

Pastoral Area of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Rotorua

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



Second Sunday of Lent YR C

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Deadline for newsletter:

Thursday 11am

*Extraordinary Jubilee
Year of Mercy*

“The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to every-one without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent the Stations of the Cross are at St Michael's with Confessions straight after the English speaking ones, except for March 4th where it will be held in St Mary's.

- 6pm Tokelauan
- 7pm English
- 8pm Indian

Our Rite II Reconciliation is Tuesday 15th March at 7.00 pm at St Mary's.

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

Headlines from this issue of NZ Catholic: Much loved Christchurch Bishop dies... New Habitat home moves mum to tears... Brother still on the ball after 60 years... Historic church features Door of Mercy. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published March 6th.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP Child Mortality in Families

People who attended the last meeting of the year will recall barrister, Jonathan Temm's criticism of the legislation involving child mortality in families. The Group will research the legislation with possible suggested changes. Come along and contribute to the discussion. The meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd February at 5.30pm** at St Mary's Church Meeting Room.

MAY WE BE ONE (John 17 v 21)

New Venue. Same purpose! The MWBO group continues to meet monthly, this month's meeting will be this **Thursday February 26th**, now at McDonalds Fenton St.

All Christian people welcome to come and pray for any needs whether minor or global! Time: 6 pm - 7.30pm. Socialise there before or after the meeting (over a snack if you wish)

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

You are still welcome to attend one of the following meetings in preparation for Easter.

Two venues/Times are arranged:

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

CARITAS LENT APPEAL 2015

Week 1: Total collected \$873.70.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St John's Presbyterian Church, 10am Friday March 4th. All welcome.

SECRETARIES DAY 2016

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

SPICE UP YOUR NIGHT - Fashion Show

A Celebration of Indian Culture, Saturday 12th March 7 pm at St John's Church. Light supper included. Tickets \$20 (cash sales only) available from, St John's Church Office, corner Ranolf & Victoria Streets, during opening hours only, Shreeji Food and Spice shop, 1122 Eruera Street, open 7 days, or phone Sarah on 348 9721. Fundraiser for the, Kailakuri Health Care Project, in Bangladesh.

TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Do you live in the Te Ngae / Owata area? We have an elderly parishioner requiring a ride to the 10am Mass at St Mary's each Sunday. If you can help please contact: Percy Burby, Unit 22, 429 Te Ngae Road, Owata. Phone: 460 0737.

PROLIFE FACTS

Every year Focus on the Family NZ runs an intensive week-long pro-life training internship for young adults aged 18 - 35 called ACTIV8, and many of the past participants in this programme are actively engaged on their local campus for the culture of life. If you want to know more about the ACTIV8 Internship, or joining or forming a pro-life club on your campus, just email Brendan at Focus on the Family NZ at: brendan@family.org.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

HOLY DOOR AT ST JOSEPH'S, TE PUNA

The beautiful St Joseph's Church is a church of pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Mercy, and is always open. A Pilgrim Prayer Booklet is available at the back of the church, or by contacting the secretary (Margie) at the Parish Office, 07578 6209. If a pilgrim group would like to use the parish centre while visiting, this could also be arranged through the parish secretary. The church and parish centre are located in Pitua Road, Te Puna. All are welcome.

W.Y.D. 2016 FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to the winners of our Raffle:

Wheelbarrow - Jamie & Glo

Valentines - Mele Niko

Garage Sale

7.30am Saturday 27th February, St Mary's Church Hall. Items required. Phone Gabrielle 348 3155 or Maria 347 8677.

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 or email: hello@catholicyouth.org.nz for details.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Our senior school leaders were commissioned this week, all year 6's are leaders and have taken on extra responsibilities. Leaders include: Religious Leaders, House Leaders, Recreational Leaders, Young Vinnies, Playground Angels, Library Leaders and Environmental Leaders. Students are currently learning about Cambodia and the Year of Mercy.

St Mary's School Gala 4pm – 7pm Thursday 3 March – put this date in your diary now!

St Mary's Annual Gala will be held on Thursday 3 March from 4pm – 7pm. This is a wonderful community event with food stalls, entertainment, raffles, baby elephant stall, cake competition and lots of fun activities for everyone. If anyone is able to assist with sponsorship, donations or other areas please contact Heidi Symons phone: 020 219 11305. All money raised goes back to St Mary's school for the benefit of our children. We look forward to your company and support at our school gala.

Please remember that if you wish to use St Mary's Church Hall or St Michael's Crypt, you must make your booking through the Parish

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: Catriona

Ask your kids about today's gospel!!

1. Where was Jesus in the gospel?
2. Who was with Him?
3. What changed about Jesus?
4. Why do you think this happened?
5. Discuss the word 'transfiguration' as a family!

LAST WORD

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
2. Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
3. Gospel Luke 9:28-36

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1. Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
2. 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
3. Gospel Luke 13:1-9

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Monica Manaena RIP	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	O'Connell & Davey Family Intentions		Sunday 5pm	Special Intentions	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Thomas Family Ints.	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Kitty Kingston RIP	
Thursday 9am	Roberta & Juanito Abellanosa RIP		Wed. 12.05pm	Gabrielle Travers & Family Intentions	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Mass of Thanksgiving God's Blessings for Health & Employment	8am to 8.30am



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