contact Theresa Fepuleai theresafeps@yahoo.com or Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz

THE GIFT (Life in the Spirit Seminar in DVD presentation) Pope Francis encourages all Catholics the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Orewa Parish Prayer Group invite you all to this course commencing 19th August, and following 5 Wed nights. 7.15 pm in hall attached to St John the Evangelist church. This modern adaptation of the standard LSS is compelling, engaging and completely Catholic in its approach. Suitable for all ages. Contact: Brian & Barbara Hines 0274837180 or bahines@orcon.net.nz or just come along.

Diocesan Mission Map The Diocesan Mission Map (Pastoral Plan) will be officially launched on the first Sunday of Advent. All parishioners are welcome to an unpacking session 29 AUGUST 2020 9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM, St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. B.Y.O: Enthusiasm, Interest, Questions, Lunch. A chance to find out what is happening and be part of the response. *See Noticeboard in Church Porch*

Dear parishioners of St. Michael's Parish. You are warmly invited to the Liturgy Conference, Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy and Life, to be held at Baradene College from 1st – 3rd October.

This Conference brings together excellent keynote speakers and a mouth-watering variety of Breakout Sessions to choose from. Have a look at the website <https://wuss.org.nz/>. 2,000 years ago, a woman came to a well, expecting to get just a little water. She was deeply touched and left the well a changed woman. This Conference will be a well on our journey: a time to grow deeper in faith, to grow stronger in community, to grow richer in love, more vibrant in our communal prayer and celebration of the liturgy. We will discover anew the rhythm of liturgy feeding into our daily life, our daily life returning to be nourished by the liturgy of the Church. It will be a time to pause, ponder and rejoice in the richness of the mystery of God, a time of newness in our journey of faith. <https://wuss.org.nz/>

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the residential MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – 2-4 October at Bella Rakha Retreat Centre, Oratia. BOOK NOW! As this will be the last weekend for a while. Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@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:

Laurentina Tenorio

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

David Livingston, Andrew & Rose Chong-Wong, Nada Druskovich, Nikola Druskovich

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

Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Jenny Hart, Tony Vela, Michael Pender, Bronwen Hughes, Fr Justin Taylor sm, Patricia Bolton, Hazel Milligan

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

9th August 2020

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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. 1Kings 19:9, 11-13

2. Romans 9:1-5

Pastor's Column : 19th Sunday 2020 in Ordinary Time

Suzanne Aubert, foundress of the Sister's of the Home of Compassion, relates an incident that occurred to her around the age of two and a half. Beyond the bottom gate of her family home was a pond, a very large pond. It was iced over, as it was winter. Suzanne and her brother Alphonse chased a piglet out across the ice, which cracked, unable to sustain their exuberant weight. Suzanne fell through, hitting rocks and sustaining a severe concussion, subsequently being rescued by her father. Her arms and legs were crippled and she could not see. After many treatments and spas, she eventually recovered. In spite of her misadventure, others, including the piglet we assume, have been more fortunate and enjoyed hours of winter enjoyment skating, sliding, crossing frozen lakes. Yes, we can walk on water, in its solid state of ice. Many have tried to rationalise this miracle story believing it couldn't have happened; sand bars, shifting shorelines, hidden rocks have all been suggested; no one has been adventurous enough to suggest the Galilee freezing over. Given the flights of fancy or fantasy of climatologists of our own time- anything, though, is possible. This is called eisegesis, reading into the text pre-digested opinionated opinions. Exegesis allows the text to tell its own story. This miraculous event is a Theophany. A manifestation of God himself and his power. The Creator doing what he likes with his creation, as Cardinal Newman would say. The clue is in Jesus saying, "It is I!" Given he was a middle-Eastern Jew and not an Irishman who might say, "Its myself!" we find Jesus assuming to himself what has been called the "Tetra-grammaton." Tetra- four and grammaton- letters referring to YHWH (Yahweh) or JHVH (Jehovah), the name that God revealed to Moses at Mose's encounter at the burning bush. " I am who I am !" The fear, manifested by the disciples, is the natural response of a creature in the presence of the Creator. Their eventual prostration before him too, was such a likewise natural response. We see in this event Peter's natural reflexive precociousness; over-reaching himself, even in faith. Did Jesus anticipate this event by naming him, Petrus or Rock, because he foresaw him sinking like a stone? It was not doubt itself, but his succumbing to it, that sunk his boat so to speak. Doubt can be seed bed for faith, a faith that is based on reason and graced to go beyond reason. Suzanne Aubert is a great example to us of a woman of faith, who in spite of sometimes insurmountable difficulties, trusted God. It is not surprising she took as one of her mentors, St Joseph, that man of quiet and most resolute faith!

Fr Tony Dunn

Parish Annual Meeting - Sunday 11 October

In the school hall, after the 10.00am Mass. Please diary the date.

ROSTER	19th Sunday Ordinary Time 8th and 9th August 2020	20th Sunday Ordinary Time 15th and 16th August 2020
	Ministers of Holy Communion	
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando (P), Francisco Byun (G)	Philomena Pinto (P), John Rooney (G)
Sun 8am	Eva Shorayi (P), Ann Shaw (G)	Bailey Stewart (P), Silvio Duarte (G)
Sun 10am	Terisa Cordtz (P), Jennifer Frost (G), Reuben Katigbak	Sara-Jane Kingston (P), JR Ambrosio (G), Robert Salivio
Proclaimers of the Word		
	1. 1Kings 19:9, 11-13 2. Romans 9:1-5	1. Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 2. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Sat 5pm	Gay Barton, Francis Morais (PoF)	St Michael's School Children
Sun 8am	John Shaw, Russell Watt (PoF)	Eileen Piper-Robinson, John Shaw (PoF)
Sun 10am	Simon Glass, Margaret van Meewen (PoF)	Louise Gordon, Margaret-Mary Farrell (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	Surajith Fernando	School Mass
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall	Kerry McKewen
Sun 10am	John Paul Baylis	Yelena Cordtz
Altar Servers		
Sat 5pm	Francine and Ben Morais, Esmenia D'Souza	Zander Cabiling, Stella Valerio, Joaquin Ambrosio (School Mass)
Sun 8am	Keira and Jacob Croad, Samuel Wong	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Jonathan Luxford
Sun 10am	Dre Canapi, Ashley and Jessie Robins	William Harris, Gian Pollaruste, Dre Canapi
Sanctuary Care		
	Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson	Eric Balderas & Meg Crisostomo
Children's Liturgy		
Sun 10am	Sara-Jane & Ralph Elika	No Children's Liturgy
Musicians / Cantors		
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Anna Dolan, Ben & Felicity Piper	St. Michael's School Choir
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock	Matthew Harris
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Tim Gasson, Steve Hughes & Meileen Huang

NOTICES

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School / Parish Mass

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

Pastoral Council

Among the matters dealt with at the monthly meeting held on 4 August: the annual meeting of the parish is to be held on **Sunday 11 October** from 11.00am; material reflecting gospel values is being made available to parishioners prior to the general election; the religious education programmes conducted in the parish have resumed following the pandemic lockdown; a leaflet about the parish and church is being developed to inform visitors; a parish farewell to the sisters of the Cluny community is to be held; a report on the musicians gathering held on Sunday 26 July; the parish ministry taking Holy Communion to the sick and elderly at home is now conducted by 10 ministers to some 46 housebound parishioners at 17 different addresses.

<p>The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15 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.</p>
<p>St. Michael's meet for a pro-life rosary at 8pm before the Sunday 8:30pm mass. All welcome.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>The August 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Priests shouldn't promote political parties. Auckland's Mercy Spirituality Centre closes. Vatican instruction gives guidance on parish reforms. St Paul a model for ecumenical dialogue. \$4 in the papers box in the Church Porch please.</p>
<p>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.</p>

