

PASTORAL AREA OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, ROTORUA

Catholic Churches:

St Michael's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart, Murupara

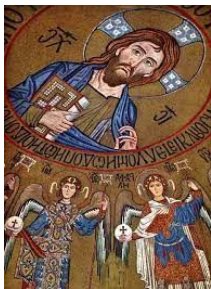
Proud of our Three Catholic Schools:

St Michael's, Lisa Crescent, 348 1361

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Sixth Sunday of Easter YR C. May 22, 2022



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Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

My Dear Parishioners and Friends Kia Ora!

We hope and pray that all our parishioners and visitors keep well and safe in the hands of God through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God Assumed into heaven. We see in the Acts of the Apostles 2:12-14, 'the disciples of Jesus together with Mary the mother of Jesus and other women waiting in prayer for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit'. Same way just before the Pentecost (28th May to 2nd June), we are privileged to be with the ICON of Mary Mother of God and pray as a parish community. Please see the programme schedule attached.

The name of the Icon is: **Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua**

Translation: **Holy Mary, Mother of God.**

What is the Icon?

To celebrate the rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven, our Bishops commissioned a new piece of art. They wanted a depiction of Mary that connects her to our country. The piece challenges us to see her as a woman of incredible strength and the place she holds in our hearts and our community today.

Concept

Damian Walker worked with Anthony Kemp to develop a piece that highlighted the journey of the Catholic faith to the Māori, via the first French missionaries. The image presents the fusion between a traditional Māori outlook, built around marae, whanau, whakapapa and kaitiaki, and the Catholic faith, centred on the whanau of God, with its own marae, whakapapa and kaitiaki. The duo wanted to capture and share the theme of unity. The artwork itself aims to encourage a shared desire for us all to live in harmony together.

Invitation to participate actively in Masses and Veneration of the ICON:

We invite all of you the people of God in Rotorua to come in large numbers as individuals, families, and groups to pray and grow in our devotion to Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven and renew our dedication to her. Novena to Mother Mary is prayed after the mass from 20th to 28th May.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: Let us offer our 86 children who are preparing to receive the sacrament on the Pentecost day into the hands of God, together with their parents and sponsors and pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Praying for peace in the world, let us be peacemakers at home and in society. As I thank you for the expression of your love towards Fr Prakash, we wish him a happy and safe journey, joyful time with parents, family, and Claretian Community.

Thanking you for your prayers and concern when I was unwell, 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.



REST IN PEACE

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Annette Arnerich**.
Annette's Requiem Mass was held last Monday, May 16th at
St. Mary's Church.

*E te Ariki hoatu ki ā ia te okiokinga tonutanga.
Ā kia whiti ki a ia te māramatanga mutunga kore.*

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

We have started our term learning about different types of prayer, such as traditional and devotional prayer, including the Rosary. We have dedicated the month of May to Mary with the whole school praying the rosary each week while reflecting on each Mystery. Our children are doing a great job learning about the significance of the Rosary and learning that when we pray the Rosary, we reflect on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries.

Our Young Vinnies are up and running and looking at ways they can help those in our community. They started by baking cookies and making a beautiful card for our wonderful caretaker who looks after our school so well. He helps us fix our bikes, pumps up our sports balls, helps us look after our awesome garden and finds our lost property!!

Kate Keaney - Acting Director of Religious Studies

Rachael McLanachan - Principal

School news
at your fingertips



Bon Voyage Father Prakash

*Have a fantastic time with your family
in India.*

God bless



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN ALL CELLPHONES OFF BEFORE MASS

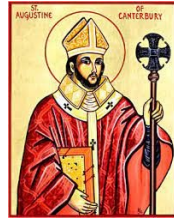


SAINTS DAYS

22nd May to 28th May 2022

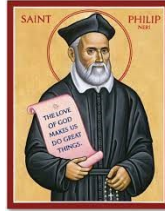
24th May: Our Lady, Help of Christians

25th May: St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII,
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi



26th May: St. Philip Neri

27th May: St. Augustine of
Canterbury



NAU MAI – Welcome!

Patric John Ignacio, Ryva & Ivar O'Connor

Patric is the son of Patricio & Richelle Ignacio and was baptised at St Mary's Church yesterday, Saturday 21st May.

Ryva & Ivar are the sons of Dan & Shannon O'Connor and are to be baptised today May 22nd at St Mary's Church.

We ask parishioners to pray for them and their family.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Next meeting will be Friday May 27th following the 9am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
All are welcome.

HOME COMMUNION

We are looking for parishioners, particularly men, to distribute Communion to the sick. Please contact Father Thomas: 022 565 9017 or email: kunjcmf1986@gmail.com

CATERING GROUP AT ST MARY'S

We are looking to form a catering group for Funerals etc. at St Mary's Church. Men and Women are all very welcome. Contact Damian: 022 068 6506 or the Parish office: 07 348 0289 ext. 2.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Would like to invite parishioners to our \$5 Soup and Bun Lunch on Wednesday 1 June.
This will be held after the 12.05pm Mass. We will also have a sales table and a raffle. We look forward to welcoming you. Enquiries to Jane 349 0735

HOME ROSARY

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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





POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

“Do not be afraid of holiness, do not be afraid to aim high, to be loved and purified by God, do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit.”

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

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” *Hebrews 11:1*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

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



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Acts 1:1-11
2. Ephesians 1:17-23
3. Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



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 | | |
| Sunday 8am | | | Sunday 5pm | Hurford Family Intentions | |
| Tuesday 5.30pm | | 5.05pm to 5.20pm | Monday 9am | Veneita Harmer RIP (1st Anniversary) | S t r a i g h t After Mass |
| Thursday 9am | | Straight After Mass | Wed. 12.05pm | Sylvia Kim intentions | 11.15am to 11.45am |
| | | | Friday 9am | | 8.30am to 8.50am |
| | | | Saturday 9am | Maureen Kilkelly Intentions | 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.