

# 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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Second Sunday of Advent YR C. December 5, 2021

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Friday - 9am

Dear Loving Parishioners and Friends,

On this Second Sunday of Advent the holy mother church invites us to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus through the words of John the Baptist from Lk 3:1-6. John says v.3” Turn away from your sins and be baptised, and God will forgive your sins”. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, especially through the sacrament of reconciliation let us prepare our hearts for Jesus. I am thankful to all for your understanding and prayers.

As we are in ‘Red Traffic Light’ in Covid-19 Protection framework, the government says: “At Red, action is needed to protect at-risk people and protect our health system from an unsustainable number of hospitalisations.” So, we are called to follow the Covid Protocol for everyone’s safety and security especially when we come together for worship. Please cooperate with the secretary and Volunteers in the Church. As a caring community of Christians, it will be easy for us to overcome these days. SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO;

***WEAR A MASK. – SCAN IN/ SIGN IN.  
SANITIZE AND KEEP TWO METER DISTANCE.***

## **MASS TIMES: SUNDAYS. (Online Booking)**

### **1. ST MICHAEL:**

**SATURDAY: 5.00 pm, - With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**SUNDAY: 8.00 am, -With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**11.30, am - With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**5.30, pm – Without Vaccine Pass (25)- Additional**

### **2. ST MARY’S:**

**SATURDAY: 5.30 pm – Without Vaccine Pass (25)**

**SUNDAY :10.00 am, - With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**5.00 pm, - With Vaccine Pass (100)**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**Monday: 9.00 am St Marys- With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**Tuesday: 5.30 pm at St Michael- With Vaccine Pass (100)**

**Wednesday: 11.00 am at St Mary’s Adoration, and 12.05 Mass – With Vaccine Pass(100)**

**Thursday: 9.00 am at St Michael -Without Vaccine Pass (25)**

**FRIDAY: 9.00 am at St Mary’s With Vaccine Pass (100), 12.05 Mass- Without Vaccine. Pass (25)**

**SATURDAY: 9.00 am at St Mary’s- with Vaccine Pass (100)**

Lovingly yours in the Heart of Mary,

Fr Thomas cmf.

**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.



**HOLY HOUR**

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

**FATHER MCKENNA TRUST A.G.M.**

The A.G.M. of the Trust will be held at  
St. Mary's Church, Wednesday December 8,  
4pm in the McKenna lounge. Any interested  
parishioners are welcome to attend.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Hospital Chapel on Tuesdays  
4.30 pm. Contact Damian:  
022 068 6506



**2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

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



**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**

**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](http://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 MICHAEL'S SCHOOL**

Congratulations to our students who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation last Sunday. We pray that this is the start of a very close relationship with God. We also pray for our Year 6 students who were on retreat at the Tyburn Monastery on Thursday - that God will bless you as you continue your educational and spiritual journey at intermediate next year. We give special thanks to Janet Keen who spent time with our senior students creating a mural of an environmental/creation theme. It looks amazing.

*Marion Brits* - Director of Religious Education

*Rachael McLanachan* - Principal



**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 the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return.”

**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**  
*You did not choose me.  
 But I chose, I chose you.*  
*John 15:16*

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

1. Baruch 5:1-9
2. Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
3. Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

1. Zephaniah 3:14-18
2. Philippians 4:4-7
3. Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

| MASS TIMES        | INTENTIONS   | CONFESSIONS            | MASS TIMES           | INTENTIONS                           | CONFESSIONS            |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat. Vigil<br>5pm | Doff Eek Ints.,<br>Barabara Phillip Ints.<br>& Sarah Ints. | 4.20pm to<br>4.45pm    | Sat. Vigil<br>5.30pm |                                      |                        |
| Sunday<br>8am     |  |                        | Sunday<br>10am       | Easthope-Harper<br>Family Intentions |                        |
| Sunday<br>11.30am | Tiki Thomas &<br>Family Intentions                         |                        | Sunday<br>5pm        | Gabrielle Grant RIP                  |                        |
| Sunday<br>5.30pm  |  |                        | Monday<br>9am        | Thanksgiving Mass                    |                        |
| Tuesday<br>5.30pm | Children of Our<br>Lady of Manjummel                       | 5.05pm to<br>5.20pm    | Wed.<br>12.05pm      | Sanctity of Life                     | 11.15am to<br>11.45am  |
| Thursday<br>9am   | Angelina D Zabala<br>Intentions                            | Straight<br>After Mass | Friday<br>9am        | Achamma Joseph<br>Kanassery RIP      | 8.15am to<br>8.45am    |
|                   |  |                        | Saturday<br>9am      | David Wickliffe RIP                  | Straight<br>After Mass |