



PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

Pastor's Column : 3rd Sunday of Lent 2021

7 March 2021

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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

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Corinthians 1:22-25

Pa Henare Tate, in his book, "He Puna Iti i te Ao Marama" - A little spring in the world of Light gives a comprehensive and exhaustive insight into the Maori concept of "tapu". It is a foundational idea underpinning what has been called "Maori spirituality". It is essentially about the relationship between Atua, tangata and whenua on the most basic level of "being" or "existence". In practical terms it can be loosely applied to the western ideas of "sacred" and "profane". It is through this frame that we can view Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. Josephus, the Jewish historian said that Passover was such an important feast that up to a million pilgrims would arrive in Jerusalem to celebrate it. The money changers in the Temple were actually performing an important service for these pilgrims, who obviously weren't able to bring animals with them to sacrifice. Instead they exchanged the pilgrim's foreign coinage for Jerusalem coinage, so that the pilgrims could buy animals to fulfil their religious duties. It was an important service. The problem wasn't what they were doing, but where they were doing this- in the Temple precincts. They were doing their business in the outer court of the Temple, erected by Herod, for the gentiles who came and worshiped Israel's God (and many did accept Yahweh as the one true God), to perform their prayers and worship. These money-changers were effectively stopping or robbing these Gentile worshippers from performing their religious duties. You can't pray in a market place. Jesus wanted to cleanse and purify this place "set apart" made holy for God's worship. The Temple precincts were "Tapu" or "Sacred". Jesus loves his Father's house so much, that he was intolerant of abuses. When John tells us the Jews questioned Jesus, John is referring to the Judeans, the people of the South, not Galileans from the North. (not unlike the distinction being made now between we NZer's and those people beyond up North, beyond Bombay, the Aucklander's). The reference to 46 years, refers to Herod's expansion and beautification of the Temple. The Temple had been rebuilt in the 5th century BC by Ezra and Nehemiah. Herod wanted people to imagine he was the new Messiah, because of prophecies saying that when the Messiah came a great and glorious Temple would come. Jesus was getting the Judeans to shift their focus from Herod's Temple to his own Body. For the Jews the Temple was the dwelling place of God on earth. Jesus was making that claim for Himself, identifying Himself as the true Temple, the dwelling place of God on earth. "The word became flesh and pitched his tent among us." says St John at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus is making a powerful sign, pointing forward to his own death and Resurrection. The Judeans didn't get it, neither did his disciples until after the Resurrection. Jesus knew who would accept and who would reject him and so that is why John points out why Jesus would not entrust himself to the Judeans - they were the one's who would ultimately be responsible for his death. Perhaps we can reflect on what is Tapu or Sacred now; especially the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus present in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine, His very Body and Blood. Do I show my reverence, not only in the way I approach and receive Him at communion, but also in my way of life. Is there a dissonance between my "Amen" "Yes I believe this is the Body/Blood of Christ" and "Yes I too am the Body of Christ" and the way I am living my life? Do I need to take the whip of resoluteness to all that in me that is not-of-God and make a real change of mind and heart, a metanoia?
Fr Tony Dunn

NZ Catholic - The March 7-20 issue is for sale now. Some headlines are:

New potential deacon candidates for Auckland. Waikato massacre remembered. Concerns at move to drop Latin from NCEA. Preparations for NZ celebrations of 500 years of Christianity in Philippines. \$4 in the papers box please

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 April 9th, 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.

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

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

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 08, 15, 22 March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<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

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.

Please note that the talk "Restoring Justice" scheduled for Thursday 11th March at St Luke's has been postponed until further notice.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Paul Heeney

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, Helena Burnett**

ROSTER

3rd Sunday of Lent
7th March 2021

4th Sunday of Lent
13th and 14th March 2021

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 5pm	Church Closed – No Mass	John Rooney (P), Moira Rooney (G)
Sun 8am	Andrew Patel (P), Ann Shaw (G)	Judy Aldridge (P), Frances Hay-MacKenzie (G)
Sun 10am	Anthony Segegin (P), Deepak Albert (G), Reuben Katigbak	Issa Ilo-Cabiling (P), JR Ambrosio (G), Robert Salivio
Sun 8.30pm	Neha Dawson (P), Claire Stirrat (G)	Jo Livingston (P), Christopher Setiobudi (G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Exodus 20:1-17 2. Corinthians 1:22-25	1. Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 2. John 9:1-41
Sat 5pm	-	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)
Sun 8am	John Shaw, Kerry McKewen (PoF)	Bernard Kendall, Russell Watt (PoF)
Sun 10am	Louise Gordon, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Emma Houghton, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)

Collectors

Sat 5pm	-	Ant Martin
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Alex Houghton
	Counters: Parish Office	Counters: Eva Shorayi

Laptop Operators

Sat 5pm	-	John Salivio
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall	Kerry McKewen
Sun 10am	Jennifer Frost	Dominic Baylis

Altar Servers

Sat 5pm	-	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Santiago Aguirre
Sun 8am	Jonathan Luxford	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad
Sun 10am	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Aaron D'Souza	Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Joaquin Ambrosio

Sanctuary Care

John & Joy Salivio	Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge
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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	-	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell
Sun 8am	Robbie de la Vega, Anna	Nathaniel Hood
Sun 10am	Edmond Wong, James Ioelu, Antonia Brightwell	Mike Cruz, Alleluia Choir

NOTICES

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

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.

For the Attention of Volunteers in our Parish - Safeguarding Training

For those new to a ministry dealing with Vulnerable, Elderly or Children or those who have not attended and are serving in a ministry, you are warmly invited to attend a **Safeguarding Training Session** to be held at the Parish House on either; **Wednesday 17 March at 10am** or **Thursday 8 April at 10am**.

The session will run for no longer than 1.5 hours. There is also an evening session available on Monday 22 March at 7pm at St Frances de Sales and All Souls, 2A Albert Road, Devonport (see poster on Noticeboard).

For further details or to RSVP please contact Fiona, Safeguarding Coordinator, Remuera office@remueracatholic.org.nz or Lisa-May Gray, Safeguarding Coordinator, Auckland Diocese lisam@cda.org.nz

Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting took place on 2 March. Matters dealt with include: a letter to Bishop Patrick conveying the Council's views regarding the televising of Masses; an intention to offer the parish's resources as a contribution to diocesan future planning; decisions on parish social events to be organised during 2021; a decision to hold the parish annual meeting on Sunday 15 August; discussing the question of a guest speaker and topic for the annual meeting; preliminary ideas of ways to mark the 90th anniversary of the parish in 2023; considering changes to the parish pastoral plan with particular reference to communications within the parish; discussing a petition to establish a crypt for the ashes of deceased parishioners; receiving reports from the Council committees and deciding on a number of actions to be taken to assist the committees in their work.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 5 March 2021 (Cancelled due to Covid restrictions)

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical women-led movement. Each year, we admire the strength of the communities who participate, we empathise with their cares and we are encouraged by their faith. Our vision is a world in which all women can make decisions about their lives. On the way there, we need signs of solidarity. One such sign is our offering which we use to strengthen communities around the world through programmes that enable women and children to live a better life.

To make an offering visit a Westpac bank or transfer money on-line. The details are:

Bank: Westpac Branch: The Palms Account number: 03-1700-0423420-25 Ref: WDP2021

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

Mass on Shine TV

You may well be aware that this Sunday sees the resumption of broadcast Mass on Shine TV at 2pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201. This Sunday, Monsignor David Tonks will lead us in prayer from St Joseph Church, Takapuna.

Sponsor-a-Rosary (a year round and ideal small Lenten Almsgiving project to support)

This involves the purchasing of a set of Rosary Beads to gift, mostly to children, in Catholic Parishes in the Pacific Islands or lower socio-economic areas of NZ and some Prisoners and other Adults in Samoa. It is an effective way of encouraging and aiding an increase in praying of the Rosary. The initial regions we intend to support are the Cook Islands, Samoa and Northland, N.Z. (see full details on the Noticeboard or email sponsorarosary@gmail.com). The cost is NZ\$9.00. To support this programme please deposit \$9 or multiples thereof to 'LP Sponsor a Rosary' A/c No: 02-1216-0062504-13 (or 013). In the Bank Ref box put the Preferred Region to gift to: CI = Cook Islands, S = Samoa N = Northland and state your Parish name.

Any queries or for a copy of your receipt, please email Fran Carne of Let's Pray Rosaries at the above email. Many thanks for supporting this initiative which can only be successful with your help.