

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer See Noticeboard in Church Porch

This training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College. It is to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word. It will take place over 5 Saturdays: 22 May, 5, 12, 26 June, and 3 July, 9.30am – 3.00pm each day (bring your lunch). The venue is the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for 12 June). Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register email liturgy@cda.org.nz

Help for Marriages Under Stress

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future. Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021

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.

Pray for Vocations – Friday 7 May: You are invited to join in praying for Vocations with Adoration and Benediction at St Benedict's Church, Newton, from 7.00-9.00pm. See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Come & See – Saturday 8 May: Thinking about Priesthood? Invitation to young men to join us for Mass and breakfast at St Patrick's Cathedral at 8.30 am. Free parking available. See Noticeboard in Church Porch for further dates this year.

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.

New Wine | 8 May | Citipointe Church 9 Rylock Place Pakuranga Heights | 6pm-9pm New Wine is a night for all youth leaders and young adults to come together to be formed, to praise, and to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. We're bringing together speakers and musicians to explore where we are planted in the vineyard, how God works in and through our brokenness and uses us as vessels to bring forth New Wine. There will be prayer ministry and reconciliation available and we will end the night by adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us in the café afterwards for chats, free hot drinks and sweet treats! Registrations are NOW OPEN through Eventbrite!! Spaces are limited. Go to the ACYM Facebook Page for more info: @akcym or contact Felicity 0226352366

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

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

RCIA Team Formation Te Kupinga Leadership Institute - For those who are members of RCIA Teams, those interested in the process of sharing faith and growing in faith through ministry in RCIA. An 18 hour course over two Friday evening/Saturday at the St Columba Centre. 16-17 July 2021, 6-7 August 2021 Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm. Discounted rate of \$300/person \$200/person for a group of 3 or more. For more information v.kirisome@tekupenga.org.nz (09) 3611053 ext.711 www.ctc.ac.nz See Noticeboard in Church Porch

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>.

We remember those who have recently died:

Rodolfo Ilo, Janet Brightwell

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gary Lyons, Peggy Wallace

Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers, especially:

**Nell Graham, Eileen Martin, Jenny Hart, Tony Vela, Michael Pender, Fr Justin Taylor sm,
Patricia Bolton, Hazel Milligan, Movez D'Souza, John Rodgers, Abraham Cullen, Athol Munro,
Julie Carmody, Patricia Cabiling, Martin Harriman, Marsha Tan, Hannah Gibson,
Fr Aloysius Deeney OCD, Anne Turuwhenua, Helena Burnett, Nyra Harriman**

2 May 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 9:26-31

2. 1John 3:18-24

Pastor's Column : 5th Sunday of Easter 2021

It was Hilaire Belloc who coined the ditty, "Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, there's always laughter and good red wine. At least I've always found it so. Benedicamus Domino!" His off-hand frivolity actually has seeds of an essential truth of a genuine Catholic world view, that the things of creation are not only good, but very good; matter matters. Our sacramental world view affirms that we come to God the Father, through the humanity of Christ, all of it, and that God uses the things of creation to mediate grace, His gifts, to us. Jesus identification with the imagery of a vine has roots in the Exodus event, associations with the Eucharist and is entwined with the Temple. The context is important. Jesus describes himself in this way, at the last supper, when he identified the cup of wine with his blood. A vine of course takes water through its roots converting it to grape juice that then ferments into wine. Isn't that what he did at Cana, taking water and making it into wine? But there, he was also initiating the beginning of the new creation, likened by the prophet Isaiah to a wedding feast! There is a Jewish context to be considered too. Israel was imagined by the psalmist to be a vineyard. We find in psalm 79 the verses: "You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. Before it you cleared the ground; it took root and spread through the land./ The mountains were covered by its shadow, the cedars of God with its boughs. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots./ Then why have you broken down its walls, it is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field./ God of hosts, turn again we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted..." Jesus is the head of the new Israel, the new vine and we his branches, His body, the Church. Jesus is the new Moses, who's first miracle in Egypt, was to turn the life giving waters of the Nile to blood. John expects his readers to make these Eucharistic connections between Jesus, the sacrificial lamb of the Exodus, the last supper and the Sacrifice of the lamb of God on Calvary! John also want us to make the connection between this image of the vine and the Jerusalem Temple, the locus of God's presence on earth. Josephus, the Jewish Historian describes the Temple as covered in gold and the archway into the Temple was adorned with a Golden vine whose grape clusters were as large as a man. This is an allusion to the book of Joshua, when Israelites entered the promised land, flowing with milk and honey, saw the Canaanites carrying clusters of grapes as big as a man. When Jesus says he is the true vine, he is identifying himself with that imagery, with the Temple itself. He is the locus of God's presence on earth. Jesus then focus' on us, his members, the branches, whose fruitfulness depends on our intimate union with Him; abiding with him and in him. We do this by allowing ourselves to be purified by his Word and by living the sacramental life, above all the Eucharist. Sin, He teaches, separates us from Him. Jesus likens that separation to the burning of useless branches. If we choose to cut ourselves off, God respects that gift of freedom and its awful consequence!

Fr Tony Dunn

5th Sunday of Easter
1st and 2nd May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter
8th and 9th May 2021

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 5pm	Krystal Turner (P), Shenali Fernando (G)	Francis Morais (P), Hilda Tan (G)
Sun 8am	Bailey Stewart (P), Jane Penney (G)	Jo Hazel (P), Eva Shorayi (G)
Sun 10am	Jerome Anthony (P), Anthony Segedin (G) JR Ambrosio	Jonathan Spencer (P), Terisa Cordtz (G) Robert Salivio
Sun 8.30pm	Jo Livingston (P), Claire Stirrat (G)	Nigel Tse (P), Michele Bebach (G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 9:26-31	2.1John 3:18-24	1. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	2.1John 4:7-10
Sat 5pm	Philomena Pinto, Shenali Fernando (PoF)		Paul Reid, Francis Morais (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Catherine Husheer, Bernard Kendall (PoF)		Simon Glass, John Shaw (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Rod Penna, Kathryn Schollum (PoF)		Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Margaret van Meeuwen (PoF)	

Collectors

Sat 5pm	John Rooney	Stan Pinto
Sun 8am	Mike Molloy	Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan
Sun 10am	Fitzmaurice Family	Denise Valerio
	Counters: Heather Jayamanne & Family	Counters: Parish Office

Laptop Operators

Sat 5pm	Winston Teo	John Salivio
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel	Anne Cotton
Sun 10am	Dominic Baylis	Ashalena Cordtz

Altar Servers

Sat 5pm	Esmeria D'Souza, Hiranya Fernando, Alejandro Gollop	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Cyrus Jesudas
Sun 8am	Jonathan Luxford	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad
Sun 10am	Patrick & Simon Tighe-Umbers, Aaron D'Souza	Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Joaquin Ambrosio

Sanctuary Care

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

Sun 10am	School Holidays – Children's Liturgy Resumes in Term 2 – Check out the link to the Kid's Korner Material Kids Korner Parent Ponderings
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Musicians / Cantors

Sat 5pm	Meileen Huang, Carole Kenealy	Neil Moraes, Anna Dolan
Sun 8am	Robbie de la Vega, Anna Nguyen	Nathaniel Hood
Sun 10am	Matthew Harris, Antonia Brightwell	Alleluia Choir

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*

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

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.

GIFT seminar series Tuesday evenings May 25 to July 13. Immediately prior to the Final Blessing at this Sunday's Masses a promotional video, of about 3 minutes, will be shown. This gives a good introduction to the content of the GIFT sessions. (Recall how last week we pointed out the strong connection between our Parish Mission statement and the GIFT programme). We will commence the signup process on the weekend of May 08/09.

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.

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.

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 The May 2-15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:

Deacon ordained in Auckland. Catholic agencies state priorities for the Budget. Papal knighthood for former diocese general manager. PTSD – when memories won't go away. \$4 in the papers box in the Church Porch.

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

Monday 3, 10, 17, 24 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/>

Onsite Event: Ancient rock-hewn churches in Ethiopia. A presentation by Nic Birt in St Mark's Coptic Orthodox church, Birkdale. Saturday, 29 May, 7-9pm. Free. (only if Auckland is in Level 1).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia-2/>

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@cda.org.nz. Ph:(09)360-3091