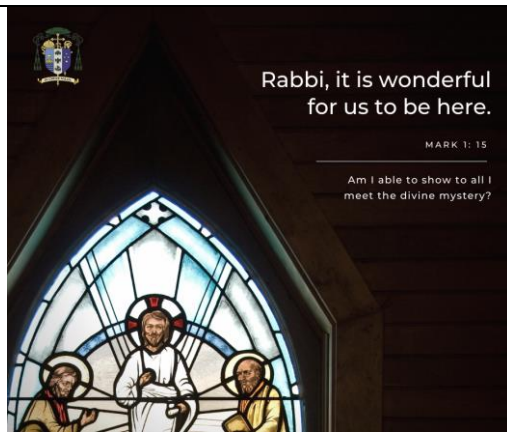


PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 2021



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://www.facebook.com/thechaplains)

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. 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 Mar, 7-9pm. Free. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. A few places are still available so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 asap if you are interested in attending.

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

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 Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439.

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eileen McCawe

We remember those who have recently died:

Nino Rhommel Cuerpo Alajar

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

28 February 2021

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Pauline loelu

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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

- Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
- Romans 8:31-34

Pastor's Column : 2nd Sunday of Lent 2021

Many will be familiar with the core triangulation that lies at the heart of Maori spirituality: Atua (God), tangata (people) and whenua (land). When introducing oneself, in Maori culture, to which tribe you are affiliated to is very important. Important too the land where your feet stand (turangawaiwai). This is usually connected with a "maunga" or mountain. The mountain not only signifies strength and solidity, but also a kind of link between heaven in earth; not unlike the prayer of the psalmist -" I lift up my eyes to the mountains from where shall come my help; my help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." In Judaism mountain tops were places of encounter with God. It was on Sinai that Moses encountered the living God; it was in the cleft of a mountain that Elijah saw God's back, as he passed by. Jesus reveals something of his Divinity to Peter, James and John on a mountain, what we call the "transfiguration." Was it from this encounter and experience that John, in his Gospel, imagined the moment of Jesus death on the cross, (possibly on Mount Moriah of old, Calvary - from the latin calva meaning "bald-head" and so "skull") the moment of his glorification too; breathing out his spirit to renew all creation, as the spirit hovered over the primeval chaos at the beginning, bringing about order. In the first reading we have the extraordinary and unique story of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac. Abraham, whose name means "father of many" is put to the ultimate test. His treasured son of his old age, who held the promise of descendants as many as the stars of the heavens, is required by God to be sacrificed. The parallels with Jesus are remarkable. As with Abraham and Isaac, Jesus begins his journey to the mountain on a donkey. Like Isaac, Jesus was an only son. Just as Isaac carried the wood for his sacrifice up a hill, so too Jesus carried the wood of his cross up a hill (maybe the same hill). When Isaac asks his father, where was the lamb to be sacrificed, Abraham replies that God will provide the lamb. Jesus becomes that "lamb" the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As Isaac was bound, so too Jesus was bound, nailed to a cross. When Abraham's hand is held by an angel, a ram is provided by God for the sacrifice- a ram, a symbol of kingship, caught in a thorn bush. Jesus, designated the king of the Jews, his head too is encircled in a crown of thorns. What God did not finally asked of Abraham, he did ask of himself and of his Son. The story of Abraham and Isaac focus's for us the mercy of God, a severe mercy indeed and it lies at the heart of St Paul's confession; " He loved me and gave himself for me!"

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	2nd Sunday of Lent 27th and 28th February 2021		3rd Sunday of Lent 6th and 7th March 2021	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais (P), Hilda Tan (G)	Philomena Pinto (P), Ant Martin (G)		
Sun 8am	Joahna Esguerra (P), Eva Shorayi (G)	Andrew Patel (P), Ann Shaw (G)		
Sun 10am	Reuben Katigbak (P), Terisa Cordtz (G), Sara-Jayne Kingston	Anthony Segedin (P), Deepak Albert (G), Reuben Katigbak		
Sun 8.30pm		Neha Dawson (P), Claire Stirrat (G)		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	2. Romans 8:31-34	1. Exodus 20:1-17	2. Corinthians 1:22-25
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)			
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall, John Shaw (PoF)		TBC	
Sun 10am	Margaret van Meeuwen, Jane Gordon (PoF)			
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Birgita Muller	Stan Pinto		
Sun 8am	Tom Piggjin, Yvonne MacMillan	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh		
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Fitzmaurice Family		
	Counters: Jayamanne Family		Counters: Parish Office	
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	Surajith Fernando	Winston Teo		
Sun 8am	Anne Cotton	Bernard Kendall		
Sun 10am	Marie Olvido	Jennifer Frost		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Hiranya Fernando	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Zander Ilo-Cabiling		
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Jonathan Luxford		
Sun 10am	Joaquin Ambrosio, Isaac Houghton, Samuel Wong	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Aaron D'Souza		
Sanctuary Care				
	Thomas & Polly Yeung		Maryanne Mahoney	
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	Deahna Barrington		Caroline Harris	
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Robbie de la Vega & Antonia Brightwell			
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock		TBC	
Sun 10am	Neil Morais			

NOTICES

Stations of the Cross

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

Novena

There will be a 9-day Novena at St. Michael's beginning after the 9.15am Mass on **Thursday 11 March**, with the final Novena on **Friday 19 March** after Stations of the Cross, as well as Benediction.

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.

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

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, please contact: Sr Jane O'Carroll for further details. Mobile: 021 077 1705

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.

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 for more details.

Catholic Caring Foundation Accepting Grant Applications, 2021 Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need.

We are now accepting grant applications until **9 April, 2021**. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, please visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz Together we care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

St Benedict's Church Holy Hour for Vocations. Friday 5 March 7pm. Adoration and prayer in the church followed by a talk by Father Andrew and a hot drink in the crypt downstairs. Lots of free parking in the Wilson's carpark. Come and support our prayer for vocations. *See Church Noticeboard*

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