

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:

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First Sunday of Advent YR A. November 27, 2022



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Deadline for newsletter:

Friday - 9am

Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The First Candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle". It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The Second Candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle," as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The Third Candle symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy.

The Fourth Candle, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace.

The Fifth Candle, White candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth.

INFORMATION

R.C.I.A. Rite of Acceptance 5pm Sunday Mass, November 27.

We wish God's blessings and welcome them to the Catholic Faith.

ROSARY FOR PRO-LIFE

At 3pm Sat 3 December at St Michael's Church The Rosary will be prayed worldwide to coincide with March for Life held in Wellington. In Our parish all parishioners are encouraged to participate and pray in Multi Languages. All are welcome.



FATHER ROBERT'S JUBILEE MASS

Sunday 4th December the Jubilee Mass for Father Robert will be held at the 10am Mass at St. Mary's, followed by a cup of tea. All are welcome.

A personal reflection on The Jesse Tree for Advent Season is available in the Foyers of both Churches . A soft copy will be sent in an attachment to parishioners on our Google Group.

BAPTISM COURSE 2022

This is the last course until
February 2, 2023



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 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 or Email: catholicrotorua@xtra.co.nz

NAU MAI – Welcome!

Lyle Villamor, Charles Bannan and Amelia Bannan

Lyle is the son of Kevin and Sheena Villamor and was baptised yesterday, Saturday 26th November at St. Mary's Church. Charles and Amelia are the son and daughter of Joshua Bannan and Markamah Pawiro . Charles and Amelia will be Baptised at St. Mary's Church, tomorrow, Monday 28th November.



We ask parishioners to pray for Lyle, Charles and Amelia and their families.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Format for the March for Life, and the Rosary for Life and Faith, Saturday 3rd December

1 pm: People going on the March for Life, will gather from 1 pm at Civic Square, Wellington

2 pm: The March for Life starts at 2 pm and will make its way to Parliament, where there will be a number of speeches and testimonies

3 pm: Groups of people throughout New Zealand will gather to pray the Holy Rosary

4 pm: There will be a final Rosary for Life and Faith in Parliament Grounds, at approx. 4 pm

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Catholic Women's League is pleased to advise that tickets for the Annual Christmas Raffle will be on sale at the 8.00 am Mass at St Michael's and the 10.00 am and 5.00 pm Masses at St Mary's on 27 November, 4 and 11 December. Funds raised will be donated to the youth suicide charity 'I am Hope'. Tickets cost \$2 or \$5 for 3 tickets.

BIBLE DIARIES

The 2023 Bible Diaries are now available to purchase through the Parish Office. They are \$20 each and can be paid by Eftpos. The Parish Office is open 7.30am until 2.30pm Tuesdays through to Fridays.



GARAGE SALE

The Maori Roopu are holding a garage sale at St. Michael's Church next weekend Friday December 2, 5.00pm until 7.00pm and Saturday, December 3, 7.00am until 1.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO CELLPHONES ARE TO BE ON OR USED DURING THE MASS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

At St. Mary's Church,
6.30pm
Tuesday December 13th.



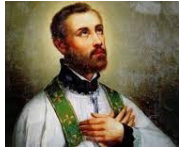
SAINTS DAYS - 27th November to 3rd December 2022

30th November:

St. Andrew, the Apostle

3rd December:

St. Francis Xavier



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 their baptismal certificates at the time of enrolment. The children are required to be 7 years old by May 25, 2023 to qualify to enter this program. If you have any queries, please phone the Parish Office 07 348 0289.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Petronella (Nell) Schreuder**. Nell's Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary's Church tomorrow, November 28th.

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

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

This week the staff and students have been busy with lots of different activities ranging from year 8 big days out, year 9 beach education and y6 orientation day. We also had a teacher only day on Monday preparing for NCEA changes and the RE faculty have been participating in an Old Testament course run by Cynthia Piper in preparation for changes in the RE curriculum.

We are also preparing for Advent in all our classes and assembly as we excitedly prepare for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Karen Bloomfield - Director of Religious Study

Justin Harper - Principal

School News





POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

“Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up; there are no situations which God cannot change, there is no sin which he cannot forgive, if only we open ourselves to Him”.

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.



WEEKDAY READINGS

- Monday 28 Nov. Isaiah 2:1-5**
Matthew 8:5-11
- Tuesday 29 Nov. Isaiah 11:1-10**
Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday 30 Nov. 2 Romans 10:9-18**
Matthew 4:18-22
- Thursday 1 Dec. Isaiah 26:1-6**
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Friday 2 Dec. Isaiah 29:17-24**
Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday 3 Dec. Isaiah 30:19-26**
Matthew 9: 35 - 10:1, 6-8

LAST WORD

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.”
Mother Teresa

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Isaiah 2:1-5
2. Romans 13:11-14
3. Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. Isaiah 11:1-10
2. Romans 15:4-9
3. Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	CONFESSIONS
Sat. Vigil 5pm	Alberto Dy RIP & Rodolfo Flores RIP	4.20pm to 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	Special Intentions Wang Family	
Sunday 8am	Kevin Mijares RIP		Sunday 5pm	Alberto Dy & Thomas Rodden RIP	
Tuesday 5.30pm	Russell Mountfort RIP	5.05pm to 5.20pm	Monday 9am	Thomas Mundackal RIP & Raymond Limrick RIP	S t r a i g h t After Mass
Thursday 9am	Robert Young RIP	Straight After Mass	Wed. 12.05pm	Anne Kelly RIP, Peter Simon RIP & Deceased Members Lyons Family	11.15am to 11.45am
			Friday 9am	Valda Anderson Ints. & St Benedict Community	8.30am to 8.50am
			Saturday 9am		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.