

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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Third Sunday of Advent YR C. December 12, 2021

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Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!

12-12-21-Third Sunday of Advent. A special date and day. May God bless our parish and Country and keep us safe from all illness as we are fighting the invisible enemy unitedly.

We thank you dear parishioners for your co-operation and understanding to follow the parish Covid Management Plan at this time of 'Red Traffic Light' system. Most of us get offended when we are asked to show our identity specially to enter a place of worship/church. But last Sunday, it was amazing to see our people voluntarily showing the 'Vacc Pass' and entering the churches in order and discipline in the real spirit of advent, a time of preparation to receive Jesus. A real expression of spirituality!

The Volunteers at the doors for all the Masses, irrespective of the 'PASS', deserve our appreciation and thanks. Thank you for being kind to them. 'Love one another as I have loved you' says Jesus in Jn13:34. We will overcome every obstacle through our united effort. Please continue to follow the protocol; - **WEAR A MASK, SCAN/ SIGN IN, SANITIZE, KEEP DISTANCE AND BE KIND.**

If anybody (individuals or small groups) has anything to discuss with me on any matters of the parish, please feel free to come to me at any time (022 565 9017). Thank you

Reconciliation: As part of the preparation for the Christmas Season, the Holy Mother Church invites us, her children for reconciliation. So, On Wednesday, 15th December, from 10-12 am and 5.00 to 7.00 pm, priests will be available to hear individual confessions in St Mary's. Any day after or before the Mass, the celebrating priest could be available for confession. You may also make an appointment with the priests and come.

Baptism: We welcome the 13 children being baptised today at 12.00pm and 4 who are being received into the Catholic Church.

The Christmas Mass Times will be sent out on Tuesday following the Governments announcement. Our Parish Covid Management Plan will be reviewed today in a meeting at 2.30 pm.

Submitting all of you and our country into the hands of God for His protection, we ask your continued prayers and support for us your priests,

Yours in the Heart of Mary,

Fr Thomas T 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.



FOR RENT

Two bedroom Unit for rent in Seddon Street,
recently redecorated. Available long term from
mid January. Please phone 027 274 1159 for
more details and a viewing if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Until the hospital reopens to visits, meditation is
held weekly at 4.30pm, 11A Robertson Street.
Contact Damian:
022 068 6506



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

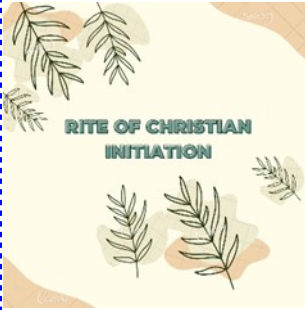
This Week's Leader / Leaders:

Next Week's Leader/ Leaders:



**RCIA Team Formation Day
with Fr. John O'Connor - 12th/Feb.**

Parish leaders and teams of RCIA, save the date! Be part of our **free** workshop and development with Fr John O'Connor (Food for Faith NZ) as keynote speaker. Join the network of RCIA teams on 12-February, 2022, Saturday, for a one-day, one-off event. Programme starts at 9:30 am. More details will be released soon including venue but for now, email your interest & enquiry to: robertg@cdh.org.nz



St John's College

CALLING ST JOHN'S OLD BOYS FROM 1962-65

St John's College Hamilton is inviting our very first pupils to a special 60th celebration on 2 February 2022. Please help us connect with those Old Boys that started at our new College from 1962 – 1965.

More information is on the College website to register your interest, or please phone us at the Office with your contact details.

www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or Phone 07 856 7091

SCHOOL NEWS

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

This week our year 6 children celebrated their final school Mass at St. Mary's Church. They each received their own bible to carry with them as they continue their faith journey.

The whole School is in a buzz as they prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth.

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

“Our life becomes beautiful when we wait for a dear one or someone important. May this Advent help us transform our hope into the uncertainty that He whom we await loves us and will never abandon us.”

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

Remember the birth of Jesus so that you may, share in the song of the Angels, the gladness of the Shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men. *Robert Louis Stevenson*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

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



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

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



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

| MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | CONFESSIONS | MASS TIMES | INTENTIONS | CONFESSIONS |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Sat. Vigil 5pm Pass | Kevin Kilkelly RIP | 4.20pm to 4.45pm | Sat. Vigil 5.30pm | | |
| Sunday 8am Pass | Eddie Dibley Intentions | | Sunday 10am Pass | Barry Lister Intentions | |
| Sunday 11.30am Pass | Patrick Lane Intentions | | Sunday 5pm Pass | Deceased Members McHugh & Harpur Families | |
| Tuesday 5.30pm Pass | Patrick Lane Intentions | 5.05pm to 5.20pm | Monday 9am Pass | Mr & Mrs Lucio & Magdalena Tolentino RIP | |
| Thursday 9am | Grant Howard Mair, Jun Almero & Lyn Sirios RIP | Straight After Mass | Wed. 12.05pm Pass | Reginald Percy Bogun RIP | 11.15am to 11.45am |
| | | | Friday 9am Pass | Patrick Lane Intentions | 8.15am to 8.45am |
| | | | Friday 12.05pm | | |
| | | | Saturday 9am Pass | Michael Family Intentions | Straight After Mass |