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40 Days for Life: Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!

February 17 to March 28 – Monday to Saturday – 7am to 7pm. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting, and vigil outside the local abortion centre in Mt Eden. The vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour prayer slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. A positive, peaceful, and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit fii.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fii.org.nz

Miha Māori at Hāto Petera Chapel

Miha Māori (Mass in Te Reo Māori) will be celebrated in the Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote. The Miha will be celebrated on Saturday 13th February 2021, at 6.00pm with Rosary at 5.30pm. Please note that we are trialing a Saturday evening Miha. You are very welcome to join us. We will be celebrating Miha Māori at Hāto Petera Chapel on the second weekend of the month. For more information please call Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori on (09) 360 3058. *Nau mai, haere mai.*

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Start: 01 March <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>
On Site Event at Coptic Orthodox Church, Birkdale: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt. Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm. Free. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia/>
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

St Peter's College Open Day for Year 7 Enrolments in 2022 – see Noticeboard for further details.

Tuesday 23rd February 2021 9.30am or 1.00pm in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road).

Formation day focusing on **praise and worship and prayer ministry.** 9.30 - 3pm Feb 20th. Begins with mass. Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. Hosted by ACCR. Enquiries Deidre 02102251103

Liturgy Committee Training: A formation opportunity for members of Liturgy Committees and others involved in preparing liturgy | Thursday 18 February | 6.30 nibbles, 7-9.00pm meeting | Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby | Register at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Ecumenism – one possible answer for a contemporary New Zealand with Dr Rocio Figueroa of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College facilitated by Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism | Tuesday 23 February | 7.00pm | Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby | Register at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Quo Vadis? Where are you going? Breakfast meeting for single men, 17+ interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood 13 February Cathedral of St Patricks and St Joseph. 8.30am Mass followed by fellowship.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Efren Lozano, Concordia Celetaria, Sr Therese Hardiman r.s.m., Catherine Cooney

We remember those who have recently died:

Robin (Rob) Anthony Roche, Sr Pauline Gallagher r.s.m., Janet Alcantara Domasian

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, Movez D'Souza, John Rodgers, Abraham Cullen, Tina Fitness, Athol Munro, Julie Carmody, Patricia Cabiling, Martin Harriman, Marsha Tan, Hannah Gibson, Fr Aloysius Deeney OCD, Fr Frank Roach, Sr Alice Hardiman, Sr Frances Hardiman

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 2021

7 February 2021

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Pauline loelu

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Peter Hay-Mackenzie (adults)
Emma Houghton (children)

Music Rosters: Louise Porter

Sunday Masses:

Sunday Eucharist:
8:00am, 10:00am, 8.30pm
Saturday Evening 5:00pm

Weekday Masses:

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. Job 7:1-4, 6-7
2. 1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Pastor's Column : 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 2021

I remember once attending a Mass for the guild of St's Luke, Cosmos and Damian. It is an association of Catholic physicians who meet for mutual support, as Catholics, in their healing profession. Bishop Owen Sneddon was presiding and his opening line, was to quote from the book of Ecclesiasticus 38:15, "If you sin you will fall into the hands of the physician". It was actually quoted, tongue in cheek, as the original Hebrew text reads, "A man sins in the eyes of his Maker if he defies the doctor." Health, is indeed, one of God's greatest natural gifts. There was a certain perception in OT times that illness and sin were somehow connected. (Jesus confronted and disabused people of that belief.) It applied especially to leprosy. In spite of Jesus it was an unfortunate current of thought that persisted through time, even in the story of the leper King, Baldwin of Jerusalem during the time of the crusades. Like with any gift we, within reason, need to care for our health. It is a curious thing that when one visits Auckland Public Hospital one finds a litany of smokers lining the foot path to the main entrance. We all have a responsibility to do what is required for good health; adequate sleep, nutritious food and exercise. The vicissitudes of life, genetics and who-knows-why, can militate against health in spite of our best efforts and personal responsibility. It is unreasonable, and no doubt endlessly frustrating for doctors, to be prescribing for symptoms, which are the fruit of dysfunctional lifestyles that patients are choosing not to change. Mark's gospel, in its bullet-point style, tells of Jesus prioritising the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. His exorcisms and healings are signs pointing to the arrival of God's Kingdom in His person and eventually the Church, as the extension of His Risen Presence through time. Jesus did not heal all. It would seem for the first 30 years of his life, He did nothing to attract such attention. Beginning his public ministry, he now has a short time span to achieve his Father's work, with whom He communes in prayer "long before dawn". As then and so now, He gives us his disciples an example to do what is important before what is urgent. Prayer, deep communing with His Father, was the important thing which he prioritised, by making it the first thing in his day. When the late Jesuit retreat master, Antony de Mello was told by a nun that she was having difficulty making her daily hour of prayer because she was so busy and what advice could he give, he said, "Do two hours of prayer!" If we are too busy for God, then we are too busy. Jesus continues his healing ministry today, through the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and through intercessory prayer and through the prayer of those gifted with healing charisms.

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 | 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 6th and 7th February 2021 | | 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 13th and 14th February 2021 | |
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| | Ministers of Holy Communion | | | |
| Sat 5pm | Francisco Byun (P), Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G) | Neil Laurensen (P), Lynn Laurensen (G) | | |
| Sun 8am | Tina Fitness (P), Lianne Lyons (G) | Josephine Hazel-Esguerra (P), Andrew Patel (G) | | |
| Sun 10am | Shobha Johnson (P), Ginger Taduran (G), Jennifer Frost | Anne Stevenson (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Robert Salivio | | |
| Proclaimers of the Word | | | | |
| | 1. Job 7:1-4, 6-7 2. 1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | | 1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-24 2. Colossians 3:12-21 | |
| Sat 5pm | Kevin Lewis, Arthur Lewis (PoF) | | Zac Cabiling, Issa Ilo-Cabiling (PoF) | |
| Sun 8am | Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Peter Hay-MacKenzie (PoF) | | Simon Glass, Eileen Robinson-Piper (PoF) | |
| Sun 10am | Viki Cullen, Sue d'Young (PoF) | | Emma Houghton, Rod Penna (PoF) | |
| Collectors | | | | |
| Sat 5pm | Birgita Muller | | Ant Martin | |
| Sun 8am | Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan | | Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh | |
| Sun 10am | Fitzmaurice Family | | Alex Houghton | |
| | Counters: Eva Shorayi | | Counters: Parish Office | |
| Laptop Operators | | | | |
| Sat 5pm | John Britto | | John Trenwith | |
| Sun 8am | Kerry McKewen | | Mike Molloy | |
| Sun 10am | John Paul Bayliss | | Yelena Cordtz | |
| Altar Servers | | | | |
| Sat 5pm | Santiago Aguirre, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Sophia Canale | | Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Zander Ilo-Cabiling | |
| Sun 8am | Jonathan Luxford | | Keira Croad, Jacob Croad | |
| Sun 10am | Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste, Stella Valerio | | Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton | |
| Sanctuary Care | | | | |
| | Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson | | Eric Balderas & Meg Crisostomo | |
| Children's Liturgy | | | | |
| Sun 10am | TBC | | | |
| Musicians / Cantors | | | | |
| Sat 5pm | Neil Moraes, Louise Porter | | Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell | |
| Sun 8am | Robbie de la Vega, Anna Dolan | | Nathaniel Hood | |
| Sun 10am | Edmond Wong, Carole Kenealy | | Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes | |

NOTICES

Lenten Programme 2021

The Religious Education Committee are offering the Sent by Christ programme during Lent 2021. The programme covers four one hour sessions during the months of March and early April. Information, including an enrolment form, can be found in the Church Porch and on the website <https://remueracatholic.org.nz/lenen-programme-2021/>. In order to co-ordinate the groups, the deadline for enrolments is **Wednesday 17 February 2021**.

Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting took place on 2 February in the presence of invited guest Bishop Michael Gielen. Matters dealt with include: the Council's submission to the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference; a exploratory series of meetings of the new discussion group; the diocese to be advised of the Council's interest in exploring the televising of Masses and other liturgies on an ongoing basis; a paper on priorities of the Council for 2021 and how these should reflect changing needs and expectations; a letter to be sent to Bishop Patrick confirming the Council's offer to participate in any planning to deal with the declining number of ordained priests in the diocese; a proposal to undertake a review to maintain the continuing relevance of the Pastoral Plan now that it has been running for the first of the three year period; a proposal to streamline monthly committee reports to the Council with formats that would also be more user friendly for all concerned; a request by an independent group to use the parish centre for a workshop to encourage volunteers to community organisations; committee reports on activities over the last two

months and the status of their current plans, including the forthcoming Lenten Programme; a unanimous resolution to note the retirement of Kathryn Schollum as Caring Coordinator and to record thanks to her for many years of devoted service to the parish in that role.

Baptism Programme Course

We have programmes running in 2021 (May, August and November) for families of babies and infants. If you would like to register your interest (you may also be a pregnant "mother-to-be" wishing to participate), please email the Parish Office office@remueracatholic.org.nz. The duration of the programme is over three Sundays and meetings are held in the presbytery after 10am mass. Attendance at all 3 sessions is necessary.

As a Parish, we request **NO CHEWING GUM** in the church as a sign of respect and courtesy. It is difficult to get out of the carpet if dropped and is an expense to the parish to remove!

Remembrance Alcove

Because of limitations of space the Remembrance cove is only for deceased parishioners and for those whose funeral has been at St. Michael's. At the beginning of each year, the display will be adjusted in order to allow space for new "orders of service".

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

Registered Nurse for Marist Sisters

The Marist Sisters are seeking to employ a Registered Nurse Health Care Coordinator for their communities for 15hrs per week. There are 20 Sisters spread over 5 houses between the ages of 45 and 93 years of age. If you are interested in this part time position, would you please contact: Sr Jane O'Carroll for further details. Mobile: 021 077 1705

If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz, email us at offic@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available.

Iram, a 34 year old single lady, working at a the University of Auckland is looking for a house or room or unit to rent. She has a small four-year old well trained little Shih Tzu dog. Enquiries to Iram's mobile 022 428 6465.

Bishop Pat wishes to inform the diocesan family that, after consulting with our priests over recent months, a new intake of potential candidates to become Permanent Deacons in the Diocese is about to begin their process of discernment. Around 18 potential candidates will attend an Information Day later this month about this vocation in the Church and an outline of what the four-year Formation Programme will look like. Following a subsequent formal interview with a panel appointed by the Bishop, those invited to commence training will begin a preparatory spiritual year with some academic formation as well. A number of Permanent Deacons already serve in parishes and ministries in the Diocese in a wide variety of ways.

St Valentine's Day Mass and Wedding Anniversary celebration at St Patrick and Joseph Cathedral. Celebration of Love, Marriage and Family Life Saturday 13th February at 5.00 pm (Wilson parking \$4.00 validate ticket at Cathedral). All welcome: Engaged, Married, Singles, Families, Children – Everyone. The Catholic Marriage Preparation Team, ph 360-3025 Or email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz for more information

150 years of Dominican Sisters in Aotearoa-New Zealand: 18 February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican Sisters arrived in Dunedin from Ireland, to begin the Congregation in New Zealand. **A mass of gratitude will be held at St Mary's church, Mosgiel, 10am, Saturday 20 February. All are welcome.** In the spirit of gratitude, the sisters hope to mark this occasion by donating to three specific charities. If you would like to contribute, please see details at www.dominicans.org.nz

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Deaf friendly Mass with NZSL the first for 2021 | Sunday 14 February | 12noon | Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby | Bring something for shared lunch.