

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Earth Day 2021 - Thursday 22 April

The theme for Earth Day this year is "Restore our Earth". It reflects Pope Francis' call to care for the earth as our Common Home. You are encouraged to say this short prayer which Pope Francis' gave us for the fifth Anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si' (May 2020):

'Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation your gift.....enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor'. The full length prayer and more Earth Day relevant prayers at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/>

Ranfurly Care seeks staff for Disabled Living residents

Ranfurly Care 52-56 Ranfurly Rd Epsom is seeking experienced and energetic caring staff for their disabled accommodation and community. Please contact Jo or Linda 096303010 or email jolene@ranfurlycare.co.nz

Training and Formation Ministers of the Word & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

St Mary's Church Papakura Saturday 22 April 9.30 (coffee)10am - 12.00noon *See Noticeboard in Church Porch*

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to join us in an online study reflection looking at Climate Change. This online study is over two weeks beginning Tuesday 27th of April 2021, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm. This study will explore how climate change and degradation of the Earth impacts all our lives (as seen through the works of Mercy) and looks at choices and actions that can help us in this new reality. Please enrol by 20th April 2021 by emailing paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com. On enrolment, you will be sent the zoom link and reading for the first meeting.

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration Epsom

As part of this year's centennial celebrations of the Parish and School, the Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners, students and parents to join with them after 10am Mass on Sunday 2 May 2021, on the anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy moving into the house at 104 The Drive, Epsom to start the school. This is an opportunity to come and see Cecilia Maher House and facilities, wander through the grounds, view displays and enjoy light refreshments. Come and celebrate a century of Mercy women and their helpers who have served in the parish. For the purposes of catering please register your interest to attend. Registrations are open on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish website <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/> *See Noticeboard in Church Porch*

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

Bishops' Forums Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall | 8 May, 11.00 am St Therese, Morewa | 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall | 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owhiraka, Church | 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall *See Noticeboard in Church Porch*

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn.

Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

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/>

We remember those who have recently died:

Robert "Bob" Harkness

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Anna-Maria van Rijn, Jack Farrell, Joseph Lyons

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, Anne, Helena Burnett

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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

1. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2. 1John 2:1-5

Pastor's Column : 3rd Sunday of Easter 2021

Nick Reeves was a tri-athlete residing for a time at Arorangi, on the Island of Rarotonga. He managed a motel in that village. He rang me one day, as he had a problem. A month or so earlier, an Englishman had stayed at the motel and in spite of warnings not to, had gone swimming in the lagoon near one of breaks in the outlying reef. At the turn of the tide water cascades in or out of those channels. The man had been caught up in this and drowned. Nick had had to swim out and retrieve his body, which was then flown back to England. Soon after, new American guests, using the same motel suite, had reported to Nick that there was a man appearing in their unit. Nick on receiving their description, realised it was the man who had drowned. A prayer and blessing of the unit enabled this confused soul to move on. Ghosts are a real and not uncommon phenomenon, not only now, but also in the time of Jesus. His disciples can be forgiven for thinking, Jesus appearing among them was a ghost, a disembodied soul. There were different beliefs about the afterlife in first century Judaism. The Sadducees believed death was a literal full-stop. We just stopped existing. Others, like Herod, believed that a form of reincarnation was possible. The Pharisees believed in an ultimate general resurrection of all from the dead. Jews knew about Saul consulting the witch at Endor, who summoned Samuel from the dead. In today's colloquialisms, we would say that Jesus' disciples "freaked out," in spite of him greeting them with, "Shalom- peace!" Jesus proves to them his realness and bodiliness, by inviting them to touch him, especially his wounds and asking for something to eat; still they disbelieved. Jesus teaches them that the law of Moses (Torah), the prophetic books, (Nebi'im) and the psalms (Ketubim), collectively called "TaNaKh," pointed to the reality of what they were experiencing. He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. This is a key message of today's Gospel - when we take up the Scriptures to read, we must first pray, asking Jesus to open our minds to understand His Word communicated through the Holy Spirit. Human effort can only go so far in understanding Scripture, grace too, is necessary. The bodily Resurrection of Jesus is the Archimedean point of human history, promising and looking forward to our own bodily resurrection- in and by which we will live forever. Think about it and be astonished. Think about it and be full of hope. Think about it and be full of joy!

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 Easter 17th and 18th April 2021		3rd Sunday of Easter 24th and 25th April 2021	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	Rolinda D'Souza (P), Francisco Byun (G)	John Rooney (P), Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G)		
Sun 8am	Lianne Lyons (P), Faye McKewen (G)	Josephine Hazel-Esquerre (P), Andrew Patel (G)		
Sun 10am	Shobha Johnson (P), Julie-Ann Eggermont (G), Nerissa Reyes	Anne Stevenson (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Elizabeth Taumoepeau		
Sun 8.30pm	Michele Bebich (P), Nigel Tse (G)	Neha Dawson (P), Christopher Setiobudi (G)		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	2.1 John 2:1-5	1. Acts 4:8-12	2.1 John 3:1-2
Sat 5pm	Gay Barton, Francine Morais (PoF)	Kevin Lewis, Arthur Lewis (PoF)		
Sun 8am	Frances Hay-MacKenzie, Peter Hay-MacKenzie (PoF)	Clare Wade, Eileen Piper-Robinson (PoF)		
Sun 10am	Margaret-Mary Farrell, Louise Gordon (PoF)	Viki Cullen, Jane Gordon (PoF)		
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Birgita Muller	Ant Martin		
Sun 8am	Tom Piggin, Yvonne MacMillan	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavangh		
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Alex Houghton		
	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner	Counters: Eva Shorayi		
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	India Twomey	Surajith Fernando		
Sun 8am	Kerry McKewen	Mike Molloy		
Sun 10am	Maria Olvido	Jennifer Frost		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Esmenia D'Souza, Ashley Robins, Jess Robins	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Ben Morais		
Sun 8am	Jonathan Luxford	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad		
Sun 10am	Patrick and Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton	MJ Elika, Gian Pollaruste, Stella Valerio, Aaron D'Souza		
Sanctuary Care				
	Thomas & Polly Yuen	John & Joy Salivio		
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	School Holidays – Resumes Term 2			
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Hannah, Poppy, Pipers, Michka	Edmond Wong, Anna Harvey		
Sun 8am	Matthew Harris	Maria Bullock		
Sun 10am	Steve Hughes, Tim Gasson & Meileen Huang	Sara-Jane Elika, Neil Moraes		

NOTICES

Laptop Operators wanted

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 anyone who is intermediate school age or 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 office@remueracatholic.org.nz

GIFT Seminars

Do you know of God's GIFT of the Holy Spirit to us? Come and be part of an evening seminar series on the GIFT to be held in our Parish from May 25 to July 13 (Tuesday evenings). More details to follow in the next few weeks.

St Joseph The Worker Feast Day 1st May

The Triduum starting Thursday 29th April at 6:00pm, continuing Friday 30th April at 6:00pm and Saturday 1st May after the 8:00am Mass. All welcome.

Parish Contributions

The preferred method of contributing to St Michael's Parish is via automatic payment. Please go to your online banking platform to set this up. Our details are:

Account Name: RC Bishop of Auckland – Remuera Branch

Account No: 02-0100-0120982-023

Code: **Name** (Surname & Initial)

Reference: **Planned Giving Number** (PGXXXX)

If you encounter a problem, please consult your bank as AP setup varies from bank to bank.

Your surname and planned giving number are required so we can identify you for the purposes of sending you a charitable tax deduction certificate (you'll need to be on Parish register - please register here <https://remueracatholic.org.nz/parish-register/> or at the Parish Office if not). Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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. 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.

Caring and Support Committee

The Caring and Support Committee's objective is to plan, implement and manage a programme of pastoral services to the parish community and includes the following -

- If a parishioner (or someone they know) feels they might benefit from the services of a social worker, we have one available, on a part-time basis. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

- If a parishioner (or someone they know) would like a home visit to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Office.

- We welcome donations of non-perishable food items, which should be left in the Church foyer. These items are collected on a daily basis and distributed by St Vincent de Paul to their network of people in need.

- A pamphlet explaining the services offered by the Caring and Support Committee is available in the Church Porch.

Transport to 10am Mass

Is there anyone in our parish willing and able to transport two people, Des MacDonald and his wife is Mabs, residing at Richard Farrell Avenue in Remuera, to the 10am mass? Please contact Des's daughter Judie Reynolds, +64 21 314770 or email judie@trg.co.nz if you can help.

Accommodation Required

Anna Pierard of the Napier based Prima Volta programme (PVP) seeks accommodation for a young talented couple.

Project Prima Volta (PPV) is a Hawke's Bay singing initiative that uses opera as a tool to transform young lives. In 2013 it was established with a vision of achieving wellbeing through singing - combining high-quality music-making with powerful social action.

They are in Auckland for the year with NZ Opera and need to find a suitable place to live from mid-May.

If you know of any house-sitting opportunities or reasonable accommodation please contact Anna Pierard 021 074 7070

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

NZ Catholic April 18 – May 1 issue is out now. \$4 in the papers box please in the Church Porch please.

Some headlines are:

Plea for more prayers for vocations. Theological college to move to new Auckland campus. 500 years of Catholic faith in Philippines celebrated in Auckland and Wellington. Pope condolences on death of Prince Philip. Next issue May 2.