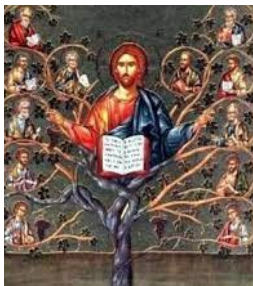


PASTORAL AREA OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, ROTORUA



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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Fifth Sunday of Easter YR C. May 15, 2022

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Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

Dear Loving Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!

This Sunday let us renew our love for one another and pray that God continues to bless and keep us in good health, joy, peace, and happiness. Jesus says in today's Gospel, Jn13:36 "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciple." What a beautiful and simple way to be the disciple of Jesus! Millions are disciples of Jesus just because of the commandment of Love. "*I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.*" Jn13:35. Let us do an act of love today; by forgiving, humbling, failing, sharing, serving, sacrificing, giving up etc. and telling everyone, including those we do not like; 'I love you.'

Fr Prakash is going home for his holidays next Sunday. Let us pray for his safe travels and happy holidays with parents and family.

Priestly Ordination of Michael Guthrie: Michael, son of our parishioner Pat Guthrie will be ordained a priest on 25th June 2022 in Westminster Cathedral UK. Deacon Michael is the son of our parish family, a blessing and gift from God. Let us start praying for our beloved deacon, and his priestly ordination. He will be coming to celebrate his First Mass here in St Mary's on 17th July.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion (June 4th and 5th): As the children are getting ready for this great day in their lives, as a parish we need to pray and prepare for a new Pentecostal experience in our Christian life. We thank Fr Prakash in advance for preparing the students and their parents with dedication and commitment and already arranging everything meticulously.

Family Visit/ House blessing and praying together: Only by visiting the families the priest will be able to know the people. Pope Francis says, "the shepherd should know the smell of the sheep". So please book your date through the office/priests to visit and bless your home. All families and single parishioners are welcome to book a date. 'House visit' by the parish clergy is to pray together, bless the house, anoint the sick and to cast out the evil powers in the powerful name of Jesus'. Lk9:1-2

Thanking you dear parishioners for your presence and support in different capacities to run our parish, keeping Jesus at the centre, and praying for success in your lives, we the parish clergy love you.

Yours in the Heart of Mary,
Fr Thomas cmf

BAPTISM COURSE 2022



St Mary's Church
Sundays
11.30am

St Michael's Church
Sundays
11.30am

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 will be held with Gabrielle on the First Thursday of each month, 7pm, at St Mary's Church. To attend you need to register through the Parish Office, Phone: 07 348 0289 ext. 2 or Email: catholicrotorua@xtra.co.nz

HOLY HOUR

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



Tenā koutou katoa

I am looking for someone to record our Maori Hymns and put them onto a CD please. Deacon Ben, phone: 027 471 3166

HOME ROSARY

For Our Lady's month of May Holy Rosary every Thursday, 7.30pm at Kilkelly's, 13 Jervis Street. All are welcome.

COMMON GOOD FOUNDATION A.G.M.

The 2022 A.G.M. of the Common Good Foundation will be held on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 6.30pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton. All are welcome to attend. To register your interest, please email: admin@commongood.org.nz

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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



SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY

This term the children across all levels will be learning about parables Jesus taught, and the messages he shared with his followers.

Teachers will be sharing Bible stories with children and discussing how Jesus taught through his actions. We use the teachings of Jesus to show us how to live our lives and share with the children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus at home, at school and in the wider community.

Our teaching RE team attended Professional Development on Thursday with fellow catholic schools across our Hamilton Diocese. We worked collaboratively with other teachers looking at how we can implement the new RE curriculum *Tō Tātaou Whakapono - Our Faith* into our school.

Sara Mines & Lorna Dobson - Directors of Religious Studies

David Macmillan - Principal



School news
at your fingertips

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN ALL CELLPHONES OFF BEFORE MASS

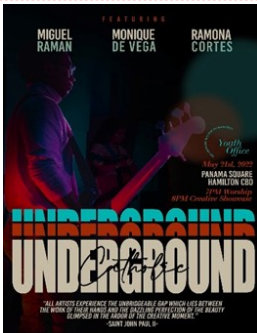
SAINTS DAYS

15th May to 21st May 2022

18th May: St. John 1

20th May: St. Bernardine of Siena

21st May: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions



Catholic Underground | May-21

The Catholic Youth Office presents

Catholic Underground: a night of worship and creative expression for young adults aged 18-35. Join us at Panama Square on Saturday May 21st, kicking off with some powerful worship at 7pm, followed at 8pm by an epic creative showcase of some of our local talent.

Enjoy a grazing table & some drinks provided.

Or bring your favourite bevvy! For more information contact Juanita: juanitar@cdh.org.nz or Danielle:

daniellem@cdh.org.nz

Silent Directed Retreats in 2022

A silent directed retreat consists of individual spiritual direction each day (roughly 20 to 30 mins).

Retreatants will be directed by either Fr Carl Telford SM or Fr John Jolliffe SM.

The remainder of the day is at your disposal for prayer / spiritual reading / relaxation / leisure.

These retreats are fully catered and each private room has its own ensuite. Cost - \$118 fee

for a weekend retreat (weekday retreats also available) - payable by Credit Card. If the fee is unaffordable use the discount codes FULL or HALF to receive the same discount.

Visit cdh.org.nz/events to register.

Weekend Retreats:

June 10 - 12,

September 9 -11,

November 18-20.

Weekday Retreats:

September 12 -17,

November 21 - 24.





POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

“The joy that you have freely received from God, please, freely give away: so many people are waiting for it! So many are waiting for it from you!

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.

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

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.

LAST WORD

“Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, Faith looks up.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Acts 14:21-27
2. Apocalypse 21:1-5
3. Gospel: John 13:31-35



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2. Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
- 3.Gospel: John 14:23-29



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Sat. Vigil 5pm		4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Marie Guthrie RIP	
Sunday 8am	Flores Family Mass of Thanksgiving		Sunday 5pm	Roy John Armstrong RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Kilkelly Family Intentions	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am		S t r a i g h t After Mass
Thursday 9am		Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Patrick Lane RIP	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am		8.30am to 8.50am
			Saturday 9am	Teodoro Ybiernas	S t r a i g h t After Mass

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. The Parish Office Hours are: 8am until 2.30pm Tuesdays through to Fridays.