

Pastoral Area of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Rotorua

Catholic Churches

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

Proud of our Three Catholic Schools:

St Michael's, Lisa Crescent, 348 I362 & St Mary's, 37 Carnot Street, 348 I701
and John Paul College, Whitworth Road, 347 8795

First Sunday of Lent YR B 18th February 2018

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Deadline for newsletter:

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Bishop's Steve Lows Anniversary

Last Tuesday 13th February it was Bishop Steve's third anniversary to this Episcopal ordination.

This weekend he is at Murupara celebrating with Br Vincent Jury his 70th anniversary Professed as a Christian Brother.

Diaconate Ordination

Just in case you missed last weeks newsletter, it was announced that Mike Jones and Rick Kuka (from Te Puna) received Candidacy from Bishop Steve during the Sunday Mass in Te Puna and on Saturday the 21st April Mike and Rick will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at St Mary's, with a Mass at 10.00 am. Everyone is invited to this ordination.

With Hearts Burning

Last weekend we launched the third module of 'With Hearts Burning' called 'A Ministry of Listening.' I would encourage you all to reflect on the text and share your thoughts with the group you belong to in the Parish e.g. Indian community, also with your family and friends. Both Bishop Steve and Pope Francis' texts are inspiring. It is a wonderful thing to listen to others and to be listened to.

The Sacramental Programme

This weekend the Sacramental Programme commences again with the children learning about the Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Continued Over

Catholics Returning Home programme

Our next 'Catholics Returning Home' programme begins again this month. Please take note of the advert in the newsletter. The Catholics Returning Home programme is a wonderful opportunity to encourage those who have stopped practising their Catholic Faith to return, and I would suggest that you bring them along and be their support person. Everyone needs support, and everyone needs to be encouraged. Let us pray for God's blessing on this programme.

Kind Regards and God Bless,

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

40 DAY ROSARY FOR LIFE WALK

Come and join us in praying a rosary for life each day during Lent. Starting at St Michael's Church and walking around the foot path below the hospital grounds. This will start each day 15 minutes after the Mass on that day. On Saturdays it will be at 4 pm and on Sundays at 3 pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2nd March 2018. This year the service is being held at the Bainbridge Methodist Church, Old Taupo Road. Time 10am. Please mark on your calendar now.

A CHANCE TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Most of us have received the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, but few have been released by the fire of the Spirit. The switch is in place but has yet to be turned on. Addressing 45000 Catholics in Rome's Olympic Stadium last summer, Pope Francis said they must "share with all in the church the grace of the baptism in the Holy Spirit". We have the chance commencing this April.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN TE REO

Rosary in Te Reo every Monday evening 6.30pm, at 7 Whitworth Road, everyone is welcome.
For enquiries phone Chris on 021 197 2022.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday 4.30 pm and Wednesday 10.30 am each week at 117 Ranolf Street.

ACCOMMODATION - URGENT

Accommodation urgently needed in CBD area, two bedroom unit preferably with garage.
Phone Em 027 621 0766

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

In preparation for Easter you are invited to participate in this recommended six week programme commencing Monday 12th February.

Three Venues / Times are arranged.

- Mondays 7.00pm - 8.00pm St Michael's Crypt. John Limrick 332 3717 please phone John if you are going to attend.
- Wednesdays 7.00pm 18 Forest Place, Lynmore. Deacon Joe Rogers 345 8567
- Thursday after the 9.00am Mass. St Michael's Crypt. Sister Carina 348 8978

For further information / enquiries phone Kay 348 6148 or email: kayleamy@yahoo.co.nz

SETFREE 2018

SetFree is a celebration of the young church, an opportunity to grow in your faith, receive the Sacraments, partake in activities, live music and various festivities! It will be hosted at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre, Tokoroa from 23-25 March. SetFree will start at 6pm with a powhiri. The cost of the entire weekend, marae style accommodation and meals included is only \$85pp. SetFree is open to High School yrs 10-13 and Young Adults! Register now at setfree.org.nz or email ciaral@cdh.org.nz for more details.

PARISH TO PARISH B&B BOOK

Is available, N.Z. and Australia for Catholics to enjoy hospitality for \$35 for one person, or for two or more \$30. To receive a directory send \$15 to Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch, 8053.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish to use the Church Hall at St Mary's or the Crypt at St Michael's you must book through the Parish Office with Andrea 348 0289 ext 2

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MICHAEL'S
EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL AND INCLUDING MARCH 16TH
6P.M. TOKELAUAN
7P.M. ENGLISH
8P.M INDIAN COMMUNITY
FRIDAY 23RD MARCH RITE II RECONCILIATION
AT ST MARY'S 7PM

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

You are invited to attend a refresher course for Catholics wanting to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. This will run weekly at 7.00 pm on Tuesday nights commencing 27th February 2018 for four weeks until 20th March at St. Mary's, corner of Seddon and Ranolf Street.

For further enquiries, please email
Fr. Eamon Kennedy at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2018

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
at 11:30am

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

The course is run by Sister Carina and Gabrielle Kilkelly on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Meeting Room at St Mary's Church.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There is a First Aid Kit in the kitchen and foyer at St Mary's and for St Michael's in the kitchen in the crypt and in the sacristy. The Assemble Points for St Mary's are the car park in front of the Presbytery and the corner of the car park by the 38 Seddon Street section, for St Michael's the corner of Lake Road and Lakefront Drive

All accidents are to be recorded in the Accidents and First Aid Register kept with the First Aid Kits.

Also all hazards can recorded in the Hazard Register.

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)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leader: Tai Waititi



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others."



COMMUNITY MASSES

MIHA MAORI - First Saturday of the month, 5pm Vigil Mass at St Michael's. All are welcome.

TOKELAUAN COMMUNITY - Third Saturday of the month, 5pm Vigil Mass at St Michael's. All are welcome.

INDIAN COMMUNITY

Second Friday of the month, 6pm at St Michael's. All are welcome.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Third Friday of the month, 7pm at St Michael's. All are welcome.

THE ROSARY

Is prayed on week days 30 minutes before the Mass on that day, except Wednesday. There is a rosary for our PRIESTS every Sunday at 3pm, also at St Michael's Church.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Is prayed after Holy Mass at St Mary's, in the Chapel of God's Mercy, Monday Wednesday & Friday, also on Tuesday and Thursdays at St Michael's following the Mass.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
2. Romans 5:12-19
3. Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Genesis 12:1-4
2. 2 Timothy 1:8-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Deceased Members O'Toole Family	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Con Fitzgerald Intentions		Sunday 5pm	Masters Family Intentions (50th Wedding Aniv)	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Michael Kilkelly Intentions	
Thursday 9am	Elpidia Tomo RIP (40 Days)	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Maria Hamber Intentions	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Yark Family Intentions	8am to 8.30am

LAST WORD

Lent is not about what you give up, it is about what you do for others in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ *Unknown*