

# PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

## PALM SUNDAY 2021

**Soul Sessions** - new gospel music show to feature Pacific artists <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/438773/new-gospel-music-show-to-feature-pacific-artists> Hosted by Sara-Jane Elika.

**Notice of Joshua Meeting - Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm** at St Joseph Centre in Takapuna.  
**Topic:** 'Take up your cross and follow Me ..' a video presentation and reflection. All men are welcome to meet other Catholic men over a cuppa. To know more contact Russell 022 034 5678.

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 info contact [camerons@cda.org.nz](mailto:camerons@cda.org.nz) see *noticeboard*

### From the Auckland Catholic Diocese Faith Formation Team

Kidz Korner has been created for parents and children. We Journey through the Gospels and explore our faith through songs, activities and prayer. Our Saints come alive with Youtube videos. We even provide a recipe or two.  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/KidsKornerPALM-SUNDAY.pdf>

### Vacancies

There are several vacancies within the Auckland Diocese. To view the roles available go to the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

**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 this week conclude the second phase of hearings that included church leaders making statements. We pray for the Commission and their continued work on this significant and important process in seeking truth and justice for survivors of abuse. *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.*

**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/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

**St Mark Catholic Mission Parish** is celebrating its 50th Jubilee Year (1971-2021) on **Sunday 18 April 2021** at 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)

**Theology of the Body** is the name given to St John Paul II's profoundly beautiful catechesis on human love, human dignity, the meaning of our bodies and of sexual desire as they relate to the purpose of our existence.

Theology of the Body lays out a banquet that truly satisfies the deep hunger in our hearts. It reveals God's ultimate plan for each of us in a full and life giving way.

NEW COURSE: *Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life* is a 12 part series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We start by looking deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and finish by expounding the Creed. This beautiful series opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment in Christ. For more information contact Maria on [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com) or register at [www.theologyofthebody.nz](http://www.theologyofthebody.nz)

We remember those who have recently died:

**Shama Mahmud, Eric Miller**

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Daniel Barrington, Marion Bilkey, Ken Newlands**

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**

**28 March 2021**

### Parish of St. Michael, Remuera

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**Office Manager:** Fiona Twomey

### Baptism Preparation:

Pauline loelu

### 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. *Isaiah 50:4-7*

2. *Philippians 2:6-11*

### Pastor's Column : Palm Sunday 2021

This Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is so named, because one of the synoptic Gospel's telling of Jesus' passion is read. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is the first Gospel read today. Jesus is being welcomed into Jerusalem as the King-Messiah. Why does he ride on a colt, a donkey? Matthew tells us that this is a fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy. Mark has a different emphasis. He notes that this colt has never been ridden before. If you know anything about donkeys, apart from being notoriously stubborn, they will buck you off, if not tamed. Mark is telling us that Jesus can befriend wild animals, as he was at home with the wild beasts, in the wilderness when tempted, as he could also subdue storms. Jesus is Lord of Creation and is also the new Adam, who in Eden was at home with creation and its creatures. Mark's highlighting of leafy branches is significant. For some, the palm was a symbol of sedition. In Jerusalem some Roman coins, in particular those with Caesar's head, were over-stamped with a palm, as a gesture of rebellion. For others, palm waving was a traditional way of welcoming royalty. In the Passion reading of Mark there are some elements that can be highlighted. In Gethsemane, a name meaning "olive press" he prays, "abba, Father". Much is made of this palindrome (a word spelt same forward and backwards), often rendered, "Dad or daddy". In truth it was just the common Aramaic word for "Father". Mark emphasises a favourite theme of his, "watch", "watch and pray." It was common after Passover for Jews to keep vigil in prayer, which could be quite challenging after drinking the prescribed 4 cups of red wine of the Passover meal! On Jesus' arrest, Mark makes reference to a young man, in a loin cloth who runs off naked. Who is this young man? One legend is that it was John, the beloved, who, in his retreat collides with Mary and Mary of Magdala. They cloak him and they turn him around, eventually he ends up with them at the cross! Others see its symbolism, as a disciple running away from his baptismal commitment (loin cloth sometimes worn at that ceremony). Another interpretation is that it was Mark, writing in a cameo appearance (like Peter Jackson at Brie, in the "Lord of the Rings"). In the trial of Jesus, the main accusation against Jesus is blasphemy. When challenged Jesus replies, "I am". Does this hint at the Tetragrammaton, "I am who I am!" When Jesus says he will sit on God's throne and coming on clouds, Jesus explicitly identifies himself with God. Jesus is thus condemned to death. We need to understand that Roman crucifixion was designed for maximum humiliation of the victim. The victim is to be a vivid example of what happens, if you are seditious. The scourging, often a shredding, bloodied the victim for maximum visual impact, then crucified naked and exposed for maximum humiliation. Ray Downing, who extricated the 3D image of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin, (His burial cloth), described in tears what he saw as a human train-wreck. St Paul uses the Greek word, "Kenosis", God emptying himself of his Godhead, to fully share our humanity. Mark's Spartan account of Jesus' passion and death can only leave us stunned at the extent and cost of our salvation, but also the urgency and gravity and necessity of our response.

Fr Tony Dunn

ROSTER	Palm Sunday 27th and 28th March 2021		Easter Sunday 3rd* and 4th April 2021 *Saturday Vigil is 8pm	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Shenali Fernando (P), Rolinda D'Souza (G)	Faye McKewen, Krystal Turner (G)		
Sun 8am	Jane Penney (P), Michael Franklin (G)	Ann Shaw, Andrew Patel (G)		
Sun 10am	Rob Fonseca-Ensor (P), Jennifer Frost (G), Terisa Cordtz	Robert Salivio, Jerome Anthony, Jonathan Spencer (G)		
Sun 8.30pm	Claire Stirrat (P), Neha Dawson (G)	Francisco Byun, Volunteer (G)		See Ministers for Easter – Roster Noticeboard Porch
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Isaiah 50:4-7	2. Philippians 2:6-11	1. Acts 10:34, 37-43	2. Colossians 3:1-4
Sat 5pm	Issa Ilo-Cabiling, Zac Cabiling (PoF)		See Roster Noticeboard in Porch	
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen, Eileen Robinson (PoF)		Kerry McKewen, John Shaw, Bernard Kendall (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Arthur Lewis, Kevin Lewis (PoF)		Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Louise Gordon, Jane Gordon (PoF)	
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney		
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Jim McGillivray, Eva Shorayi		
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Denise Valerio		
	Counters: Jayamanne Family		Counters: Parish Office	
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	John Britto	A volunteer please		
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton		
Sun 10am	John Paul Baylis	Yelena Cordtz		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Esmenia D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Santiago Aguirre		Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Hiranya Fernando	
Sun 8am	Jonathan Luxford		Jonathan Luxford	
Sun 10am	Micayla-Jane Elika, Gian Pollaruste, Samuel Wong		Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Samuel Wong	
Sanctuary Care				
	Albert & Cynthia Agustin		Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson	
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	Susan Wooley		No Children's Liturgy	
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Choir		Choir, Matthew Harris	
Sun 8am	Annemarie Bullock		Nathaniel Hood	
Sun 10am	Elikas and Neil Moraes		Edmond Wong, Antonia Brightwell	

## 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*

[Holy Week Timetable](#) is available on the Church Porch Noticeboard and on the [website](#)

**Correction** In my homily on Friday 26 March, I commented that there was a difference between the English and French judicial systems; that the English work on the presumption of innocence until proven guilty but the French system presumes guilt until innocence is proven. This is not correct. Both presume innocence until guilt is proven (an exception perhaps during the French revolution). The difference is that the English system is adversarial and the French inquisitorial.

<p><b>Good Friday Way of the Cross</b>          Children and families wishing to be part of the Good Friday church service: please contact Fiona and register <a href="mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz">office@remueracatholic.org.nz</a>. 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.</p>
<p><b>Weekly Collection</b>          As advised at masses last week, Parish collection income is tracking downward causing significant cash deficits. Your finance committee advised the most effective way to fix this is to ask for your support to increase your contributions at Mass each Sunday. We fully appreciate there is some economic uncertainty right now in this COVID environment and it is a difficult time for many. Nonetheless 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.</p>
<p><b>Altar Servers Training</b>          For those who have received their First Holy Communion already ...          The next Altar Servers Training will be on <b>Sunday 11 April 2021 (9-10am)</b> at St Michael's Catholic Church. Please register interest to Issa on <a href="tel:0211793801">021 179 3801</a> or <a href="mailto:issa_ilo@yahoo.com">issa_ilo@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Baptism Programme Course</b>          Our next programme is May (the dates are <b>Sunday 2, 16 and 30 May</b>) 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 <a href="mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz">office@remueracatholic.org.nz</a>. 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.</p>
<p><b>The Lenten Programme 2021</b>, 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 <a href="https://remueracatholic.org.nz/lenen-programme-2021/">https://remueracatholic.org.nz/lenen-programme-2021/</a> Please feel free to refer to it for personal reflection with family members and friends.</p>
<p><b>Laptop Operators wanted</b>          We are looking for people to join our Laptop Operators Ministry for the Parish for all Masses, in particular Saturday 5pm. Full training is provided and we can roster you on to your preferred Mass time.          This role is ideal for young people (intermediate school age and older) who want to help the Parish in this valuable way. If you have any interest or know of anyone that you think would be perfect to help us, can you please email Fiona <a href="mailto:office@remueracatholic.org.nz">office@remueracatholic.org.nz</a></p>
<p>As a Parish, we request <b>NO CHEWING GUM</b> 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!</p>
<p><b>St. Michael's</b> meet for a <b>pro-life rosary</b> at 8pm before the Sunday 8:30pm mass. All welcome.</p>
<p><b>St. Michael's Rosary Group</b> 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 <a href="mailto:acotton@maxnet.co.nz">acotton@maxnet.co.nz</a></p>
<p><b>The Legion of Mary</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Legion of Mary</b> 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 <a href="mailto:carole.kenealy@gmail.com">carole.kenealy@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn</b>          Please join us in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on tonight, <b>Sunday 28 March at 7:30pm</b> 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 <a href="http://fii.org.nz/40daysforlife">fii.org.nz/40daysforlife</a> or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or <a href="mailto:michelle@fii.org.nz">michelle@fii.org.nz</a></p>