

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26th & 27th December 2009

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 5.00pm C Britto, C Matthews, P Pinto, Sr Margaret, P Kessler
 Sunday 8.00am A Nicol, D Hern, R Manley, L Lyons, A Patel
 Sunday 10.00am K Radich, G Potter, E Ibbetson, A Buckels, E Taumoepeau, C
 McCarthey, Dr T Creagh, M Martin

Next Sunday's Readings
 Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14
 Colossians 3:12-21
 Luke 2:41-52

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Viki Cullen, Juan Areneta
 Sunday 8.00am Anne Cotton, Kerry McKewen
 Sunday 10.00am Catherine Everett, Ron Seeto, Kathryn Schollum


COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Bob Coombe, Stan Pinto
 Sunday 8.00am John Stuart, Phillip Dromgool
 Sunday 10.00am Bea & Rene Pascual

LET US PRAY: For those who have died and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:
 Mary Griffen, Brett Roche, Sadie & Harry Bellingham

COUNTERS: Pat de Zoete & Phillip Dromgool

Notices

	<p>St Michael's Family Tree</p> <p>The PTA will have a table with information about the School Family Tree Tile Project this weekend</p> <p><i>Please also note that the 2nd collection at all Christmas Masses will be for the School Hall.</i></p>
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Gathering Space Update

A Big thank you to all who responded with the consultation form

854	CONSULTATION PACKS DELIVERED
274	TOTAL RESPONSES
229	YES (83.57%)
45	NO (16.42%)

Thank you!!

Thank you for all your kind gifts for the giving tree and donations of food.



Advance Notice: Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2010
 Parents Meeting 9th & 16th February 2010
 Enrolment forms at
 St Michael's Catholic School Office or Parish Office

We still need Communion Ministers & Collectors for the following Masses:
 Midnight Mass (24th December)
 8am & 10am (25th December)
If you are able help please contact Pat or Annamarieke in the Office

Christmas Collections:
 There will be 2 collections at the Christmas Masses.
 The 1st Collection will be toward the fund for the retired priests from our Diocese
 The 2nd Collection will be our Parish contribution toward the St Michael's School Hall.

Christmas Offering:
 For those who would like to make a special Christmas Offering there are envelopes available in the Church Porch. If you would like to receive a tax receipt for this offering please place your name on the front of the envelope.

SUNDAY PARKING AT ST MICHAEL'S
 Due to repairs (requiring scaffolding) on the Junior Block of the School,
there will be no entrance from or exit to Bassett Rd
 from 18th December until further notice.

Christmas New Year Timetable
Christmas Eve – Family Mass 7.00pm
Carols & Readings 11.15pm
Christmas Day – Mass 8.00am & 10.00am
Sunday Masses during January – Sat 5pm & Sun 8am & 10am (as usual)
Weekday Masses from 29 December – 30th January
(including New Years Day)
Tuesday – Saturday – 8.15am - (no Mass on Mondays)

Headlines from the December 20, 2009 – January 30, 2010 CHRISTMAS issue of NZ Catholic: Trips to an abbey were catalyst for new priest . . . Telecom's support for FPA prompts questions . . . Chapel off limits to lay group . . . "There's probably no God" bus campaign comes to NZ . . . Christmas customs amazingly varied . . . At Christmas, God knocks on our doors . . . 2009: Year in Review . . . The 10 best Christmas movies ever? . . . Priest leads prayer at Erebus. **On sale in Church porch \$3.** The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on January 31, 2010.

This is our last bulletin for 2009. Thank you to all who have helped us in the office during the year. Happy Christmas from Pat and Annamarieke
 (the next bulletin will be for the weekend of 30/31 January 2010)

The Last Word

4th Sunday of Advent

Surrender

Spiritual surrender is the act of turning your life and your will over to the Lord.

When the Angel Gabriel told Mary that God wanted her to be the mother of His Son, she consented willingly saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy brings us to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. The readings remind us of the ancient Jewish prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.

"In Mary, the joy ancient Israel reaches its fullness," wrote Pope John Paul II. "In Mary, the happiness of the messianic times burst forth... the faithful are invited to take the Virgin Mary as a model... becoming vigilant in prayer and joyful praise."

Joy and surrender are two facets of the same jewel. Like Mary, we are called to accept God's will, thus becoming instruments of His love. Like Mary, we can bring Jesus into the world and share Him with others.

Be a cheerful giver. Lift up your heart and have new confidence. Reach out to others in a spirit of love.

Dear Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace and love.



Sacrament of Penance – Individual Reconciliation – Confession

St Michael's 7.30pm – 8.00pm every Wednesday until Christmas

(Also at the parishes of Meadowbank, Orakei, St Heliers, Glendowie, Glen Innes, Ellerslie, Mount Wellington, Panmure, Pakuranga, Howick and Flat Bush at the same time)

(Also at St Michael's Friday morning 11.30am & Saturday morning 9.30am)

Communal Rite

Sunday 20 December 7.00pm

PARISH of St MICHAEL



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20 December 2009

Parish Priest: Monsignor Brian Arahill
In residence: Father Stephen Berecz
Assistant Priest: Father Everett Corvera
Seminarian: Christopher Denham
Baptism Preparation: Viki Cullen
Religious Education: Sr Francis Kelly
Caring Co-ordinator: Kathryn Schollum
Music Rosters: Tony Vela
Secretary/Administration:
Pat de Zoete & Annamarike Ymker
Parish Office: 9am-1pm Monday-Friday

Sunday Eucharist: 8am and 10am
Saturday Evening 5pm
Weekday Masses: **Monday**, Cluny Convent 7.15am
(74 Victoria Avenue, Remuera)
Tues. & Thurs 8.15am
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 12:05pm
Saturday 8:15am
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Friday 11.00am
Benediction: Friday 12 noon
Reconciliation: Friday 11:30am, Saturday 9:30am

4th Sunday of Advent

Readings this Sunday

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb

Eager to share
each other's marvels,
Mary and Elizabeth hugged each other
with sheer delight.

John,
unborn,
knew Jesus,
asleep in Mary's womb.

Both of them
leapt for
joy

for all humankind.

Holy Spirit,
help us fathom Jesus
in everyday life.

Make our spirits
leap for
joy.

