

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

### Pastor's Column : 1st Sunday of Lent 2021

The word "synoptic" comes from the Greek, meaning "seeing all together". It is used to refer to the three Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. These three Gospels give an account of what Jesus said and did, from the same point of view. It is not surprising then to find the event of the temptations of Jesus told by all three authors. Mark is unique, in the sense that his telling is short, terse and to the point. A laconic style though, does not preclude depth of meaning. After being anointed by the Spirit at his baptism, it is the same Spirit who "ekball," drives Jesus into the desert with the force, as the Greek suggests, of a ballistic missile. Numbers in the Gospels have symbolic significance. The number "40" evokes Old Testament associations with the 40 days of the Great Flood and the 40 years that the Israelites spent wandering in the desert after the Exodus. Mark not only wishes us to link the Great Flood with the waters of Baptism, which both, "do away with evil," but also to imagine Jesus as embodying the "new Israel." The "old Israel" was tempted in the desert and failed and apostatized. Jesus, the "new Israel" is tempted too and overcomes the temptations and ultimately the tempter himself. One may wonder why Mark mentions the "wild beasts!" We can assume it wasn't a personal predilection for zoology; sure there were lions, bears and wolves, antelopes and others. Mark is inviting us to think back to another time, when wild beasts were referenced and that is the garden of Eden, the utopia where Adam, the first man, named the wild beasts and also fell from grace, with the luxuriant land becoming a desert. Mark wants us to see Jesus, not only as embodying the "new Israel," but also being the "new Adam," who will initiate the "new creation!" Jesus overcomes Satan, whose name means "accuser!" Satan or Lucifer was the greatest of God's creation, the highest of angels, who out of pride rejected God and out of envy, turned our first parents from God too. Jesus has come to overcome Satan's rule and establish the Kingdom of God. He challenges all to a "metanoia" literally, a change of mind. The baptismal liturgy throws down the gauntlet; Do you reject sin to live in the freedom of God's children? Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin? Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? Conversion is about ongoing choices and taking responsibility for the consequences; accepting God's offer of friendship or rejecting God's offer of friendship? God loves us so much to respect the gift of freedom he has given us; to choose our response and we make that choice by what we chose to do or not do, to obey the commandments or not, to live the beatitudes or not? How will you choose?

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*

### 21 February 2021

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**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. Genesis 9:8-15
2. 1Peter 3:18-22

### 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. 5PM-7PM, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton. For more info visit: [facebook.com/thechaplains](http://facebook.com/thechaplains).

**Titipounamu Study & Joy** For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
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/>

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students** If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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)

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.

**Food for Faith** offers brief daily email encouragements in LENT 2021 for those who sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz). Take a few minutes each day of Lent to experience Jesus Christ present with you and experience immediate benefits. This Lent's offerings include a TAKE ONE hour a week invitation to be in contact with others who are on the same journey. More information at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**Are you interested in facilitating post-abortion healing** A training day is available 27th Feb via zoom on the Living in Colour programme which deals specifically with abortion loss. It has excellent workbooks and a facilitator guide for lay people. Queries: Catherine Gillies 021-432-020 **See Church Noticeboard for more information**

**February Diocesan Youth Mass** | Hosted by The Logos Project Join us for the first Diocesan Youth Mass of 2021!! This will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, **7pm Sunday the 28th of February**. We would love to see you all and to welcome you back. Mass will be hosted by the Logos Project and year 13 school leaders and will be celebrated by Fr Kev Murphy SM. For more info contact Felicity on 022 635 2366 or see Facebook page @akcym \*Please note that due to the current situation with Auckland being in level 2 we will continue to update if this Mass can proceed\*

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Nicholas Chandiram**

We remember those who have recently died:

**Marie Quinn**

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, Maureen, Anne**

**ROSTER**

**1st Sunday of Lent**  
20th and 21st February 2021

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
27th and 28th February 2021

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sat 5pm	Krystal Turner (P), Shenali Fernando (G)	Francis Morais (P), Hilda Tan (G)
Sun 8am	Baily Stewart (P), Jane Penney (G)	Joahna Esquerro (P), Eva Shorayi (G)
Sun 10am	Jerome Anthony (P), Maricel D'Souza (G), JR Ambrosio	Reuben Katigbak (P), Terisa Cordtz (G), Sara-Jayne Kingston

**Proclaimers of the Word**

	1. Genesis 9:8-15    2. 1Peter 3:18-22	1. Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18    2. Romans 8:31-34
Sat 5pm	Kelsey Turner, Paul Reid (PoF)	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)
Sun 8am	John Shaw, Frances Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)	Bernard Kendall, John Shaw (PoF)
Sun 10am	Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Carole Kenealy (PoF)	Margaret van Meeuwen, Jane Gordon (PoF)

**Collectors**

Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Birgita Muller
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Alex Houghton
	<b>Counters:</b> Parish Office	<b>Counters:</b> Jayamane Family

**Laptop Operators**

Sat 5pm	India Twomey	Surajith Fernando
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton
Sun 10am	Benedict Baylis	Marie Olvido

**Altar Servers**

Sat 5pm	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Santiago Aquirre	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Hiranya Fernando
Sun 8am		Keira Croad, Jacob Croad
Sun 10am	Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Aaron D'Souza	Joaquin Ambrosio, Isaac Houghton, Samuel Wong

**Sanctuary Care**

Thomas & Polly Yeung	Maryanne Mahoney
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**Children's Liturgy**

Sun 10am There will be no children's liturgy until we resume to Alert Level 1

**Musicians / Cantors**

Sat 5pm	Hannah Twomey, Poppy McDonnell, Pipers & Sam Ashton	Robbie de la Vega & Antonia Brightwell
Sun 8am	Matthew Harris	Maria Bullock
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Neil Morais

**NOTICES**

**Stations of the Cross**

**6:00pm Fridays of Lent (19th, 26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March)**

**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 **Tuesday 23 February 2021** (note: this has been extended by one week).

**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.

**NZ Catholic - The February 21 – March 6 issue is out now. \$4 in the Papers Box please.**

Some headlines are: NZ mental health journeys of a priest and a lay woman. Alert level shaft changes Ash

Wednesday plans. Cardinal preaches on Waitangi Day. Historic organ retrieved from Chch cathedral.

**Safeguarding Training for Volunteers in our Parish.** Those who have not attended are welcome. For further details of venue contact Lisa-May Gray, Safeguarding Coordinator 09 360 3019 or Fiona Twomey in the office.

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00pm Our lady of the Assumption Parish Onehunga
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm St Thomas More Parish Glenfield (*see poster on Noticeboard*)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00pm St Frances de Sales and All Souls Devonport (*see poster on Noticeboard*)

**Family Fun Day – Note - this Event Has Been Cancelled**

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)

**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).

**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: [www.nph-nz.org/walk](http://www.nph-nz.org/walk)