

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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The Ascension of the Lord YR C. May 29, 2022

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Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!

I wish you 'Happy Feast of the Ascension of our Lord' and pray that the unseen presence of the Risen Lord Ascended into Heaven Lk24:51, be with us to lead, guide, provide, and protect us as he promised to be with us till the end of time Mt28:20.

KOHATA MARIA, TE MATUA WAHINE O TE ATUA:

The ICON of 'Holy Mary Mother of God' will be with us from May 28th to June 2nd. Please come with family and friends and pay homage to our 'Mother' and pray for our families and the country. Follow the schedule (attached) to know where the ICON will be on different days and times that we could accompany her.

Schedule of the ICON (Artwork) in Our Parish (Rotorua)

28-5-22 Saturday 4.00pm: Arrival and Powhiri, Mass in
St Michael's Church

29-5-22 Sunday 9.45am: Arrival and Powhiri, Mass in
St Mary's Church

30-5-22 Monday 11.30am: Arrival, Powhiri, Mass in Murupara

31-5-22 Tuesday 9.30am to 3pm; Arrival, Powhiri, Veneration in
John Paul College. 4.00pm to 6.30pm in St Michael's Church

01-6-22 Wednesday 9.00am to 5.00pm: St Mary's School and
Church.

02-6-22 Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm: St Michael's School.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We thank God for the gift of 86 children who are going to receive the Sacraments next weekend (4th June 5.00pm in St Michael's and 5th June 11.30am in St Mary's) Bishop Steve has delegated all the parish priests of the Hamilton Diocese to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation as we have no bishop in Hamilton. So, I humbly request your valuable prayers dear parishioners to carry out this important ministry entrusted to me on behalf of the Bishop.

Entrusting all our families, the parish, and our beloved nation to God our Father through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God Assumed into heaven, let us ask the Holy Spirit to heal the world and give us lasting peace. Amen.

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 our Tyburn Family on the death of **Mother Christina**. Mother Christina was one of the founding members of the Monastery at Ngakura.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Melba Joy Veronica Sloane**, (known as Joy'. Her funeral Mass will be held at St Michael's tomorrow Monday May 30th at 2pm.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

On Wednesday May 25 JPC turned 35. John Paul College celebrated a fantastic JPC day.

We first celebrated Mass with Father Thomas. We prayed to our founders Mary McKillop, Edmund Rice, and John Baptiste De La Salle. We are so grateful for the opportunities at JPC. At the Mass, Arthur Francis Armingeat received his Confirmation and Communion. JPC and St Mary's congratulated and welcomed Arthur into the Catholic Community. Arthur came from France in year 8 and has embraced the Catholic Character. He remembers his interview with Mr Walsh. Mr Walsh asked why do you want to come to a Catholic School? Arthur said his reply was I always wanted to be part of a Faith Based Community. Congratulations Arthur you are now Priest, Prophet, and King. JPC felt blessed to be a part of your journey to becoming Catholic.

Last Monday Justin Harper was announced as the new principal for JPC. Justin will begin in term 3. Justin and his wife Nicola are looking forward to returning to Rotorua and to the Parish of St Mary's of the Cross.

Karen Bloomfield - DRS

Mrs Maree Stewart - Acting Principal.

School news
at your fingertips



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN ALL CELLPHONES OFF BEFORE MASS

SAINTS DAYS

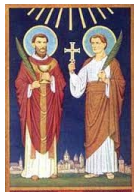
29th May to 4th June 2022

31st May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st June: St Justin

2nd June: St.'s Marcellinus & Peter

3rd June: St Charles Lwanga &
Companions



NAU MAI – Welcome!

Diane Pyaris, Noah Thomas Winston & Elyse Marie Ferrer

Diane is the daughter of Pyaris Thampi & Prinsa Peter, Noah is the son of Anto Varghese & Maggi Iype, Elyse Ferrer is the daughter of Richard & Beverly Ferrer.

Diane & Noah are to be baptised today May 29th at St Mary's Church. Elyse will be baptised tomorrow May 30th at St

Mary's Church.

We ask parishioners to pray for them and their family.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

We will have the next programme of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Reconciliation beginning 4th August 2022 at 5pm. You can start registering the names of your Children 8 years and above at the office from July 5th, the Parish Office is open 8am until 2pm Tuesdays through to Fridays.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For John Rush who is currently in Rotorua Hospital,. John is on his journey towards the Lord.

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 are raising funds for "I am Hope" an organisation for the prevention of youth suicide. We will also have a sales table and a raffle. We look forward to welcoming you. Enquiries to Jane 349 0735

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

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

“The Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.”

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

“I call on you my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.” Psalm 17:6

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

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



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Acts 2:1-11
2. Romans 8:8-17
3. Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26



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	Joe & Mary Kilkelly Intentions	
Sunday 8am			Sunday 5pm	James Kilkelly Ints. Xavier Squibb Ints. & Lovelee Lastrilla Ints.	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Jenny Bolton Intentions	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Rosenda Enriquez	S t r a i g h t After Mass
Thursday 9am	Grace Chillemi RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Wim Dicker RIP & Grace & Phillip Chillemi RIP	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Junior Macbern Doel Intentions	8.30am to 8.50am
			Saturday 9am	Yark Family 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.