

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Pastor's Column : 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Victor Davis Hanson is a classicist who has honed his present political commentaries, based not only on Greek and Latin declensions, but also on a deep knowledge of classical history and warfare. Two ancients he is fond of quoting are Thucydides, an Athenian historian and general, who remarked on the obvious, that human nature doesn't change and Sophocles, the Athenian dramatist who taught that the stuff of tragedy is the endless struggle against something deep and persistent- and unpleasant-within ourselves. War, Hanson would argue, is " the Father of us all !" The late Bishop John Mackey once remarked, in an understated way, that the world view of many of the bishops of Vatican Council II was rather optimistic regarding human nature. Such a view is highlighted, given that the council began only some 20 years after one of the worst worldwide wars in human history. It is a tragedy that many still view human nature through such rose-tinted pollyannaish spectacles. In our own God-zone NZ, the cold, calculated icing of political kindness can cover a carnage-cake pogrom against innocent preborn babies We do need, as Kim Hill of radio NZ often says, " a reality check!" Such a reality check is needed when we revisit the mythical hero of the Bible, King David! A careful reading of Scripture reveals a Janus-figure, two sides of the one coin. David is one of the few character's which the Bible describes physically, " ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance! " (1 Samuel 16: 12) His ascribed psalmody captures a passionate, sensitive heart. David had intense personal charisma. It explains why so many in his story fell in love with him. David's shadow side is as dark as his charisma was bright. The simple and evidential truth was David, Father and Shepherd King of Israel was a, blood-thirsty opportunist, an unparalleled historical Mafia Don, ambitious, treacherous and without pity. It is unsurprising that in his old age he was always cold, could never get warm. It is one of the great contrasting Biblical paradoxes that Jesus should be born of David's kingly line through his foster-father, Joseph. The image of the Shepherd King is paradoxical too. The Shepherd of psalm 23 carries in one hand a crook, for guiding and rescuing and a rod, a sturdy club for dealing with predators; both/and, not either-or! Jesus the Shepherd King, the one and only High Priest, is the model for the Catholic priest. Jesus is the priest, the lamb of sacrifice and the altar. An unvarnished reading of the Gospels reveals Jesus as a man of electric power, steely courage and focused masculine energy. He is a man of great personal magnetism. He embodies the best of manhood; wild, with shamanic healing powers, a patriarch, trickster and warrior, a King and Shepherd, God in the flesh. A Gospel based advert for Catholic priesthood. **Wanted- priests modelled on Jesus. Person spec; young, male, who has an exclusive love for Jesus. Job description: to follow Him; feed His sheep and look after the lambs, proclaim his gospel, welcome or unwelcome, and be prepared to enter into his suffering and even death.** 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

25 April 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

1. Acts 4:8-12
2. 1John 3:1-2

Diocesan Job Vacancy | Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre. This full time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Revenue Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full advert, and to apply, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

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 Kupaenga 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.

Notice of Joshua Meeting - Wednesday 28 April 2021 7.30-9.30pm at St Joseph Centre, Takapuna. The top is *Life is full of choices ... choose wisely with* speaker Jim Gribble. All men are welcome to meet other Catholic men over a cuppa. We look forward to seeing you there. To know more contact Russell 022 034 5678.

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 <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/> See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass : Friday 7 May at 7:00pm. St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.

Training Day - Saturday 8 May: All welcome. Teaching/activities on Anointed Praise and Worship and Prayer Ministry. BYO lunch, bible and pen. No registration, collection taken up. 9.30am-3pm at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Organised by Auckland charismatic prayer group network. Contact Deidre 021 02251103.

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 Owairaka, Church | 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Pope Francis affirms to the "irrevocable" commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ The King Catholic Church on **Tuesday 25 May @ 7:30pm**. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media. Light refreshments will be provided. See Noticeboard

Slavery is not an issue of the past or overseas territories. There are slaves in New Zealand. People treated and paid poorly, their very human dignity ignored. Please consider helping to petition the government to enact laws that cherish the rights of all people and make it illegal to abuse people under any circumstances. Many people are kept from having the freedom of movement and choice that we take for granted, including attending Church. The NZ modern Slavery Act will help rectify this injustice. Please support it by signing this petition <https://www.signforfreedom.nz>.

Jubilee Bursary APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 2, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 10 June 2021

For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@ocda.org.nz. Ph:(09)360-3091

We remember those who have recently died:

Remedios Magat Viernes

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Charisse and Charlize Chua

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, Rodolfo Ilo**

ROSTER	4th Sunday of Easter 24th and 25th April 2021		5th Sunday of Easter 1st and 2nd May 2021	
	Ministers of Holy Communion			
Sat 5pm	John Rooney (P), Issa Ilo-Cabiling (G)	Krystal Turner (P), Shenali Fernando (G)		
Sun 8am	Josephine Hazel-Esquerria (P), Andrew Patel (G)	Bailey Stewart (P), Jane Penney (G)		
Sun 10am	Anne Stevenson (P), Dirk Van Dort (G), Elizabeth Taumoepeau	Jerome Anthony (P), Anthony Segedin (G) JR Ambrosio		
Sun 8.30pm	Neha Dawson (P), Christopher Setiobudi (G)	Jo Livingston (P), Claire Stirrat (G)		
Proclaimers of the Word				
	1. Acts 4:8-12	2.1 John 3:1-2	1. Acts 9:26-31	2.1 John 3:18-24
Sat 5pm	Kevin Lewis, Arthur Lewis (PoF)	Philomena Pinto, Shenali Fernando (PoF)		
Sun 8am	Clare Wade, Eileen Piper-Robinson (PoF)	Catherine Husheer, Bernard Kendall (PoF)		
Sun 10am	Viki Cullen, Jane Gordon (PoF)	Rod Penna, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)		
Collectors				
Sat 5pm	Ant Martin	John Rooney		
Sun 8am	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh	Mike Molloy		
Sun 10am	Alex Houghton	Fitzmaurice Family		
	Counters: Eva Shorayi	Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family		
Laptop Operators				
Sat 5pm	Surajith Fernando	Winston Teo		
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Jo Hazel		
Sun 10am	Jennifer Frost	Dominic Baylis		
Altar Servers				
Sat 5pm	Destiny and Hans Jayamanne, Esmeria D'Souza	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Alejandro Gollop		
Sun 8am	Patrick & Simon Tighe-Umbers	Jonathan Luxford		
Sun 10am	MJ Elika, Gian Pollaruste, Stella Valerio, Aaron D'Souza	Patrick & Simon Tighe-Umbers, Aaron D'Souza		
Sanctuary Care				
	John & Joy Salivio	Cecilia Ruiz-Acosta & Hilda Tan		
Children's Liturgy				
Sun 10am	School Holidays – Children's Liturgy Resumes in Term 2 – Check out the link to the Kid's Korner Material https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FOURTH-SUNDAY-OF-EASTER.pdf https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/A-Schoolbag-Full-Of-Love-Makes-A-Difference.pdf			
Musicians / Cantors				
Sat 5pm	Edmond Wong, Anna Harvey	Meileen Huang, Carole Kenealy		
Sun 8am	Maria Bullock	Robbie, Anna Nguyen		
Sun 10am	Sara-Jane Elika, Neil Moraes	Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell		

NOTICES

Youth Music Group for St. Michael's Parish

Looking for youth (years 5-13) who would like to join a youth music group to lead music at 5pm Saturday masses. Commitment is for 2-3 5pm masses this year plus practices for 45min once a month. Our first mass is the 5th Saturday in July (31st July). If you are interested, please email Anna Harvey: a.harvey@smcs.school.nz

GIFT Seminars

After Pentecost there will be a series of evening meetings between May 25 and July 13. The programme, GIFT, is from a UK Catholic group and presented via professionally produced DVDs. The group has close ties with the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. GIFT has been used with acclaim in other parishes in the Diocese. More details 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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