

# 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

Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year A - 19th November 2017

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**Deadline for newsletter:**

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

## **Sacramental Programme**

This weekend the children doing the Sacramental Programme are doing the last lesson for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before making their First Reconciliation next Sunday. Please pray for God's blessing on these children and their families.

## **Catholics Returning Home**

It has been very encouraging to see people attending the 'Catholics Returning Home' programme. Please pray for God's blessing for those who are attending. It is worth repeating that people can't do this alone, everyone needs support and it is wonderful having Parishioners come to be a support to those returning to the practice of their Catholic faith.

## **Mass for children**

The Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am in St Mary's, will be offered for children who have died during pregnancy and infancy. We will also pray in a special way for the mums and dads who have lost children. Votive candles will be available to be lit for these children.

## **Vocations Retreat**

This weekend the Vocations Retreat for men is happening at the Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru. Please keep these men in your prayers as they discern their vocation.

Kind regards and God bless.

*Fr. Eamon Kennedy*

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

Headlines from this issue of NZ Catholic: Making our parishes into oases of mercy... NZ Bishops to ask ICEL to look at 1998 translation... Sainly Pope's relic in NZ Church... Parish place for ashes of loved ones. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 3.

### MORNING TEA

There will be a morning tea next Sunday, after the 10 am Mass at St Mary's church to welcome new parishioners. Please bring a plate if you are able. All welcome.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual Christmas Raffle. We are once again having our fundraising raffle. This will be held over three Sundays at all Masses commencing next week on Sat/Sun 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Nov, and the following two weeks. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We look forward to your continued support. *Jackie Bowers*, President

### ST. MARY'S WELLINGTON REUNION LUNCH

All past pupils of the above college are invited to lunch at Urbano on Sunday 26 November at 12.30pm. For further details and R.S.V.P please text or phone Ellen 021 167 4234 or Bernadine 021 299 2507.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD ROSARY

Rosary will be prayed each Thursday of November, 7.30pm at Kilkelly's, 13 Jervis Street. Phone: 348 8872. Everyone welcome.

### 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.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Hamilton

Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 11.30am  
St Patrick's Church, Te Awamutu. The Blessings of Graves at Ohaupo Catholic Cemetery will follow immediately after the Mass. All Welcome.

### THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The conference of St Michael's has been involved in assisting the community in Rotorua since 1957 and has helped many people in need. We are now looking for volunteers to assist us in our work. In every community there is a lot of need: the hungry, homeless, sick, lonely, elderly and the refugees all need help. If you would like to know more about our work or feel you can assist us in our charitable work please give Alan a call on 346 3321

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

**Did you miss the presentation made by Bishop Nicholas Hudson? Watch it online and download the talk/powerpoint at [whb.cdh.nz](http://whb.cdh.nz)**

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS - On Sale Now \$12

#### **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.

### 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)*



## BAPTISM DATES FOR 2017

### 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.

### ST MARYS SCHOOL

Our Grandparents/Special Friends Day was a huge success. This is always a special community day for our school. The students were particularly good at showing our visitors around and hosting the concert for them. Our Young Vinnies are now in full swing with a food can drive. We have already received many cans. Classes are now learning about the Holy Spirit Strand in our RE programme. The Holy Spirit was given to live inside those who believe in Jesus, in order to produce God's character in the life of a believer. In a way that we cannot do on our own, the Holy Spirit will build into our lives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*Bernadette Hall* - Director of Religious Studies

*David Macmillan* - Principal

### ST MICHAELS SCHOOL

This week is a very busy week for our senior students. On Monday our Year 6 students will spend the day at JPC in preparation for 2018. On Tuesday several of our senior's will compete in the Inter-School Athletics Day, we know they will represent us proudly. On Wednesday to Friday our Year 5 and 6 students will be on their annual school camp. This year the camp is at Totara Springs in Matamata and the children will take part in abseiling, archery, obstacle courses, kayaking and swimming. We pray that they will enjoy fine weather and will create special memories and that they will return safely to us at the end of the week

*Marion Brits* - Director of Religious Studies

*Shelly Fitness* - Principal

### JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

This week juniors and seniors have been sitting exams. Last Friday John Paul College junior students were part of a work choice experience. Students enjoy working in the community for a day. Teachers worked together on this day, evaluating 2017 programmes and we were preparing for 2018. On Saturday 24 November year 6 students who are attending John Paul College in 2018 sat an Entrance Test. This test enables John Paul College to know the strengths and weaknesses of every student. John Paul College prides itself on knowing all its students well. "Every student counts" Thank you for choosing to join The John Paul College family. We promise to take good care of your children. John Paul College wishes Ms Shelly Fitness principal of St Michael's all the best for who next principal ship. Our community is very grateful for all her hard work and we will miss her. At this time of year we farewell a few staff. We are grateful for all the hard work they have contributed to our College and wish them well in their new endeavours. We will miss them all. It really does take "a village to educate a child"

*Karen Bloomfield* - DRS

*Patrick Walsh* - Principal

## 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: Jenny



## THE ROSARY

Is prayed on week days 30 minutes before the Mass on that day, except Wednesday. There is a rosary for LIFE every Saturday at 4 pm, except on the first Saturday of each month when we have our first Saturday devotion at 4pm. Both are at St Michael's Church. 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:

"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards 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.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
3. Matthew 25:14-30

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
2. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
3. Matthew 25:31-46

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Deceased Members Lane & Cooper Families	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul		Sunday 5pm	Arturo Pingol Mass of Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 5.30pm	For all Persecuted Christians	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Eliza & Miguel Go RIP, Arnold Ton RIP & Glicerio Uy RIP	
Thursday 9am	Caridad V Francisco & Ricardo V Francis- co Jr RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Cooper Family Intentions	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Mass of Thanksgiving & Cooper Family Intentions	8am to 8.30am

## LAST WORD

Use your telephone to Evangelise. Just say to the person you have been speaking to, "Have a great day and may God Bless you." You will be pleasantly surprised at their reaction.