

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 1362 & St Mary's, 37 Carnot Street, 348 1701
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Fifth Sunday of Lent YR B 18th March 2018

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Deadline for newsletter:

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Two new Bishops

Both the diocese of Christchurch and Dunedin are receiving new Bishops. Bishop-elect Michael Dooley for Dunedin and recently ordained Bishop Paul Martin for Christchurch. Please pray for these two new shepherds.

Our Catechumens and Candidates

Please keep in your prayers our Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to enter the church at the Easter Vigil, which is the most wonderful Mass to attend. Don't forget to bring a candle and a candle holder. The top of a drink bottle is ideal as a candle holder.

Rite II Reconciliation

This week we have Rite II Reconciliation on Friday 23rd March. There is a good number of Priests coming. I often, wonder if it is a good idea to do your examination of conscience at home and pray to the Holy Spirit to show you your sinfulness and write your sins. As adults we often forget what we want to confess, so by writing our sins down, it is one less thing to worry about.

Here is the Act of Contrition

O my God

I am very sorry

that I have sinned against you

because you are so good

and with the help

of your grace

I will not sin again.

The Sacraments for children who are not baptised

We are going to run a programme next month for children who are 8 years old by the 1st March and are not baptised, in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.) Interested families need to contact the Parish Secretary.

Kind regards and God bless.

Fr. Eamon Kennedy



FRIDAY 23RD MARCH RITE II RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S 7PM

REMINDER - GIFT OF THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

3 weeks away.....why not make the decision today to grow your faith! Learn moreexperience more of God and the Holy Spirit's presence in your life. You are invited to join the seminar today by either filling out a registration slip on the ledge in the foyer, or by phoning one of the numbers on the flyer.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2018-2019

The new year Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection and are situated on the table at the back of each Church, (St Michael's at St Michael's and St Mary's at St Mary's). If you are already on the envelope system please make sure to collect yours as soon as possible, if you wish to join please contact Andrea at the Parish Office 348 0289 ext 2. The new set start from Good Friday, March 30th.

S.V.D.P. FULLFILL VAN

"Hi all, do you have spare time on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon? The FULL-FILL van is a St Vincent De Paul initiative feeding afternoon tea and love to our community, and we would love you to join us. To volunteer as a driver is 90 minutes every 2 weeks, to help with sandwiches is 25 minutes every 2 weeks. Please call Catherine on 349 6613 or text 027 225 0503. Alternatively you can make a donation to the following account: **38-9001-0159604-07** please put FULLFILL as your reference." *Catherine*

YOUTH GROUP

If you are 12 - 21yrs, come and join us for Faith, Fellowship, Fun and Pizza, today after the 5pm Mass at St Mary's Church Hall.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to the MARIAPOLIS!

The MARIAPOLIS is a time of spiritual nourishment and renewal which is open to everyone: adults, families, young people and children.

The programme consists of talks and life experiences about putting the Gospel into practice in today's society. The aim is to promote unity in the family, at work, in the parish, with friends. This will be from Saturday to Tuesday 21-24 April 2018 at Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua. For registration please contact: TONETTE (343 6734, 021 500 465) or JASMIN (349 4457, 027 470 088).

PRAYER AND LITURGY COURSE IN ROTORUA

Enrich your understanding of the Mass and prayer. Dates 6-7 April & 11-12 May. Two Friday evenings and two Saturdays, or study online.

Contact Cynthia: 0800 217 411;

email: c.piper@tci.ac.nz

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

It's that time of the year again where we are looking for donations towards buses taking our children to Mass. Thank-you so much for the donations received in the past, we really appreciate it.

GOOD FRIDAY REDWOODS ECEMUNICAL SERVICE

The combined churches of Rotorua will again be holding a service beneath the Redwoods canopy on Good Friday March 30, weather permitting.

The procession of the cross will start from the Redwoods Shopping Centre at 9.00am and process down Long Mile Drive to the service which commences at 10.00am. You may wish to bring a chair. All are welcome.

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. Phone Andrea: 348 0289 ext 2

EASTER MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 27th March - Chrism Mass,
6pm in the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary (There will be no Mass at
St Michael's)**

29th March, Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper,

7pm St Mary's

30th March, Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, 10am,

3pm Service St Mary's

3pm Service St Michael's

31st March, Easter Vigil

7pm St Mary's

1st April, Easter Sunday

8am St Michael's,

10am St Mary's

5pm St Mary's

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

This term the school has been busy making jam. A great life skill. The group that created this was The Faith in Action Group. This group is part of our schools Religious Education programme. A group of students and teachers will be going to Cambodia over Easter. They will visit schools and give out packs of personal cleaning gear example toothbrushes and toothpaste. These are very important items. Keep Cambodia in your thoughts and prayers. Easter is on all our minds as we journey through Lent.

Karen Bloomfield - DRS

Patrick Walsh - Principal

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

A big thank-you to our staff and families who supported our working bee on Saturday. It was a great day of community and sharing while working together to make our school look loved. On Friday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Liturgy, green cake stall and mufti and sports tabloids.

This is a special feast day for St. Michael's because of the connection with The Mercy Sisters and Catherine McAuley.

Marion Brits - Director of Religious Studies

Lorette Tiedt - Acting Principal

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

This week our staff had the opportunity to read and clarify parts of the Religious Education Bridging Document. It is designed to a reflective and practical support for teachers in teaching effectively the mandated NZ Religious Education Curriculum.

Keeping staff informed and updated is important to help ensure we are delivering best practice in RE lessons. Our St Joseph's Mass is next Friday. Please do join us if you can, 23rd, 9:00am Friday at St Mary's.

Bernadette Hall - Director of Religious Studies

David Macmillan - Principal

CARITAS LENTEN GIVING - Week 3 Total \$373.

Thank you to those supporting Caritas.

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: Tai Waititi



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"Use the pauses of Lent to look and contemplate. Christians can learn from seeing the gestures others make that keep the flame of faith and hope alive."



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. Ezekiel 37:12-14
2. Romans 8:8-11
3. Gospel: John 11:1-45

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Isaiah 50:4-7
2. Philippians 2:6-11
3. Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Imelda Johnson RIP & Maureen Kilkelly Intentions	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Esther Kang RIP		Sunday 5pm	Patrick McHugh RIP & Patricia McHugh RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Aiden Robin Special Intentions	
Thursday 9am	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Robin & Deepa Intentions	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Gerry Haines RIP	8am to 8.30am

LAST WORD - "People may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers." *Sidlow Baxter*