

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:

Friday - 9am

Dear loving Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!

As we enter a New Liturgical year today, we thank God for all the blessings that we received through the liturgical celebrations especially through the sacraments. We also place on record all the services and good works of all the parishioners for the smooth running of our parish. Your presence for the Sunday and weekday Masses are praiseworthy. We remember with gratitude the permanent members of our parish for their contributions both spiritually and financially. May God continue to bless our parish in the New Liturgical Year and keep us united, close to Him. 'Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.' Rom 8:31-39, neither covid nor vaccination. We shall overcome.

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. We wish you a meaningful Advent Season.

WELCOME BISHOP STEVE LOWE: We welcome Bishop Steve for administering the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 49 children of our parish today at 12.30 and 2.30 pm. Thank you, bishop, for your availability and generosity. Let us pledge our obedience to him as our shepherd and pray for the children receiving the sacraments.

COVID TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM: As New Zealand is moving to the Traffic Light System at 11.59 pm on Thursday 2nd December, we are waiting to understand the implications of this announcement, and how effectively we can manage our parish activities, especially the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments. We will make a Covid management Plan in consultation with different councils and groups in the parish as soon as we have clarity about the 'traffic light level' of our DHB region. In the meantime, please keep the Covid protocol.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Hereafter, First Wednesday of every month, at the 12 o'clock Mass, Sacrament of Anointing also will be celebrated.

Wishing you peace, joy, happiness, good health, and protection from all illness, we request your prayers and blessings for us your priests.

Yours lovingly in the Heart of Mary:

Fr Thomas T cmf.



NAU MAI – Welcome!

Zettischa Marione Parrilla

Zettischa is the daughter of, Marlon Parrilla & Ferne Parilla.

Zettischa was baptised at St Michael's yesterday, November 27.

We ask parishioners to pray for her and her family.

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday Mornings
at St Mary's 11am, followed by
Benediction. Mass at 12.05pm.



REST IN PEACE

We extend our sympathy and
prayers to the family of

Johanna Rood

Her Requiem Mass was held
at St Mary's, Thursday 25th November.

E te Ariki hoatu ki ā ia te okiokinga tonutanga.

Ā kia whiti ki a ia te māramatanga mutunga kore.



2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On sale now through the Parish Office, Tuesdays
through to Fridays, \$12 each. Eftpos available.

There are also still a few packets of St. Vincent
de Paul Christmas Cards left, \$3 a Pkt of 5.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Hospital Chapel on Tuesdays 4.30 pm.

Contact Damian:

022 068 6506

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our final meeting for the year is next Wednesday
1 December, commencing with Mass at
12.05pm, followed by a shared lunch.

We will be exchanging gifts. There will also be a
raffle, sales table, and library. Covid protocols
apply. Please bring your item for our Christmas
Raffle. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Enquiries to Jane 349 0735.



BAPTISM COURSE 2021



St Mary's Church
**1st and 2nd Sundays of
the month at 12.30pm**

St Michael's Church
**3rd and 4th Sundays of
the month at 12.30pm**

Parents need to contact the Parish Office
to make an appointment with the Parish
Priest and also to attend a Baptism
Course before having their child
baptised.

The course is run by Rosemary Lyons on
the first Thursday of each month at 7pm,
at St Mary's Church.

**The December 2nd Course will be the
last until February 3, 2022**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN ALL CELLPHONES OFF BEFORE MASS

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY UNTIL LEVEL 1

Children's Liturgy

CHILDRENS LITURGY

This Week's Leader / Leaders:

Next Week's Leader/ Leaders:



Synod 2023 Update

Thank you to those that have registered to participate in small groups as a part of Synod 2023. We have had over 200 people register to take part in these groups both online and in-person (where possible) which is a great start! There are many more people organising groups locally at parish level, in schools right across the diocese.

Extension of diocesan phase into 2022

The diocesan phase of the synod has been extended. Therefore, it is our hope to hold more small group gatherings in the first part of 2022. We want to involve as many people as possible. This change of dates from the Vatican has come as a result of feedback from local dioceses, particularly here in New Zealand and Australia asking for more time, so already the Church is becoming more synodal.

Online Response Tool

There is now an online response tool available for those unable to gather and who would still like to contribute to the synod. This is available on our website synod.cdh.nz People are welcome to contribute both here and then via a group in 2022 when we are hopefully able to gather again. This response tool will remain open until Easter

SCHOOL NEWS

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

We had our final Baptism lesson last Sunday. The children will be baptised on the 12th of December. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be welcomed into our Church Family. 20 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Sunday. They are now preparing for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion which takes place this Sunday. On Thursday our Year 6 children participated in their final Retreat at St Mary's school. The children attended Mass at St Michael's church, followed by a hikoi retracing Mary MacKillop's steps in Rotorua.

Sarah Mines

David Macmillan - Principal

School news
at your fingertips



PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish to use St Mary's Church Hall or St Michael's Crypt, you must book through the Parish Office. Contact Andrea: 348 0289 ext. 2.



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LEVEL CHANGE

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, 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Michael's following the Mass.

COMMUNITY MASSES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LEVEL CHANGE

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.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY - Third Friday of the month, 6pm at St Michael's.
All are welcome.

INDIAN COMMUNITY - Fourth Friday of the month, 6pm at St Michael's.
All are welcome

LAST WORD

“Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love.”
Mao Zedong

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Jeremiah 33:14-16
2. 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2
3. Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Baruch 5:1-9
2. Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
3. Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Sat. Vigil 5pm		4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sat. Vigil 5.30pm	Gabrielle Grant RIP	
Sunday 8am	Veneita Harmer RIP & Leanne Harmer Int		Sunday 10am	Neil Hammersley RIP	
Sunday 11.30am	Milton Kingi RIP		Sunday 5pm	Mrs Caridad V. Francisco RIP & Mr Ricardo C. Francisco Jnr. RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Margaret Kelly Intentions	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Sister Carina RIP	
Thursday 9am	Mary Routhan RIP & Ray MEnaney RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	C.W.L. Intentions & Robert Young RIP	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Deceased Members of the Koloï Family	8.15am to 8.45am
			Saturday 10am	Peter Edward Bogun RIP	Straight After Mass