

# 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 1361

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Fourth Sunday of Advent YR C. December 19, 2021

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## Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

Dear Loving Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!

We thank God for all the blessings that we have received as a parish/family during this year. We are a united faith community with Holy Eucharist as our uniting force. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God" Rom 8:38. "Love one another as I have loved you" Jn 13:34.

**This will be the last Newsletter of 2021.** If I have hurt anybody through my words or deeds, anytime during this year, please forgive me. The parish clergy want to thank all of you dear parishioners, for your wholehearted support to us and to the church. We place on record the dedicated services of the Parish Secretary, Deacons, Parish, and Finance Council Members, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Flower Ladies, Catechists, Catechism Teachers, Choir Members, Volunteers, People on different Committees and the members of the Pious Associations for the smooth running of our parish. We shall remember with gratitude Frs. Gerard, Carl, and Robert for their availability to our parish.

Planned-Giving, and Sunday Collection are the main source of our income. Thank you very much for being generous to the church as the early Christians of Macedonia were. St Paul appreciate their generosity in 2 Cor 8:2b "but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor." "God loves a cheerful giver" says; 2 Cor9:7. May God multiply your wealth and make you rich spiritually and materially.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL 2022:** We also want to wish all of you parishioners and friends of 'PASTORAL AREA OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, ROTORUA, *Merry Christmas and an Eventful New Year 2022.* May God heal, bless, protect, and keep us, and all the people of our beloved Country safe in His hands in the New Year. *Continued Over*

**Covid Management Plan:** We have made a Covid Management Plan for our parish during the 'Traffic Light System' which will be emailed and placed on the notice boards. Let us follow it for everyone's safety at this time of uncertainty. **LOVE FOR THE OTHER WILL BE OUR MOTIVATING FACTOR TO FOLLOW THE PLAN.** The parish secretary will be on holidays from midday Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 to January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022. So, for any emergency, you may contact the priests. Enjoy your holidays and come back safe everyone!

**Bible Diary 2022:** Claretian Bible Diaries with daily Gospel readings, reflection, family prayers, Saint of the day etc. are available in our churches. Best to give as Christmas gift! Hurry up!

Wishing you the joy, peace, and happiness of Christmas, we your priests request your prayers and support in the New Year. Remember that we love you and pray for you. Try to meet and wish us at Christmas because you are our 'parents, brothers, and sisters'. Mk 10:30

**Volunteers to help at Masses:** We need more Volunteers to help at different Masses as greeters, readers, collectors, cleaners, etc. Please give your name to Joe Kilkelly/Bev Simpkins.

Fr Thomas Thanniyanickal cmf (Parish Priest)

**Enrolment for the Sacramental Programme  
(Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)  
only for  
Children who are baptised Catholics.**

The enrolment forms are now available at the Parish Office, 8am until 2.30pm Tuesdays through to Fridays. If your child / children are not baptised in Rotorua, please, bring along your baptismal certificates at the time of enrolment. The children are required to be 7 years old by June 12, 2022, to qualify to enter this program.

If you have any queries, please phone the Parish Office 07 348 0289 ext. 2.



**HEALTH & 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.

**All accidents are to be recorded in the  
Accidents and First Aid Register' kept with the  
First Aid Kits.**

**Also all Hazards to be recorded in the  
Hazard Register.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN ALL CELLPHONES OFF BEFORE MASS**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND LINKS  
ONLINE BOOKING IS REQUIRED**

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/ChristmasStMarysStMichaelsRotorua>

**ST MARY'S:**

December 24th: 7pm Vigil Mass - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)  
11.30pm Christmas Carols followed by  
**MIDNIGHT MASS** - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)  
December 25th: 10am Mass - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)  
11.30am Mass - No Vaccine Pass Required (50)

**ST MICHAEL'S:**

December 24th: 5pm Vigil Mass - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)  
10pm Mass - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)  
December 25th: 8am Mass - My Vaccine Pass Required (100)



**HOLY HOUR**

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



**SISTER CARINA**

There will be a service  
for Sister Carina's  
Anniversary this Satur-  
day 18th December  
11am at Sala Street  
Cemetery.  
All are welcome.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Thank you to all parishioners for your sup-  
port of our league over the past year.  
Thank you also Fr's Thomas and Prakesh  
and Andrea for your ongoing support of us.  
Our Christmas raffle was drawn on  
Wednesday 15 December. First prize was  
won by Gerard and second prize by Hazel.  
Catholic Women's League wishes every-  
one a happy and blessed Christmas.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Rotorua Hospital Chapel  
starting 4th January 2022  
at 4.30pm.  
Contact Damian:



As this is the last Newsletter for 2021, I would like to  
take this opportunity to thank you all for your support  
and friendship throughout this year.  
Wishing you all a very happy and Blessed Christmas.  
God bless, Andrea



**POPE FRANCIS QUOTES**

“Christmas reveals the immense love of God for humanity. From that flows also the enthusiasm, the hope of us Christians, that in our poverty we know that we are loved, we are visited, accompanied by God .”

**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**

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

1. Micah 5:1-4
2. Hebrews 10:5-10
3. Gospel: Luke 1:39-44



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

1. 1 Samuel 20-22, 24-28
2. 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
3. Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Sat. Vigil 5pm Pass	Patrick Lane Ints.	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sat. Vigil 5.30pm		
Sunday 8am Pass	Joey Buenafe RIP		Sunday 10am Pass	Gabrielle Grant RIP	
Sunday 11.30am Pass			Sunday 5pm Pass	Mrs Caridad V Francisco & Mr Ricardo C Francisco Jnr. RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm Pass	Nieza d Zabala Ints.	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am Pass	Patrick Lane Ints.	
Thursday 9am	Bill Peina RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm Pass	Murray Browne RIP	11.15am to 11.45am