

# 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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A - 17th September 2017

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**Deadline for newsletter:**

Thursday 11am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend Bishop Steve launches 'With Hearts Burning' the first of six spiritual and pastoral reflections to be run throughout the Diocese until the end of 2018. The insert is the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, with the first Spiritual Reflection for you to read and study, either as an individual or as groups. I would encourage you all to take this to heart and spend some time reading and studying Bishop Steve's reflection on such topics as why people are dissatisfied with the Church and why they are leaving it.

It is a wonderful challenge for us all to take this on board and see what we can do.

Please take note of the advert in the newsletter for the enrolment in the Sacramental Programme, for children wishing to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Kind regards and God bless.

*Fr. Eamon Kennedy*

## ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme is for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and also a serious commitment to the practice of their Catholic Faith. The enrolment is at St Mary's Catholic Church 7.00 pm, 17th October and/or 24th October. There will be a briefing on the Sacramental Programme, dates will be given and a fee of \$25.00 per child is to be paid either by cheque or cash. Children who have not been baptised in Rotorua will need to bring their baptismal certificate. The children are required to be 8 years old by 1st November 2017. Children who are not baptised and would like to become Catholics are also welcome to be a part of the Sacramental Programme.

### MMP GENACLE

Next meeting will be on Friday September 22 following the 9.00am Mass at St Mary's. All are welcome.

### FEAST SAN LORENZO RUIZ MASS

Join us on our 4<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the feast of San Lorenzo ruiz (the first Filipino Saint) 30 September 2017, 10:00 am at St. Mary's Church, Rotorua. THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION AFTER THE MASS, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SHARED LUNCH, AND A PROGRAM at St. Mary's School Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Donations are welcome. Please contact JANE AT 021 0844 8142. CASH DONATION CAN BE DEPOSITED TO: ACCOUNT: SAN LORENZO ACCOUNT NO: 06-0188-0625300-00. God Bless Us All !

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL – TE NGAE SHOP

Desperately need volunteers to work in our shop please ring Ann 021 183 6529

### BLACK SAMOAN ORATORY STICK

Left at St Mary's Church during the Unveiling Mass of Atalia Justina Vulu, Saturday September 2nd. **The Vulus require this to be returned urgently.** If you were the person who collected this could you please phone 348 2906 or 022 696 0746. Thank you.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for the food that you have donated, the increase in the demand for Food Parcels continues and the Food Cupboard is not coping. We are still in need of the following foods, pasta and pasta sauces, breakfast foods, tea, coffee, milo, biscuits, jam, peanut butter and tin food. Contact Joan 347 2288

### MORNING TEA

There will be a morning tea next weekend (Sunday 24th) after the 10.00am Mass to welcome new Parishioners. Please bring a plate if you are able to all welcome.

### 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.**

## School News



### JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

A Holocaust survivor visited John Paul College on Wednesday September 6 and spoke to the senior students. He spoke about Genocide, Ethnic cleansing and deportation. He was 6 years of age, when he and his parents were sent to a concentration camp. He survived and so did his parents. They immigrated to Australia. He thanked Australia for all the opportunities he was given. He said "Don't you worry I bet Hitler, I have five grandchildren." We all must have Hope and Forgiveness in our hearts at all times. He also encouraged all students not to stand by and watch people being bullied. Stand up for them. The week just gone was Te Wiki O te reo Maori. All staff and students were encouraged to increase their Maori Vocabulary for the week. The Maori Language is a beautiful rich language which is unique to New Zealand. Please feel free to join Mass at MacKillop Chapel on a Wednesday morning at 8.10am.

*Karen Bloomfield* - DRS

*Patrick Walsh* - Principal

### ST MICHAELS SCHOOL

Congratulations to the winners of our Bible Reading Competition last week. It was lovely to spend time listening to the word of God proclaimed so confidently and proudly. This week is the final of our annual Talent Contest and we look forward to seeing what our talented students have to show us. This week we also celebrate the feast day of St Matthew in our school chapel and our staff will finish off the week with our termly social.

*Marion Brits* - Director of Religious Studies

*Shelly Fitness* - Principal

### ST MARYS SCHOOL

Our students continue to develop their sports skills through the Go-4-It programme. Many students have signed up for term 4 sports codes. We are fortunate to have so many parents willing to help coach these teams. Our school attended Mass on Friday for the feast day of the Nativity of Mary. It was pleasing to see so many students were able to answer Fathers questions about this special day. Our school practice singing well in advance for our Masses and this also was evident at our Mass on Friday. Several staff members have signed up for the RE paper 'Spirituality for Teachers' for next term. It is great to see so many teachers willing to learn more about how to be the best RE teacher they can.  
*Bernadette Hall* - Director of Religious Studies  
*David Macmillan* - 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.**

### 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 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 3 pm, 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 Kingdom of God is already in our midst like a hidden seed. Anyone with pure eyes can see it blossom."



## LAST WORD

Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7
2. Romans 14:7-9
3. Matthew 18:21-35

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Isaiah 55:6-9
2. Philippians 1:20-24, 27
3. Matthew 20:1-16

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	Special Intentions & Yark Family Ints.	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Elsy Fernandez RIP		Sunday 5pm	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul	
Tuesday 5.30pm		5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Lucio & Magdalena To- lentino RIP	
Thursday 9am	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Ada Morley RIP	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Caridad V. Francisco & Riccardo C. Francisco Jr RIP	8am to 8.30am