

### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13 & 14 February 2010

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 5.00pm I Ilo Cabling, P Pinto, M Mullins, C Britto, M Castro  
Sunday 8.00am D Hern, L Lyons, J Esguerra, A Nicol, E Djugum  
Sunday 10.00am A Clegg, K Radich, E Taumoepeau, C Little, C McCarthy, M Martin,  
H Davies, G Potter

#### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20  
Luke 6:17,20-26

#### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Juan Areneta, Gay Barton  
Sunday 8.00am Kerry McKewen, Anne Cotton  
Sunday 10.00am Ron Seeto, Helen Swanney, Catherine Everitt

#### COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Vimla & Vernon Costelloe  
Sunday 8.00am Jim McGillivray, Eve Banda  
Sunday 10.00am Rosaria & Patrick Ryoo

#### COUNTERS:

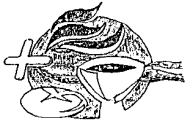
Christine & Michael Fitzmaurice

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

#### LET US PRAY:

For those who have died and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Sister Moyra Dunn, John Lawrence Sullivan, Jack Angland, Fr Des Angland, Aileen Dickey, Lawrence McDonald, Norah McDonald

## Notices



### BECOMING CHURCH PROGRAMME 2010

Preparing parents and children for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

This will be a meeting for Parents who are preparing their children for Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Session, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 9:15am, Parish Centre

Both Parent and child will attend this session.

To Enrol please collect an enrolment form from the Parish Office or from St Michael's School Office

### On Our Way



The **On Our Way Group** (a religious education programme for school children not attending Catholic Schools) will be held in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.00am for those who are already enrolled.

#### Also:-

Monthly Religious Education Class

- For children who do not attend Catholic primary schools.
- Parents of children aged 7-12 years who have not yet made First Communion are invited to an enrolment meeting with Monsignor Arahill and Sr Paula Mary on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, in the Parish House at 7pm. Ph 520 2776 (Sr Paula Mary).

### Baradene College Open Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 6pm – 8.30pm. There will be an address by the Principal at 6pm.  
Enrolments for Year 7 and Year 9, 2011 are open and close on Monday 22 March 2010. For further details please phone 5246019 ext 713.

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites you to join him in celebrating Mass on

### St Valentine's Day at St Patrick's Cathedral

Wyndham St, Auckland Central,  
(Wilson parking validated at Cathedral)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm** (Vigil Mass)

Couples are invited for a celebratory drink afterwards  
For further information contact Tonny Flapper ph 360-3025



#### MARRIED COUPLES:

Revitalize and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage.

Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend 19-21 March at Silver Oaks Inn Manukau – BOOK NOW!

Phone (0800 362 686) or Christine & David Sloan, Phone 2677203 or  
Email: [davidsloan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davidsloan@xtra.co.nz)

#### Certificate in Spiritual Formation

(Year 1 of Walk by Faith) – a unique opportunity to learn more about the riches of your faith, share with fellow Catholics, and study at your own pace. See notice board for more information, or contact Diocesan Co-ordinator, Jovita Parker 360 3028 or [jovitap@cda.org.nz](mailto:jovitap@cda.org.nz) or visit our website [www.credo.org.nz](http://www.credo.org.nz)

**Understanding Icons** — Three workshops led by Michael Pervan and Jenny Trolove of the Studio of John the Baptist. March 2, 9 and 16 at the St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Cost: \$30 for all three sessions, payable on the first evening. All sessions start at 7pm. Supper provided. Enquiries, call 360-3068.

**Flatmates Wanted:** I am looking for 2 Catholic flatmates as my 2 sons are moving out at the end of Feb. Ideally I am looking for 2 flatmates over 40yrs, professional, non smokers, male or female. I rent a large, older house in Glendowie (Riddell Rd) Contact Karen ph 5755001 and 021 1459562.

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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February 2010).

Ash Wednesday get its name from the "Ashes" which are marked on our head.

The ashes are made from the burnt Palms kept from last Palm Sunday. If you have kept your Palm from last year then bring it to Mass next Sunday and leave it in a box provided in the Porch.

**Ash Wednesday Masses 7am & 9.15am**  
**Combined Service at St Mark's (Anglican) Church, Remuera - 7.30pm**

# The Last Word

## EDUCATION

The whole process of education has a spiritual context. The pursuit of knowledge begins with a sense of awe at the mystery of existence. The very idea of universal education is rooted in our sense of the sanctity of the individual. Secularise education and you diminish it. You diminish its power for children; you diminish the dignity of our teachers; you diminish the value of education itself...

Our great religious emotions need a language in which they are expressed, or they cannot be expressed. Our languages *are* our several religious traditions, and we need to learn them just as we learn languages if we are not to be condemned to an inarticulate life of emotional under-development.

These would be reason enough for the importance of religious education at any time. But there is a third reason, which is of our time. Never before have human beings been challenged as our children are challenged, to live in a world of rapid and bewildering change; economic, political and technological. They have lost what most people at most times have had; a set of stable expectations.

We owe it to our children to give them what Alvin Toffler calls "personal stability zones". And of these, none is more powerful than a sense of rootedness in a living tradition that links us to our ancestors and to our collective past and future. We need to teach our children to hear the sound of eternity in the midst of change.

I speak on behalf of a people which for nearly four thousand years, has lived on a precipice of instability, never knowing when the next expulsion or persecution would come. How did Jews survive? By obeying the bible's commands to teach our faith diligently to our children; by predicating our entire continuity on religious education. You defend a country by armies. But you defend a civilisation by schools.

No culture can survive change without faith. From today, and for the sake of our children, I hope that the voice of faith will speak more loudly in our culture.

The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain - Jonathan Sacks

**Interesting fact:** Last year 83 people were Baptised at St Michael's, of which 71 were children and 12 were adults. We send our blessings and prayers to them all.

# PARISH of St MICHAEL



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7 February 2010

**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 & Sr Paula Cronin  
**Caring Co-ordinator:** Kathryn Schollum  
**Music Rosters:** Tony Vela  
**Secretary/Administration:**  
Pat de Zoete & Annamariëke 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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

*For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him.*

Lord,  
we look:  
broken nets,  
breaking boats of fish.

"Do not be afraid" you say,  
"from this point you will be catching people."

Miles and miles lie between the task you ask,  
and our power to perform.

Will you help us?

Make us larger than  
our unworthiness,  
larger than our  
doubts

We fall  
to our knees.  
Help us in the catching  
and surely in the being caught.

