

# Pastoral Area of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Rotorua

St Michael's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart, Murupara  
Catholic Churches



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time YR C

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**Deadline for newsletter:**

Thursday 11am

*Extraordinary Jubilee  
Year of Mercy*

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

A special welcome to those  
who are attending the McKillop  
College 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

Please take note of the Liturgy  
and Mass times for Ash  
Wednesday.

Some news of interest.

The Priests of Hamilton Diocese gathered last  
week in Rotorua and Fr John O'Connor from  
Christchurch presented on the Year of Mercy.  
Fr Jack Smith was welcomed back to the  
ministry after being away for a while and now  
will be serving in Gisborne and, Fr Philip Billing  
has begun his studies in Melbourne in prepara-  
tion for going to Holy Cross seminary in  
Auckland to be the Spiritual Director for the  
College.

The Sacramental Programme begins again on the  
First Sunday of Lent after the 10.00 am Mass.  
Please do keep the children and their families in  
your prayers.



## Ash Wednesday - this Wednesday - 10<sup>th</sup> February.

This is our schedule:

9.00 am liturgy for St Mary's Catholic school in St Mary's Church,

9.30 am liturgy at St Michael's Catholic school.

Our normal Wednesday Mass at 12.05 pm.

A liturgy at JPC at 2.15 pm in the GYM.

The second Mass at St Michael's at 5.30 pm and finally an Ecumenical Service at St Luke's Anglican 7.00 pm, 1223 Amohia Street.

On all the Friday's in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at St Michael's and Confessions after.

### CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

In preparation for Easter you are invited to participate in this recommended programme which commences this week.

Two venues/Times are arranged:

- Tuesdays 7pm, 146 Otonga Rd, Springfield
- Wednesdays 10am, St Mary's Meeting Room with Sister Carina

No 'signing up' lists - instead join the group convenient for you. Being part of these groups is a worthwhile Lenten journey. For parishioners requiring booklets in Maori, Samoan, Tokelauan or Tongan please see Andrea, Parish Office. Further enquiries phone Kay: 348 6148.

### N.Z. CATHOLIC - On Sale Today \$4

Headlines from this issue of NZ Catholic: Church thanks God for insights of Reformation...

NZ missionary finds a new mission back home...

Sexual abuse film described as 'powerful'...

Pope Francis opens foot washing to more souls.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on February 21.

### TRAINING FOR NEW READERS

There will be training for all new Readers with Sister Carina at St Mary's, 3pm Sunday 14th February.

### SECRETARIES DAY 2016

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 26th February. Secretaries Day is being held this year in Rotorua and all the Secretaries from the Hamilton Diocese will hopefully be attending along with staff from the Chanel Centre.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Is a Worldwide movement in which we pray for respect for all life. This starts on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent.

I would like to invite parishioners to pray a Rosary after each weekday Mass. This will start across the road from St Michael's Church and will be prayed around the hospital hill. We will also pray a Rosary on the Saturday and Sunday at 3pm at the same starting point. All welcome.

### BAY OF PLENTY DOVE FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting is February 9th, 7 pm, at Aquinas College Chapel, Pyes Pa Rd, Tauranga. We will be starting 2016 year with a Mass, focusing on the Theme Grace and Mercy. Come along and join us for Mass, and stay for supper we will be having pancakes, the 9th is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. All ladies warmly welcome.

### CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY by Celebrating

**Marriage**, you are invited to rejoice and give thanks for the gift of married love at 6.00pm Sunday 14 February 2016 Cathedral Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe.

### WALK BY FAITH - for recent RCIA participants

Walk By Faith can help deepen your understanding of Church teaching and scripture.

For more information contact: Phone 0800 217 411 or email: c.piper@tci.ac.nz or i.atabelo@tci.ac.nz

## BAPTISM DATES FOR 2016

at 11:30am

### St Mary's Church

1st and 2nd Sundays of the month  
at 11:30am

### St Michael's Church

3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

Parents need to contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Parish Priest, Father Eamon and also attend a Baptism Course before having their child baptised.

The course is run by Sister Carina and Bernadette Hall on the first Thursday of

### JUSTICE GROUP

The first Justice meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd February at 5.30pm** at St Mary's Church.. Remember the last meeting in 2015 when barrister Jonathan Temm gave an inspirational talk on the flaws in the justice system applying to dysfunctional families. This is borne out with the number of child mortality deaths.

The Justice Group previously forwarded submissions to the Advisory Group on Child Poverty in New Zealand along the lines of Jonathan's address. All who attended the last meeting are welcome to come along. We believe this meeting will be well worth attending.

### CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL 2016

The Lenten Appeal Envelopes will be distributed before and after Masses this weekend. The theme of the Appeal is "Hear the cry of the earth and the poor". Please give generously - this enables Caritas to help solve poverty.

### SETFREE CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

18-20 March 2016. South Waikato Sport and Events Centre. Quality Music, phenomenal speakers, good food and great times! Registration only \$75 person!

Register now at: [setfree.org.nz](http://setfree.org.nz) or email: [hello@catholicyouth.org.nz](mailto:hello@catholicyouth.org.nz) for details.

### W.Y.D. 2016 FUNDRAISERS

- Morning Tea fundraiser after the 10am Mass today. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. All welcome.
- WYD Raffle after each Mass today. Please support.
- Items required for WYD Garage Sale on 27th February. Phone Gabrielle 348 3155 or Maria 347 8677.

### HAMILTON DIOCESE - Pilgrimage to WYD 2016

11 July to 4 August. Rome and Assisi, Lourdes and Paris, WYD in Poland. \$6900, only 40 places available. Register now at [www.cyt.org.nz/wyd16](http://www.cyt.org.nz/wyd16) or email [alex@cdh.org.nz](mailto:alex@cdh.org.nz) The Hamilton Diocese is joining with the Christchurch Diocese pilgrimage.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**St Mary's Church Hall and St Michael's Crypt CANNOT** be used without first being booked through the Parish Office.

Contact: Andrea 348 0289 ext. 2.

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8am - 3.00pm

### FOR NEW PARISHIONERS OR UPDATING DETAILS

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

PHONE NUMBERS: (HOME) / (MOBILE)

EMAIL:.....

*Please Circle One of the following.*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES / INTERNET BANKING / AUTOMATIC PAYMENT

*(Please cut out and return to the Parish Office or place in the Collection Basket)*

### FOR SALE – AT THE PARISH OFFICE

- Mass Intention Cards
- Sympathy Mass Cards
- Rosary Beads \$4

### THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Is prayed after Holy Mass at St Mary's, in the Chapel of God's Mercy, Wednesday & Friday, also on Thursdays at St Michael's following the 9:00am Mass.

**THE ROSARY** Is prayed Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:15am, in the Church where Mass will be celebrated that day, **and also** before the 5.30pm Tuesday Mass. All welcome

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leader: Jenny



### LAST WORD

Friendship is a chain of gold shaped in God's all-perfect mould. Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear, a touch of the hand, a word of cheer.

*Anonymous*

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Isaiah 6:1-8
2. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
3. Gospel Luke 5:1-11

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1. Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2. Romans 10:8-13
3. Gospel Luke 4:1-13

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)		4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	McKillop College 50th Jubilee Celebration		Sunday 5pm	Bill Romana RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm		5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Kay Anderson Ints.	
Thursday 9am			Wed. 12.05pm	Mass of Thanksgiving Schreuder Family	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Vince Hartley RIP	



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