

PARISH of ST. MICHAEL

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Bishops' Forums Bishops Pat & Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums 8 May, 11am St Therese, Morewa | 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall | 11 May, 7.30-9.30pm Christ the King Owairaka, Church | 27 May, 7.30-9.30pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall

Āpōpō (The Next Day) is a mental health workshop for youth and young adult leaders, parents, teachers etc. This workshop will be facilitated by Scripture Union and is super interactive with activities and includes helpful information, tips and tools presented by trained facilitators. **Saturday 15 May**, 9am-12.30pm at Christ the King Parish Hall, 260 Richardson Rd. \$5 registration with rochelled@cda.org.nz.

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

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm **Friday 28 May** to 3pm **Saturday 29 May**. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Go to Joseph: Our Protector and Guide In this 'Year of St. Joseph' declared by Pope Francis, Joseph's example and patronage come at the perfect time. As the pandemic has forced millions to live hidden away, isolated and alone, we can see Joseph as a model of the hidden life. What do we know about our patron and companion? A day to reflect on the life of St Joseph and what he calls each of us to. This retreat will be held at Mary MacKillop Centre on **Saturday 29 May** led by Sisters Lyndall Brown and Jill McLoughlin. Cost: \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged – please register with Sr Julian by 24 May (marymackillopcentre@sojs.org.au or 09 528 1801) See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA Ministry) Lecturers: Fr Merv Duffy & Sr Sian Owen Are you passionate to share your faith? Be involved in RCIA Ministry! The course will be held from **16-17 July** and **6-7 August** (Fri 6pm – 9pm | Sat 9am – 4pm) at St Columba Centre, Vermont St, Ponsonby. Cost: discounted rate of \$300/person and \$200/person for a group of 3 or more. For more information, please email at v.kirisme@tekupenga.org.nz or phone (09) 361 1053 ext. 711. Website: www.ctc.ac.nz See Noticeboard in Church Porch

Full Time Catholic Chaplain for Middlemore Hospital The Diocese is seeking an experienced and suitably qualified person for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at Middlemore Hospital and Manukau Super Clinic.

Applicants should ideally have completed or be willing to complete a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course or equivalent and/or have experience in parish ministry or other relevant chaplaincy ministry position.

Some formation in Catholic Sacramental Theology is essential and candidates must be at least in a multifaith and ethnic environment. The ability to provide spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to people with a range of health needs and from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, and to participate in a multi-disciplinary health care team consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, is essential. To view the full job advert and position description, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

The Marian Centre, Catholic Kindergarten

The Marian Early Childhood Centre is an Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and it is located in Panmure beside St. Patrick's Church. The Centre operates Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm for children 2-5 years old.

The Kindy was created for and has been faithfully serving, the young children in the Catholic parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in the East. We are a Catholic Early Childhood Centre and we follow the Catholic Early Childhood Religious Education Curriculum Statement. Our programme is guided by the Catholic Liturgical Calendar and focuses on Catholic values and virtues.

Please phone: 5705690 or visit Cyril at 19A Sunset View Road, Panmure. 30 hours free ECE (Terms & Conditions Apply).

We remember those who have recently died:

Rick (Richard) Goodman, Mary May Balmedina

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Darin McKay, Patricia Maria Ong, Gwen Martin

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

9 May 2021

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Emma Houghton (children)

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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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2. 1John 4:7-10

Pastor's Column : 6th Sunday of Easter 2021

Poets and novelists are sometimes faced with the conundrum of unintended consequences. Readers of their works may see more meaning and depth, than their authors did. Such may be the case with Dr Seuss's, " Horton hears a Who !" One of its themes is, " a person is a person no matter how small." In relation to human life and personhood, beginning at conception, it is indeed quite apposite. " A person is a person, indeed, no matter, how small!" Much more, though, can be made of Horton's story. Elephants have huge ears, and as to be expected, they enable them to hear sounds up to 10 km away. They serve too, like built in radiators and coolants, helping the elephant to regulate body temperature. Horton's story emphasizes the recognition of personhood, by attentive listening, paying attention, tuning into a reality often missed by less sensitive individuals. Attentive presence, meaningful and purposeful communication, are core aspects of love. Language is a distinctive characteristic of persons and understanding the meaning of words that we use, obviously has huge significance. When Jesus uses the word love, the English translation of the Greek "agape", he is weighting the word with a specific meaning; to will (intend) the truest and the best for another, even when it means denying ourselves. Jesus love for us is just that, and in order to be open and receptive of that love we are, He tells us, to obey his commandments- all of them. The English word obey, comes from the latin, "obedire", to listen intently. Listening is an active and receptive activity. We are to listen to the Word of God, actively receiving it. The Word of God, we are told is alive and active, it is Truth, purifying and cutting like a two edged sword! Intention is primary. I can speak words and intentionally be thinking something else, using words to deceive. It is called lying. I can lie with another physically, so called making love, and intentionally be making lust, treating another as an object, rather than a person. I can lie and lie at the same time. I can use love to get sex and I can go along with sex in order to get love; both are self and other deceptive. Jesus then demonstrates agape love. He walks his talk. He chooses to lay down his life; brutally stripped, beaten and crucified, in order that we might have eternal life. We enter into this mystery at every Mass, doing this in memory of Him. He is the sacrificial lamb whose blood is to be shed and then eaten, in order that we may be liberated from the slavery of sin, Satan and death. We live that out in acts of humble service, in imitation of Him, taking the role of a slave and washing his disciples feet. Horton suffered verbal and physical abuse because he listened attentively and deeply to the truth of personhood- "persons are persons no matter how small." Slowing down, giving attentive time to the most insignificant, because they simply are, can indeed be an act of love both qualitatively and full of intended intensity.

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*

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

The Ascension of the Lord
15th and 16th May 2021

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 5pm	Francis Morais (P), Hilda Tan (G)	BJ Bazon (P), Krystal Turner (G)
Sun 8am	Jo Hazel (P), Eva Shorayi (G)	Michael Franklin (P), Lianne Lyons (G)
Sun 10am	Jonathan Spencer (P), Terisa Cordtz (G) Robert Salivio	Julie-Ann Eggermont (P), Phil Porteous (G) Michelle Leong
Sun 8.30pm	Nigel Tse (P), Michele Bebich (G)	Christopher Setiobudi (P), Neha Dawson (G)

Proclaimers of the Word

	1. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	2.1 John 4:7-10	1. Acts 1:1-11	2. Ephesians 1:17-23
Sat 5pm	Paul Reid, Francis Morais (PoF)		Kelsey Turner, Gay Barton (PoF)	
Sun 8am	Simon Glass, John Shaw (PoF)		Eileen Robinson-Piper, Russell Watt (PoF)	
Sun 10am	Cara Fonseca-Ensor, Margaret van Meeuwen (PoF)		Emma Houghton, Louise Gordon (PoF)	

Collectors

Sat 5pm	Stan Pinto	Ant Martin
Sun 8am	Tom Piggan, Yvonne MacMillan	Tom Maloney, Ernie Cavanagh
Sun 10am	Denise Valerio	Alex Houghton
	Counters: Parish Office	Counters: Helen & Tony Turner

Laptop Operators

Sat 5pm	John Salivio	Anna Dolan
Sun 8am	Anne Cotton	Bernard Kendall
Sun 10am	Ashalena Cordtz	John Paul Baylis

Altar Servers

Sat 5pm	Francine Morais, Ben Morais, Cyrus Jesudas	Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Kyan Choi
Sun 8am	Keira Croad, Jacob Croad	Jonathan Luxford
Sun 10am	Dre Canapi, Zander Ilo-Cabiling, Joaquin Ambrosio	Patrick & Simon Tighe-Umbers, Isaac Houghton

Sanctuary Care

Albert & Cynthia Agustin	Sali Pearson & Cathy Ferguson
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Children's Liturgy

Sun 10am	No Children's Liturgy	Kids Korner	Parent Ponderings
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Musicians / Cantors

Sat 5pm	Neil Moraes, Anna Dolan	Hannah, Poppy, Pipers and Michka
Sun 8am	Nathaniel Hood	Anne Marie Kerridge
Sun 10am	Alleluia Choir	Steve Hughes, Tim Gasson, Meileen Huang

NOTICES

Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting took place on 4 May. Matters dealt with include: confirmation that the Council will not be taking any action regarding the recent proposal for an alternative gathering space next to the church; further discussion (but no decision yet) about a project to mark the 90th anniversary of the parish church in 2023; approval of a plan to stage the 2021 annual meeting of the parish on 15 August, with a distinguished public figure to give the guest address; approval of a proposal to establish a new Communications Committee to implement the communications objectives in the parish pastoral plan; consideration of suggestions designed to assist the pastoral committees to work towards achieving their full potential; receiving reports from the pastoral committees and noting a number of actions being variously initiated and achieved; the ministry taking Holy Communion in house visits, now operated by 10 ministers, is about to receive a welcome boost with 9 extra volunteers having nearly completed their accreditation and training; a possible upgrade of the parish website; participation by members of the Youth Committee in a further emergency food box packing exercise at the Vinnies' warehouse in Newton.

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GIFT seminar series May 25 to July 13. Tuesdays 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the centre below the church which has central heating! You will be able to sign up following Mass this weekend or signup on the Parish website. The GIFT programme is encouraged by Pope Francis. Bishop Michael will contribute to our series. Recall the strong connection between our Parish Mission statement and the GIFT programme.

Baradene Alumnae AGM - Tuesday 11 May 6.30pm in the Baradene Palour at Baradene College. Our Alumnae Committee is seeking new members and would welcome anyone to come along. Light refreshments will be served as we review 2020 and look ahead for the 2021 year. Everyone is welcome.

The Baradene Art Show is being held on **Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 May** between 10am-4pm. Entry is free and we have some wonderful art, a lovely gift shop, a raffle as well as a cafe. You can find us at 237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera and we'd love to see you there! Meantime enjoy the art which is for sale by visiting BaradeneArtShow.co.nz

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.

Important Notice : banks not accepting cheques

From 1 July 2021, the BNZ will no longer accept cheques therefore if you currently make your planned giving donations by cheque, the last payment St. Michael's can accept is on the weekend of 26/27 June. Please make alternative arrangements such as Automatic Payment (see details above) or Tap n Go in the Church Porch. Thank you.

40 Days for Life 2021 wants to THANK everyone who supported this year's campaign to pray and fast for an end to abortion whether it was at the vigil or from home. With God's help you sacrificed your time and comfort to offer your love and prayers for the precious babies being aborted; to be a sign of hope and help for all; to serve those you encountered and to pray in reparation to our God. Your efforts have contributed to the amazing world-wide results this campaign: **755 babies saved from abortion; 11 abortion workers converted and 3 abortion facilities shut down!** To God be the glory! Easter reminds us LIFE TRIUMPHS. Keep up the prayers you are on the winning side.. - From Michelle (Auck), Clare (Wgtn) and Tony (Chch) - 40 Days for Life Leaders in NZ 2021.

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.
Marist Messenger – May 2021 edition available in the Church Porch \$6 in the papers box in the Church Porch

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

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