

# 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B- 24th December 2017

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**Deadline for newsletter:**

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On the eve of Christmas, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all in a special way.

The parish is made up of people who contribute through many and varied ministries, which the Parish is totally dependent on. We give thanks to God for the many talents of the Parishioners we have, and I personally thank you all and also on behalf of Fr Tovio, we wish you and your families a very blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Kind Regards and God Bless,

*Fr. Eamon Kennedy*



## CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

### Christmas Eve -24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

5. 00 pm in St Michael's

7. 00 pm in St Mary's

10. 00 pm in St Mary's

Midnight Mass in St Michael's

### Christmas Day -25<sup>th</sup> December 2017

8. 00 am in St Michael's

10. 00 am in St Mary's

**MORNING TEA** - There will be morning tea following the 10am Mass at St Mary's today to welcome new parishioners. All welcome.

### **Fight against Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

Our fight against Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide ever becoming legal in New Zealand has begun. Over 900 prayer cards were given to Parishioners on the weekend, please pray the prayers daily.

**Submissions** to the **Justice Select Committee** have already opened and close on 20 February 2018. Assistance will be available mid January for those wishing to make a submission.

### **Hospice NZ Position Statement on Euthanasia and Assisted Dying**

Palliative care, as defined by the [World Health Organisation](#), "intends neither to hasten nor postpone death". This philosophy is a cornerstone of hospice care in New Zealand. Palliative care is holistic – physical, emotional, spiritual, social and cultural needs are all valued equally. Euthanasia and assisted suicide of any kind is currently illegal in New Zealand, and Hospice New Zealand, as an organisation, does not support a change in the law to legalise euthanasia or assisted suicide in any form. Hospice NZ believes greater access to palliative care will improve end-of-life care for New Zealanders. Greater investment will reduce inequity of access, increase numbers of trained healthcare professionals (across the whole health sector), and provide more resources for Hospice services. This investment should be a major priority for central government. Hospices in New Zealand believe that improving access to hospice and palliative care services should be the priority for Government. This will ensure everyone receives quality care regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status or location. Only when all New Zealanders have ready access to good quality end-of-life care can a balanced discussion begin.

### **S.V.D.P. FULFILL VAN**

"Hi I would like to say thank you to our amazing people for being part of the full-fill van team this year. I hope you all have a love-filled Christmas and an awesome summer lots of love, Catherine. Anyone wishing to join our team for 2018 we would love to have you on board please contact 349 6613 or 027 225 0503"

#### **BAPTISM DATES FOR 2018**

**First Baptism Class for 2018**  
February 1st

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 (excluding January) in the Meeting Room at St Mary's Church.

### **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)*



### ST MARY'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

Sunday: 10.00am  
5.00pm

#### **Week Day Mass Times:**

Monday: 9.00am  
Wednesday: 12.05pm  
Friday: 9.00am

#### RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11.15am to 11.45am  
Friday: 8.00am to 8.30am

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH MASS TIMES

Sunday: 5.00pm Saturday Vigil  
8.00am Sunday

#### **Week Day Mass Times:**

Tuesday: 5.30pm  
Thursday: 9.00am

#### RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturday: 4.20pm to 4.45pm  
Tuesday: 5.05pm to 5.20pm  
Thursday: Straight after Mass

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

Headlines from this issue of NZ Catholic: Parishes to get euthanasia bill letter from bishops... NZ abuse inquiry likely to include churches... 'Our Father' translation not on ICEL agenda yet... Clergy appointments in four NZ dioceses. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on January 28, 2018.

#### **ENGAGEMENT NOTICE**

Alyssa Yalong is to be married to Alexander Hardy. Ms Yalong is the daughter of Mr Benjamin and Harriet Yalong of Rotorua. Mr Hardy is the son of Andrew and Judith Hardy of Ngongotaha, Rotorua. The couple are to be married this January in the Philippines.

#### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

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

#### **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

#### **CHRISTMAS WISHES**

As this is the final newsletter for 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year.  
God Bless, *Andrea*



#### **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.**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Leader:** There is no Children's Liturgy during the School Holidays.



## 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

## POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"The season of Advent restores; a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! Let us think about and feel this beauty."



## 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.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
2. Romans 16:25-27
3. Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Genesis 15: 1-6, 21:1-3
2. Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
3. Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	David Peter Ellery & Eileen Mary Ellery RIP	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Deceased Members of Te Kiri Family		Sunday 7pm	Christmas Eve Mass	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Jerry Gilbert RIP	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 10am	Christmas Day	
Thursday 9am	Bismon Xavier RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Bob Harmer RIP & Kilkelly Family Ints.	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Monica Thomman RIP	8am to 8.30am

## LAST WORD

Wishing you all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Joe*