

**Pastoral Area of Saint Mary of the
Cross MacKillop, Rotorua**
**St Michael's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart, Murupara
Catholic Churches**



The Ascension of the Lord YR A - 28th May 2017

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Deadline for newsletter:

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Congratulations to John Paul College and Mr. Walsh as they celebrate 30 years as a college. There will be refreshments after the 10.00 am Mass which everyone is invited to stay for.

Please do keep those who have started the Inquiry Period for RCIA in your prayers, asking God to bless them and their families. The Inquiry Period is for people who are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, to find out if they wish to start the RCIA course. It is not too late for others to join, they are very welcome to come and be a part of the Inquiry Period. Any further inquiries please don't hesitate to contact Deacon John Limrick or contact myself. (johnlimrick@gmx.com)

Keep the children and their families in your prayers who are doing the Sacramental Programme in preparation for making their First Holy Communion and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates this year for these celebrations are, 10th June at the 5.00 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 11th June at the 5.00 pm evening Mass.

We are now moving to another stage for Health and Safety. The Diocese now requires us to have all people who are involved with children and vulnerable adults police vetted. Everyone who is working with children, those doing the children's Liturgy, Sacramental Programme, teaching catechism lessons, working with the Youth and Altar Servers and also those who are bringing Holy Communion to the sick. All who are working with children, young people and vulnerable adults need to email me your names and contact details. Even if you have been police vetted by other organizations you will still need to be police vetted again for the Parish/Church. I do need your consent for you to be police vetted. This is all a part of the reality which we live in now and a requirement by law. I thank you for your participation.

Kind regards and God bless.

Fr Eamon Kennedy

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. This will run weekly on Thursday nights commencing Thursday 11th May 2017 for four weeks until 1st June at 7.00 pm at St. Mary's, corner of Seddon and Ranolf Street. For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at: freamonkennedy@gmail.com

MMP CENACLE

Next meeting will be on Friday June 2nd following the 9am Mass at St Mary's. All welcome.

SEMINARY APPEAL 2017

Thank you all for your Generous Donations and Continuous Support for Our Future Priests. Donations can still be done ONLINE at www.cdh.org.nz and you will receive your receipt from the Diocese by mail. Donations by Cheque or Cash need to be given in our Parish Collection Baskets who will then receipt you for it. For any other methods (ie: Automatic Payment Form, Will or Bequest) please contact Fred at fredr@cdh.org.nz or on 021 249 9952

YOUTH WORKER VACANCIES

Are you passionate about working with young people? Two 10 hour roles have been established in St John's College/Cathedral Parish supported by the 24/7 network programme.

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are willing to begin immediately. These roles can be taken up with a part time job or uni work. Please email a copy of your CV and a cover letter through to Briege at: hello@catholicyouth.org.nz by 16th June.

A.G.M. CATHOLIC CARE FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of Catholic Care Foundation will be held on 31 May at St Joseph's Parish, Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton starting with Mass at 7.00pm - meeting to follow. Guest speaker: John Kavanagh of Catholic Family Support Service. John will discuss the services both in Hamilton and Tauranga and surrounding areas, which has received considerable grant funding from the Foundation. All welcome.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Speaker: Jovita Parker (Auckland)

Topic: 'Your Word brings fresh insight for my life'
Another excellent speaker and topic as we continue our theme of renewal.

Date: Thursday June 1st

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish, 86 Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton.

All women are very welcome. Bring your Bible and a small plate for supper is optional. For more information please contact Raewyn (07) 856 8321 or Nancy at nancyjames@actrix.co.nz
What is Dove? Visit www.dove.org.nz

STEPPING OUT

An Open Forum takes place on the second Sunday of each month beginning at 7.15pm in the Cathedral foyer and closes at 9.00pm. Interested in mental health matters? Come along!

ACCOMODATION OFFERED

In Tikitere to share with owner, cat and occasional family guests. Furnished bedroom, informal lounge and separate bathroom are available.

Internal garaging will also be ready soon. \$70 per week for a tidy non-smoker with relaxed sense of humour. Feel free to phone Theresa on 021 552

PLEASE NOTE:

This Criteria Must Be Followed,
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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leader: Florence Family

**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.

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.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"The worship of the ancient golden calf has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money." *Pope Francis*

**LAST WORD**

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

Saint Mother Teresa

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Acts 1:1-11
2. Ephesians 1:17-23
3. Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1. Acts 2:1-11
2. 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
3. Gospel John 20:19-23

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH			ST MARY'S CHURCH		
MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Francie & Joe Watson 50th Wedding Anniversary	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Lee Ticklepenny RIP		Sunday 5pm	Evangeline Robin Mass of Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Aimee Joseph Intentions	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Jadwiga McLeod Intentions	
Thursday 9am	Tiki Thomas & Family Intentions	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Lolita Austria RIP	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Special Intentions	8am to 8.30am

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