

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*

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



Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 7 September, 7-8.30pm: Mary in the Gospel of Luke.

Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-4/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son) with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-the-prodigal-son/>

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:

Sr Josephine (Sister Jo) Gresham, Sr Olivina Isitolo Wallis

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, Elena Ambion, Movez D'Souza**

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Column : 23rd Sunday 2020 in Ordinary Time

6th September 2020

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Emma Houghton (children)

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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. [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

2. [Romans 13:8-10](#)

There is a story, attributed to St Frances de Sales, regarding a woman who confessed to the sin of gossip. For her penance she was told to go to the top of a nearby hill, with a pillow of duck-down, cut it open and shake the feathers out to be carried away by the wind. She then had to go and collect up every last feather from the surrounding countryside, into which they had blown. Such is the nature and power of words - once they leave our mouths, who knows how, when and where they may be repeated or end up? The story has a modern spin on it, in its application to emails! Was St Paul thinking of this when he wrote to the Church at Corinth about the nature of love: "...love does not take delight in other people's sins..." (1 Cor: 13: 1ff) The roots of this particular twist in our humanity may lie in what Carl Jung called shadow projection. We harbour within us aspects of ourselves, disowned, rejected and unloved, being unlovely. Rather than face, accept and tame these inner dragons, we project them out onto others where with self-righteous indignation we can tongue-lash them mercilessly. A handy handle on this is graphically described when we finger point; only to be disconcerted to find three fingers pointing back at ourselves. Jesus confronts one aspect of this unsavoury human attribute in today's Gospel. We are to voice our concern about an individual, not to the willing ears of the Tricoteuse as they savour another verbal guillotining, but to the individual themselves. The context here is important. Jesus is addressing his words to his disciples, his apostles, those who would have responsibility for shepherding his Church. He knew conflict would always be on the agenda. Jesus gives a three step process for dealing with conflict and or sin within the Ecclesia, the community of brothers. 1) Talk it out with the individual concerned. It is not about publicly shaming him, but presenting the evidence and inviting an acknowledgement and repentance. If he does not acknowledge or repent go to step 2) Take one or two others along. Jesus is invoking a juridical norm found in Deuteronomy 19:15. If this fails, go to step 3) Exclude him from the community or in Jewish thinking, treat him as one unclean. It is envisaged that this may be the reality check needed for the person to wake-up and so repent. It is the proverbial "whack on the side of the head!" or the kyosaku of Japanese Zen Buddhism meditation hall. It is a mercy, albeit a severe mercy. Those who have worked with, or lived with an active addict, would understand this expression of tough love. " You are welcome, but not your addictive behaviour! Take responsibility! Chose and accept the consequences of your choices! This is a far cry from the seductions of co-dependency, that wears the mask of a pseudo-mercy. Truth matters, not that of the detached intellect, the sort that births cruelty, but Truth that marries both the head and the heart, or as St Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:15), " Speak the truth, in love!"

Fr Tony Dunn

NOTICES

Parish Annual Meeting - Sunday 11 October

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

NZ Catholic Magazine - the latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge. Click the link to the free issue [NZ Catholic Magazine](#) or see the home page of our website.

Becoming Catholic Programme There is an enquiry meeting for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If you would like to learn more about the St. Michael's 'Becoming Catholic' programme, you are invited to an enquiry evening on **Thursday 24 September to be held at the parish house from 7.30-9.00pm**. This marks the commencement of the 'journey to Easter 2021' for people interested in joining the church. For more information, email office@remueracatholic.org.nz or refer to our website [Becoming Catholic Programme](#)

Baptism Preparation Course The next course being facilitated for families to prepare for baptism is beginning in November. Sessions will be held in the presbytery after 10am mass on Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd November. Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary. Please contact the parish office office@remueracatholic.org.nz or phone 520-1226 to register. This will go ahead depending on what the Government Covid-19 guidelines are at the time.

2021 Columban Art Calendar is available from the Parish Office during office hours. \$12 cash only.

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

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.

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.

Job opportunity Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer kdsdtan@gmail.com

Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics a free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University NY. October 7th registrations through flyer [click here](#)

Family Liturgy of the Word for this coming weekend – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – [click here](#)

Other formats and a more formal edition are available
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/resources/ritual-prayers/>

Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas

NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. Members of your community may know of people in this difficult position, and it would be great if we could let people know about the support available. [Click here to view the flier](#)

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.