

St. Michael's Parish, Remuera
REPORT FOR 2020

A summary of activities and achievements of the Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council

- Consulted with parishioners on the major issues facing the NZ Church.
- Prepared a brief on the outcome of the consultation to assist Cardinal Dew in his address to the (later cancelled) parish meeting planned for 23 February.
- Completed the project to update and expand the parish register.
- Despite two lockdowns 12 meetings held during the year including 3 by Zoom.

Annual Meeting

- Held on 11 October: 65 attendees, annual report and accounts pre-circulated.
- Progress reports delivered by the pastoral and finance council chairs.
- Papal nuncio Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa gave the guest address.

Pastoral Plan

- Was reviewed, expanded and updated on two occasions during the year, with the current version available on the parish website: www.remueracatholic.org.nz
- Key strategies, on Evangelisation and Communications, were adopted.

Liturgy Committee

- Began a project to standardise and document the role of sacristan and to increase the panel of parishioners engaged in this role at Sunday Masses.
- Organised a booking and compliance system that allowed Mass to resume safely for all parishioners as soon as the Covid lockdowns were lifted sufficiently.
- Prepared a comprehensive catalogue of items of religious and artistic interest in and around St. Michael's church.

Religious Education Committee

- Lenten Programme *Sent by Christ* was commenced with 85 parishioners, but was suspended mid-way when the Covid19 lockdown was imposed.
- A large number of 65 candidates completed the Sacramental Programme despite the delays and rescheduling required to cope with the Covid19 restrictions.

Caring and Support Committee

- Presentations to Sunday Masses in November and the production of a leaflet urging parishioners to support caring services in Auckland and within the parish.
- Announced a programme of four caring ministries including a plan to re-establish a branch of St. Vincent de Paul in the parish.
- During the lockdowns ran a "Call Around" ministry for vulnerable parishioners.
- Arranged for Del Soti, GM of Young Vinnies Auckland, to address Sunday Masses in November in support of the SVDP *Feed a Family for Christmas* appeal.

Community Committee

- Organised social occasions for parishioners at the annual meeting, at a fundraising concert for St. Gianna's Home, and at the farewell to the Cluny community.
- The Committee was restructured and renamed to give priority to projects that help build the parish community.