

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 2021

### Your peaceful, prayerful presence saves lives!

In 2018 40 Days for Life prayer volunteers were amazed when a young woman approached them with her story. The previous year she had arrived for her appointment at the abortion place, only to encounter people praying. Curious, she stopped, listened, and went home instead of keeping her appointment. "Today, my son is 3 months old. Thank you!" Help save lives this Lent by being present outside the abortion place. February 1 to March 28, Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit [fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife) or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or [michelle@fli.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fli.org.nz)

**Are You a Tertiary Student in Auckland?** You are invited to the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) for our 2021 Welcome BBQ. ENJOY delicious food, CONNECT with other Catholic students, and DISCOVER your 'Home away from home' in the city. 5-7pm, Friday 5 March, ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton.  
For more info visit: [facebook.com/thechaplains](https://facebook.com/thechaplains)

### 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. Sat 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](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students.** If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2021, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

The **Parish to Parish bed and breakfast book** is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

**Walk a day in their shoes!** Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: [www.nph-nz.org/walk](http://www.nph-nz.org/walk)

Nau Mai Haere Mai **"COME AND SEE"** Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 27 March 2021 9.30am to 1.30pm Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie. RSVP by 24 March and for more information contact: - [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Betty Flynn, Hilbert Friedlander, Generosa Ramos, Fr Des Angland, John Stephen (Jack) Angland, Napoleon Navato, Aurelia Navato, Aurelio Navato, Andrew and Rose Chong-Wong**

We remember those who have recently died:

**Fr Malo Nun-Toon, Anna Louise Foss**

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, Maureen, Anne**

14 February 2021

**Parish of St. Michael, Remuera**  
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Pauline loelu

**Religious Education:**  
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. Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46
2. 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1

### Pastor's Column : 6th Sunday 2021

English has adopted the phrase "Kowtow". It means to bow or give-in to or be subservient to another. In Cantonese it is written, kautau and in Mandarin, koutou. It means literally 'to knock-the -head'. You prostrate yourself, so that your head touches the ground. The idea is that by lowering the body in the presence of another, one is performing an act of humility, a recognition of the higher status of the one to whom you are lowering your body to. In our Catholic tradition, when entering a Church or Chapel, where the Reserved Eucharist is present, we genuflect ( bend the knee) or bow to Jesus, present there, as a sign of reverence. In Islam, touching one's head to the ground in the direction of Mecca is an expression of submission to their god.

In the Gospel today, we have a leper pleading with Jesus, " on his knees". Jesus has just begun his public ministry and already this leper has the faith to recognise he is in the presence of someone holy. In the OT reading we have Israel's king declaring that only God can cure leprosy, such was its awfulness. Mark is implying that, that is who this leper recognises in Jesus. To be on one's knees, prostrated is a gesture recognising Divinity. This leper is a great teacher of prayer and also evokes from Jesus, God's response to human illness and suffering. "If you want to, you can cure me!" It is a beautiful prayer of hope, filled faith, underpinned by humility. Mark describes Jesus response, choosing a Greek word, rich in depth and meaning; "Splanchnistheis," literally, "moved in his bowels". Jesus not only sympathized with this leper, he empathised with him. He felt his pain, his isolation and despair. Jesus responds, "Of course, I want to; be cured." We then encounter one of Mark's favourite parts of speech, the adverb - immediately, or adverbial phrase, at once. It is an affirmation of the power Jesus wields over his creation and its subservience to him, that it responds; immediately. Jesus then demonstrates his Jewish-ness, in telling the healed man to fulfil the Levitical direction that he was to show himself to the priest to confirm his healing and so be reinstated into the community (lepers were excluded) and to Temple worship (lepers were designated among the unclean).

Jesus response to the leper: "Splanchnistheis," is a reminder to us that "we become like the God we worship!" By contemplating and savouring the meaning of that word, "moved in his bowels," we can align our image of God with that of Jesus, who is God-in-the-flesh and so in our turn become people of compassion and mercy. As the refrain of Baxter's poem, "My love came through the city" echoes: " Truth- he said, and Love- he said. But his purest word was, 'Mercy.'"

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	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 13th and 14th February 2021		1st Sunday of Lent 20th and 21st February 2021	
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>			
Sat 5pm	John Rooney (P), Moira Rooney (G)	Krystal Turner (P), Shenali Fernando (G)		
Sun 8am	Josephine Hazel-Esguerra (P), Andrew Patel (G)	Baily Stewart (P), Jane Penney (G)		
Sun 10am	Anne Stevenson (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Robert Salivio	Jerome Anthony (P), Maricel D'Souza (G), JR Ambrosio		
<b>Proclaimers of the Word</b>				
	1. Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46    2. 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1		1. Genesis 9:8-15    2. 1Peter 3:18-22	
Sat 5pm	Zac Cabiling, Issa Ilo-Cabiling (PoF)		Kelsey Turner, Paul Reid (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Simon Glass, Eileen Robinson-Piper (PoF)		Clare Wade, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Emma Houghton, Rod Penna (PoF)		Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Margaret-Mary Farrell (PoF)	
<b>Collectors</b>				
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney		
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy		
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Fitzmaurice Family		
	<b>Counters:</b> Parish Office		<b>Counters:</b> Jayamanne Family	
<b>Laptop Operators</b>				
Sat 5pm	John Trenwith	India Twomey		
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jo Hazel		
Sun 10am	Yelena Cordtz	Benedict Baylis		
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
Sat 5pm	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Zander Ilo-Cabiling		Esmenia D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Santiago Aquirre	
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad			
Sun 10am	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton		Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Aaron D'Souza	
<b>Sanctuary Care</b>				
	Eric Balderas & Meg Crisostomo		Thomas & Polly Yeung	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>				
Sun 10am	No children's liturgy		TBC	
<b>Musicians / Cantors</b>				
Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell		Hannah, Poppy, Pipers & Sam	
Sun 8am	Nathaniel Hood		Matthew Harris	
Sun 10am	Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes		Alleluia Choir	

## NOTICES

### ASH Wednesday at St. Michael's – Mass with Ashes - 17 February 2021

7.00am; 9.15am (School Mass, all welcome); 7.30pm

#### 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**.

#### Attention : Current and new Sacristans at St. Michael's

All current Sacristans and those who would like to join this important ministry to assist Fr Tony and Fr Stephen for the masses, are invited to a meeting to be held in the Parish House on **Thursday 18 February at 6.30pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the role of the ministry and answer any questions. Please confirm your attendance to [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz) or by phone.

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### Family Fun Day – Sunday 28 February 2021

Parishioners are welcome to join the St Michael's School community at their annual Family Fun Day on **Sunday 28 February, 11am - 2pm**. Gourmet Sausage Sizzle, Homemade Cakes and Preserves, Coffee Truck, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Candy Floss, Games and more!

#### World Day of Prayer – Friday 5 March 2021

St. Michael's is host to all the churches in Remuera and Meadowbank for this year's WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. The programme is set by Vanuatu. It would be appreciated if we had a good attendance of St. Michael's parishioners. The ecumenical service will be held on **Friday 5 March at 10.30am at St. Michael's Church**. Please come and welcome our guests from neighbouring churches and people from Vanuatu. Light refreshments will be served in the parish centre following the service.

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!

**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 front of the statue of Our Lady in the Church. All welcome. Contact Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692 or [acotton@maxnet.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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, please contact: Sr Jane O'Carroll for further details. Mobile: 021 077 1705

**Experienced Administration Assistant/PA general secretarial/PA** bookkeeping and parish communications including social media duties. It is a busy role and the successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, bookkeeping experience (MYOB/Xero) as well as being a fantastic organiser and must be available to work on Sundays. St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush. To view the full advert, please visit the Diocesan website under Diocesan Services, People and Staff Vacancies. [https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration\\_trashed/staff-vacancies/?highlight=vacancies](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration_trashed/staff-vacancies/?highlight=vacancies)

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.

**Baradene College – Open Evening** will be held on **Thursday 4 March, 2021 – 6.30pm**. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00pm. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00pm.

**St Mary's College Open Day** is on **Thursday 4 March** at 2.30pm & 6.30pm.

**Sacred Heart College Open Day** is being held on **Wednesday 10 March 2021** with tours of the College at 10am and 1pm. You can register your interest by going to this link <https://sacredheart.school.nz/open-day/>. Enrolments for 2022 close on 1 April 2021.

**St Peter's College Open Day** for Year 7 Enrolments in 2022.

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

Worried about inequality in New Zealand? Education is the key. Can you sponsor a student at **St Paul's College** in 2021? Contact [headmaster@stpaulscollege.co.nz](mailto:headmaster@stpaulscollege.co.nz) for more details.