

Pastoral Area of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Rotorua

Catholic Churches

St Michael's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart, Murupara

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Deadline for newsletter:

Thursday 9am

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Catholics Returning Home

This weekend the insert in the newsletter gives some details about the 'Catholics Returning Home' programme. These can be given to your family, friends, workmates and neighbours, who you wish to invite to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Some people are just waiting to be invited and this is where you come in. This is our call as Christians to invite and encourage others to return to the practice of their faith or even to consider becoming a Catholic. We should ask ourselves how many people we have asked to come back to the church or to consider becoming a Catholic. The invitation should always be there.

More fruitful

It would seem that this programme is more fruitful if those who are coming bring a friend, which is you. Everyone needs support and especially those who are returning to the practice of their Catholic faith. Please pray for those who will start the 'Catholics Returning Home' programme that God will bless us with many Catholics who will return home.

Kind regards and God bless

Fr. Eamon Kennedy

CATHOLIC'S RETURNING HOME

You are invited to attend a refresher course for Catholics wanting to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. This will run weekly at 7.00 pm on Tuesday nights commencing 3rd July 2018 for four weeks until 24th July at St. Mary's, corner of Seddon and Ranolf Street. For further enquiries, please email: Fr. Eamon Kennedy at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

MORNING TEA

There will be a morning tea after the 10 am Mass today at St Mary's Church to welcome new parishioners. All welcome

CAN YOU HELP?

There are two ladies undertaking the cleaning of the linens, at St Michaels, used during Mass. We would really appreciate some help. The frequency of the cleaning duty depends on the availability of helpers. Currently with two people, the cleaning duty occurs every second month but with three people, it would be every third month and six people, every sixth month. Training on how to clean the linens will be given. Please consider undertaking this essential task and call Rosemary on 021 299 1139 or email ru.lyons@icloud.com for a chat.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A short introductory course will be offered in the Chapel at St Luke's Anglican Church on Monday 2 July from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Please see the noticeboard for more information or contact Damian Robertson on 07 347 2087.

LECTIO DIVINIA

Be refreshed and respond with joy in silent/listening prayer. Learn to develop an intimacy with Jesus our way to the Father. The parish of Rotorua invites you to the Lectio Divina, with Fr. John Jolliffe, SM, an expert on Silent Prayer and Listening Prayer. Attend our training sessions, on 21st July, 2018, from 9:30am to 4pm. This free offer is open to everyone interested to pray. To register, please contact the parish office 07 348 0289 or email at: catholicrotorua@xtra.co.nz

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

During the month of July the Rotorua CWL will be acknowledging 85yrs of service to the Rotorua parishes. On Wednesday 4th July, we will be having a special meeting (more on that later) and on Sunday, the 8th July, we will be hosting morning tea for all parishioners after the 10am Mass at St Mary's, as a way of saying thanks to all who support our many causes. Jackie Bowers President.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

MAX 18 - For All Catholic men 28 -30 September, Kings College, Auckland. Meaning Men Alive for Christ the first time in New Zealand, coming from Australia, in association with Joshua National , NZ. Experienced presenters include co-founders Robert Falzon and Peter Shakhoskoy, along with Deacon Gary Stone , who served many years in the Australian military, will share many compelling testimonies. UNLESS is the main theme and many scriptural passages with this theme will be a focus. e.g. "Unless a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God". (John 3:5). The Conference is fully supported by the NZ Bishops Conference. Registrations will be available shortly. Inquiries contact Gary 3478061

There will be first Friday and Saturday devotions next week. The first Friday devotion is at St Mary's church at 8 am and the first Saturday devotion is at St Michael's church at 4 pm. All welcome.

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.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2018

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 the Parish Priest, 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 in the Meeting Room at St Mary's Church.

YOUTH GROUP

There will be a youth group meeting next Sunday July 1st, following the 5pm Mass at St Mary's, for those aged 12 to 21. Come and join us for faith, friendship, fun and food.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

What a wonderful opportunity to attend the NZ Catholic Convention last week, many inspiring speakers at international and national level. It is so important to know Catholic Schools and educators are valued and are doing a great service to bring our youngest citizens closer to God. In our daily interactions, teaching of the RE programme, involving youth to take leadership in being part of the Masses, Liturgies, active groups like the Young Vinnies for example involve our students to be more Christ like. Several times at the conference I heard the phrase: "I am what I am because we are". The idea we are a part of a whole. Another highlight was visiting the footsteps of Suzanne Aubert and her incredible work which stills carries on today.

Bernadette Hall - Director of Religious Studies
David Macmillan - Principal

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

John Paul College sent six staff to The Catholic Conference in Wellington. The Catholic Conference was a great opportunity to network with our Catholic Schools, Staff members, Priests and Parish Community, building relationships with Christ and each other. The workshops, Eucharist celebrations, and fellowship were uplifting and enjoyable.

Karen Bloomfield - DRS
Patrick Walsh - Principal

What is Dyslexia and how can you help you child? Parents, teachers, anyone from the community. July 25 Edmund Rice Centre, John Paul College, 6.30pm -8.30pm. Gold coin donation. September 18, 7.00-9.00, Edmund Rice Centre. Doctor Lucy Hone speaks on anxiety and resilience. All welcome. Gold coin donation. Contact Paulene Walsh our Senco if you have any enquires. paulene.walsh@jpc.school.nz

On behalf of our parishioners our deepest sympathy goes to Shelley Fitness and her father on the death of Shelley's mother. RIP

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to use St Mary's Church Hall or St Michael's Crypt, you must book through the Parish Office with Andrea 07 348 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)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leader: Jenny



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.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light."



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. Isaiah 49:1-6
2. Acts 13:22-26
3. Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2. 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
3. Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	T. J. Devasia RIP	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Parishioners' Intentions	
Sunday 8am	Bill Peina RIP		Sunday 5pm	Juanito Gabuya Snr RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Special Intentions Cooper Family	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Lady Queen of Peace Intentions	
Thursday 9am	Freda Robertson RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Victor Gunaseelan RIP & Deceased Members Nayagar Family	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Jadwiga McLeod Repose of the Soul	8am to 8.30am

LAST WORD

Help me to remember Lord, that nothing's going to happen today that You and I can't handle together. *Unknown*