

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

**Retreats at St Francis Retreat Centre** | 24 Hour Silent Lenten Retreat A Meditation on the Passion according to Mark, Friday 19 March 7 pm – Saturday 20 March 7pm Cost \$120.00 | Holy Saturday – Day of Prayer + Contemplation Saturday 3 April 10am – 2.30 pm. Drop in for some quiet prayer for as long as you wish between 10.00am and 2 pm | Time Out Days Wednesday 24 March 9:30 – 2:30pm Tuesday 13 April 9:30 – 2:30pm

**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](http://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](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz)

### 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.  
Monday 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/>  
Interviews on Muffin Talk with Br Kieran Fenn, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and others are available at:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

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.

**Prayer for Healing and Miracles** Everyone is invited to a Healing Service with Father John Rea SM on **Saturday 20 March**, 9.30am-12 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Info: Deidre 02102251103

**Choral Mass in Celebration of St Joseph** "Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We are delighted to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating the feast day of St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph 7 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph **Friday 19 March 2021**. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. We look forward to welcoming you once more to the Cathedral. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral

St Patrick's Parish invites you to attend **Divine Mercy Devotion with Mass** on **Friday 19 March 7:00pm** St Patrick's Parish, 19 Sunset View Road, Panmure. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise & Worship, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Holy Mass, followed by general Blessing of St Faustina's relic. A warm welcome to all.

**Taize Prayer for Lent** Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay on **Friday 26 March** at 7-8pm followed by light supper.

**The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism** is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope John Paul II letter on "Ut Unum Sint (That They May All Be One)" Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College | Revisiting Ut Unum Sint after 25 years – a biblical perspective | **Tuesday 27 April 2021 @7:00 PM** | St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere | Light refreshments provided.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**William (Bill) Watt**

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**

**14 March 2021**

**Parish of St. Michael, Remuera**  
6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, 1050  
Phone: 09 520 1226  
[office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz)  
[www.remueracatholic.org.nz](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz)

**Parish Priest:** Father Tony Dunn  
[frtonydunn@gmail.com](mailto:frtonydunn@gmail.com) (021 954 292)

**In residence:** Father Stephen Berecz  
[sberecz@gmail.com](mailto:sberecz@gmail.com)

**Office Manager:** Fiona Twomey

**Baptism Preparation:**  
Pauline loeli

**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. 2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
2. Ephesians 2:4-10

### Pastor's Column : 4th Sunday of Lent 2021

The "Nehustan" is the symbol of the Greek healing god, Asclepius. It was imagined as a rod, around which was coiled a single serpent. It is sometimes confused with the Caduceus, the symbol of the god, Hermes, which is entwined with two serpents.

Some commentators see the "Nehustan" as related to the bronze serpent that Moses erected for the healing of those bitten by the fiery serpents. This story is found in the book of Numbers, 21. The Hebrews, liberated from slavery in Egypt, wandered in the desert and grew tired of the heavenly manna. God punished their growing infidelity with the scourge and bite of the fiery serpents. The original Hebrew word for the "fiery serpents" is the same word we get for the English word, "seraphim." The Seraphim are the "burning ones", angelic beings closest to God. For the Hebrews it wasn't angels, but the fallen angels, the demonic that God allowed to torment them. The paradox of Moses icon, is both looking back to the Genesis tree and looking forward to the tree of the cross. Jesus enters fully into the ultimate instrument of Satan's power, death, by his death on the cross, in order to triumph over it, through his Resurrection.

So Moses healing symbol stands between two significant trees. There is the tree in the Genesis story from which Adam and Eve ate in disobedience and so lost the happiness God intended for them. Entwined around that tree, at least in the imaginations of artists, was a serpent. Then there is the tree of the cross. Adam and Eve chose not to eat of the fruit of the tree of life, but from the forbidden tree. The new tree is the tree of the cross. The fruit hanging from that tree is Jesus. We eat of the fruit of that tree in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of the Lord under the form of bread and wine and the life lost by our first parents, eating the fruit of the Eden tree, is restored super-abundantly.

The gift of Jesus' Body and Blood high-lights and underscores the beautiful words of today's Gospel. "God loved the world, so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."

We do not define and give special meaning to the bread and wine; the Body and Blood of Christ defines and gives meaning to us.

When we eat the Body of the Lord and drink his Blood, the elements are not absorbed into us, we are absorbed into Him.

The "Incarnation," God sharing our humanity fully and completely, defies the capabilities of our intellect to conceptualize and our imaginations to picture.

To feel remotely into the reality of this expression of love we can ask ourselves, who is it that loves me the most? - and then realise that God loves me, at least as much, as the person who loves me the most.

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**

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

**5th Sunday of Lent  
20th and 21st March 2021**

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sat 5pm	John Rooney (P), Moira Rooney (G)	Francisco Byun (P), BJ Bauzon (G)
Sun 8am	Judy Aldridge (P), Frances Hay-MacKenzie (G)	Faye McKewen (P), Bailey Stewart (G)
Sun 10am	Issa Ilo-Cabiling (P), JR Ambrosio (G), Robert Salivio	Sara-Jayne Kingston (P), Anne Stevenson (G), Jonathan Spencer
Sun 8.30pm	Jo Livingston (P), Christopher Setiobudi (G)	Nigel Tse (P), Michele Bebich (G)

**Proclaimers of the Word**

	1. 2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23	2. Ephesians 2:4-10	1. Jer. 31:31-34	2. Hebrews 5:7-9
Sat 5pm	Francis Morais, Shenali Fernando (PoF)		Francine Morais, Paul Reid (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Bernard Kendall, Russell Watt (PoF)		Catherine Husheer, Simon Glass (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Emma Houghton, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)		Margaret van Meeuwen, Sue d'Young (PoF)	

**Collectors**

Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	Birgitta Muller
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Fitzmaurice Family
	<b>Counters:</b> Eva Shorayi	<b>Counters:</b> Parish Office

**Laptop Operators**

Sat 5pm	John Salivio	Anna Dolan
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen	Mike Molloy
Sun 10am	Dominic Baylis	Ashalena Cordtz

**Altar Servers**

Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Santiago Aguirre	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Hiranya Fernando
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad
Sun 10am	Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Joaquin Ambrosio	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton

**Sanctuary Care**

Anne McLellan & Judy Aldridge	Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta, Hilda Tan
-------------------------------	--------------------------------

**Children's Liturgy**

Sun 10am	Louise Gordon & Jane Gordon	TBC
----------	-----------------------------	-----

**Musicians / Cantors**

Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Antonia Brightwell	Hannah Twomey, Poppy McDonnell, The Pipers & Michka
Sun 8am	Nathaniel Hood	Matthew Harris
Sun 10am	Mike Cruz, Alleluia Choir	Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes, Tim Gasson

**NOTICES**

**Stations of the Cross**

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

**Good Friday Way of the Cross**

Children and families wishing to be part of the Good Friday church service : please contact Fiona and register [office@remueracatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz). You need to be able to attend the Friday Stations of the Cross at least once on 19th March or 26th March so that you can practise reading and using the microphone. Thank you.

**Novena to St Joseph – see dates and times below:**

- Saturday 13th March at 9.00 a.m. (after 8.00 a.m. Mass and Confessions)
- Sunday 14th March at 11.15 a.m. (after 10.00 a.m. Mass)
- Monday 15th March at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday 16th March at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday 17th March at 6 p.m.
- Thursday 18th March at 10.00 a.m. (after 9.15 a.m. Mass)
- Friday 19th March, Feast Day of St Joseph, at 6.30 p.m. (after 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross) followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Baptism Programme Course**

Our next programme is May (the dates are **Sunday 2, 16 and 30 May**) for families of babies and infants. The programme will be held again in August and November. 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.

**The Lenten Programme 2021**, though delayed by a week due to Level 3, had a good start this week with 63 people enrolled, formed into 8 parish and 3 non-parish groups. Each group will meet weekly over the next three weeks of Lent, reflecting on Bible readings and papal teachings within the "Sent By Christ" programme. Each meeting fosters personal reflection and fellowship.

As we wish everyone to partake of the blessings this programme brings, we have published a copy of the "Sent By Christ" booklet on the Parish website <https://remueracatholic.org.nz/lenten-programme-2021/>. Please feel free to refer to it for personal reflection with family members and friends.

**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 **Wednesday 17 March 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](mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz)

**St Paul's College Open Day - 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13  
Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 9.30am or 1.45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the College by senior boys.

Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2022 *Limited enrolments at other levels*

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)

**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](mailto: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.

This week, the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will hold hearings that include church leaders making statements. We pray for those who will speak on behalf of the churches, and all those involved in this important work. Want to know more about how the Catholic Church has been involved so far, what work is being done, or how you can stay in the loop? Visit [www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz](http://www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz) for online resources and links.