

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

**Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn** Join us in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on Palm **Sunday 28 March** at 7:30pm outside the Auckland Medical Aid Centre, 283-289 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. This will be the final hour of prayer for the 40 Days for Life vigil. We remember the pre-born babies who have died. We ask for healing and mercy for all those who are wounded by abortion, and for those who promote the practice. 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)

**Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April at 7:00pm** Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave. Mt Eden. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Praise & Worship, Benediction, Holy Mass & Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your images & artefacts to be blessed. All Welcome

**The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** will hear from Catholic church leaders this week and continue to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for continued courage and clarity for all those involved.

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

**St Mark Catholic Mission Parish** is celebrating its **50th Jubilee Year** (1971-2021) on 18 April 2021, Sunday, 10am, with an outdoor Mass at the Parish School Ground with Bishop Michael Gielan as the main presider. We invite all priests and parishioners who served at St Mark to join us on this celebration of thanksgiving. For further information, please call the office 09 576 7959 or email us at [admin@stmark.org.nz](mailto:admin@stmark.org.nz)

**School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance** Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfi-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

Come and join in the **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** | 9AM, Friday 2nd April Starting from Albert Park Rotunda, Auckland City Finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact [camerons@cda.org.nz](mailto:camerons@cda.org.nz) see [noticeboard](#)

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.

**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.

**Consecration to St. Joseph** Pope Francis declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Universal Church and Pillar of Families. Join the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph starting on March 30 to the Day of Consecration, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In the midst of crisis, confusion and a world at odds with Christian values, it is time to entrust ourselves to our spiritual father. Register at [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz) or email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) for more information. - The Centre for Marriage and Family (CMF)

We remember those who have recently died:

**Avenal McKinnon, Peter Tan Huck Chiang**

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Bernard Twomey**

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**

**21 March 2021**

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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**

1. Jeremiah 31:31-34
2. Hebrews 5:7-9

**Pastor's Column : 5th Sunday of Lent 2021**

Bishop John Mackey told me of a favourite hymn of his, relating to death. I quote from it: "My destined time is fixed by thee, and death doth know his hour. Did warriors strong around me throng, they could not stay his power; No walls of stone can man defend, when thou thy messenger dost send." and "The child of God can fear no ill, his chosen dread no foe; We leave our fate with thee and wait, thy bidding when to go. 'Tis not from chance our comfort springs, Thou art our trust, O King of Kings." As the hymn suggests, timing is pivotal. Timing is pivotal in John's Gospel too. Jesus talks about his hour, either, not yet, or yet to come. Here, in this important reflection, it has arrived. It has arrived, because in the OT there were many prophecies, eg Isaiah, Zechariah and Micah, that one of the signs of the time of Salvation, will be the conversion of the Gentiles and their coming to worship the one true God. The Greeks asking to see Jesus, is seen by him as a fulfilment of the prophecies and a sign that his hour has come. Jesus then talks of his passion and death as the ultimate act of praise and glory to God his Father. Jesus then refers to himself as a grain of wheat that needs to be buried and die, in order to bear fruit. This has clear Eucharistic connotations. One fruit of Jesus death and Resurrection is the Eucharist. The blood flowing from his pierced heart underscores this reality. This fruit becomes the life of the world, as he says elsewhere; "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot have life in you". The hating of one's life that Jesus speaks of, is a colourful Middle-Eastern way of speaking, meaning, making a preferential choice for Him, over and above anything else. When Jesus talks of laying down his life and a casting out of the Prince of this world, he is referring to a real exorcism. John in his Gospel doesn't relate exorcism stories. He sees Jesus sacrifice on the cross, as the ultimate cosmic exorcism and re-establishing of the reign of God on earth. Jesus then takes the vision of an end time, when all the Gentiles will come to the Temple and Jerusalem. He identifies and replaces Jerusalem and its Temple with his own body, specifically his body crucified. It is the cross that will draw all people, including the Gentiles, as well as Jews, to Himself. So when the Greeks said to Philip and Andrew, "we want to see Jesus" Jesus response is indeed himself, but himself crucified. That is why the cross is such a central and defining symbol in our Catholic Tradition.

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**

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

**Passion of the Lord  
27th and 28th March 2021**

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sat 5pm	Francisco Byun (P), BJ Bauzon (G)	Shenali Fernando (P), Rolinda D'Souza (G)
Sun 8am	Faye McKewen (P), Bailey Stewart (G)	Jane Penney (P), Michael Franklin (G)
Sun 10am	Sara-Jayne Kingston (P), Anne Stevenson (G), Jonathan Spencer	Rob Fonseca-Ensor (P), Jennifer Frost (G), Terisa Cordtz
Sun 8.30pm	Nigel Tse (P), Michele Bebich (G)	Claire Stirrat (P), Neha Dawson (G)

**Proclaimers of the Word**

	1. Jeremiah 31:31-34	2. Hebrews 5:7-9	1. Isaiah 50:4-7	2. Philippians 2:6-11
Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Paul Reid (PoF)		Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Zac Cabiling (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Catherine Husheer, Simon Glass (PoF)		Kerry McKewen, Eileen Robinson (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Margaret van Meeuwen, Sue d'Young (PoF)		Arthur Lewis, Kevin Lewis (PoF)	

**Collectors**

Sat 5pm	Birgita Muller	Ant Martin
Sun 8am	Tom Piggim, Yvonne MacMillan	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Alex Houghton
	<b>Counters:</b> Parish Office	<b>Counters:</b> Jayamanne Family

**Laptop Operators**

Sat 5pm	Anna Dolan	John Britto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jo Hazel
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	John Paul Baylis

**Altar Servers**

Sat 5pm	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Hiranya Fernando	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Santiago Aguirre
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Jonathan Luxford
Sun 10am	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton	Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste, Samuel Wong

**Sanctuary Care**

Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan	Albert & Cynthia Agustin
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**Children's Liturgy**

Sun 10am	No children's liturgy - no leaders available	TBC
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**Musicians / Cantors**

Sat 5pm	Nathaniel Hood, Poppy McDonnell, The Pipers & Michka	Alleluia Choir
Sun 8am	Matthew Harris	Annemarie Bullock
Sun 10am	Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes, Tim Gasson	Meileen Huang, Steve Hughes, Tim Gasson

**NOTICES**

**NOTE : There will be no 9.15am mass on Thursday 25th March**

**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 – (last day of Novena)**

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

**Altar Servers Training**

For those who have received their First Holy Communion already ...

The next Altar Servers Training will be on **Sunday 11 April 2021 (9-10am)** at St Michael's Catholic Church.

Please register interest to Issa on [021 179 3801](tel:0211793801) or [issa\\_ilo@yahoo.com](mailto:issa_ilo@yahoo.com). Thank you.

**Parish Finance Committee**

Your finance committee will be talking at masses this weekend to appraise you of the Parish Finances and the challenges we face maintaining St Michael's Church & our Parish properties and services. Unfortunately for the last few years, revenue has been tracking downward and we have been running significant cash deficits. 2019 & 2020 deficits totalled \$221,000, with these losses being funded out of our cash reserves. The most direct and effective way to fix this is to ask for your support to increase your contributions at Mass each Sunday. Based on recent forecasts we estimate an increase in the weekly collection by 12-15% would help us achieve a breakeven position for St Michael's. We fully appreciate there is some economic uncertainty right now in this COVID environment and we are not insensitive to this. It is a difficult time for many. Nonetheless we felt it was necessary to inform you now of the financial position of the Parish and seek your support to help us to turn it around. If we address the issue today it will hopefully not become a bigger problem in the future.

**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/lenen-programme-2021/> Please feel free to refer to it for personal reflection with family members and friends.

**The March 21 – April 3 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:** Cardinal offers Church support for vaccination programme. Theologian says to bin anti-Catholic booklet. Three new seminarians at Holy Cross. Don't bury St Joseph statues to help real estate sales. *\$4 in the papers box in the Church Porch please*

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)

**Job Opportunities 1.** The Diocese is seeking a full time person for a 1-year fixed term contract for a new role of Care for the Poor Advocate. This role will promote, drive and enable the elimination of Child Poverty through Caring for the Poor initiatives and advocacy; lead food security discussions and initiatives and lobby government on Caring for the Poor and eliminating Child Poverty and Food Security. This position will work with and alongside Parish Priests, Parishes, ethnic Chaplaincies, faith communities, Catholic Caring Foundation, Catholic Social Services and Justice and Peace Commission to enable care for the poor, and initiatives for eliminating child poverty. A thorough and progressive understanding of the Gospel and Catholic Social Justice teachings; cognisant of their application to modern day challenges facing the Church and the work is a must. Applications close 26 March 2021 For more details, and a full position description, please visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

**2.** Applications are being sought for the role of Parish Assistant at St. Patrick's Pukekohe. The Parish Assistant role provides quality parish administrative and pastoral service to support the efficient running of the parish and its office. Applicants should possess the following attributes: Excellent multi-task management, strong interpersonal skills, provide a high quality of service, possess a high level of administration and computer skills and be confident supporting parish pastoral activities and volunteers. A full position description is available on request. Please email CV and covering letter to [accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz](mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)