Feast Days in the Fourth Week Ordinary Time

- **Tue 5 Feb**: Memorial for St Agatha, virgin and martyr. Martyred at Catania, in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius. She is among the saints commemorated in the Roman Canon.
- **Wed 6 Feb**: Feast of the Saints of Spain. 
- **Thu 7 Feb**: Memorial for St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs. Paul was the son of a Japanese military leader. Educated by the Jesuits and himself joined the Order in 1580, becoming known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified, along with 25 other Catholics, at Nagasaki on 5 Feb. 1597 during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, in the name of the Emperor. They were canonized in 1862 as the Martyrs of Japan.
- **Fri 8 Feb**: Optional for St Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Sudan in 1869; kidnapped into slavery at an early age; taken to Italy by a good family where, in response to God’s grace, entered the Daughters of Charity, where everyone still calls her “Mother Moretta” (our Black Mother). She died 8 Feb 1947 at the Canossian convent in Schio. Canonized in 2000.

PROLIFE NEWS
The Minister of Justice Andrew Little tasked the Law Commission in 2018 to examine how abortions could be carried out as a “health issue”. The Ministerial Briefing Paper provided 3 alternative models, Models A, B and C (see https://www.lawcom.govt.nz/abortion).

For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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**Sunday Mass Times**: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.00am
**Weekday Times**: Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

ANNIVERSARIES
Feb 2: Henry Gallagher 1929 Colleen Gill 1983
Feb 3: Bob Caldwell 2013
Feb 4: Emily Hobdell 1979, Dorothy Sherry 2007, Eileen Crawford 2008
Feb 5: Timothy O’Connor 1936 Clifford Hayson 1949
Feb 6: Rose Smythe 1939, Margaret Redmond 1957
Linda Tierney 2012
Feb 9: Margaret Walsh 1948, John Curtayne 1978
Albert Moore 1978, John Walsh 1993

YOUTH NEWS

Te Tiriti o Waitangi – The Treaty of Waitangi
"In the Treaty of Waitangi, we find the moral basis for our presence in Aotearoa New Zealand and a vision that sets this country apart.” – New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference 1995

Forth Sunday Ordinary Time: 3 February 2019

**Who's a Prophet?**

We are rightly suspicious of self-appointed prophets. Biblical warrant for this suspicion lies in the fact that the typical prophet in Scripture is profoundly reluctant to accept the appointment. Whence the sarcastic label “self-appointed prophet” applied to anyone who too readily claims such a role. In most biblical contexts, the term prophet means “forerunner” rather than “fore-teller.” That is, the designated person is asked to speak to the community in the name of God. Sometimes, indeed, the message does include reference to the future, but mainly it is a message the community needs to hear regarding how it ought to alter its way of proceeding in the present.

Our Scriptures invite us to take the role of prophet with utmost seriousness—regarding Jesus, the apostles, and ourselves. Jeremiah was for the early Church the archetypal prophet, so much so that language from his call story (this Sunday’s First Reading) is used to describe our archetypal apostle, St. Paul; he uses Jeremiah’s call to describe his own vocation (Gal 1:15), and Luke does the same in Acts 26:17.

The Gospel reading shows Jesus placing his mission in the prophetic tradition of Elijah and Elisha. Further, our theology of baptism describes our own Christian mission as a participation in Jesus’ role of prophet, along with the awesome roles of priest and king.

What can give perspective to any application of the role of prophet to ourselves or others is Paul’s reflection on the place of love as the “way” of exercising all the gifts. When we feel called to confront our little part of the world in the name of God — that is, according to an informed conscience — it must be motivated by love. Otherwise our action is empty and our perceived role self-appointed.
NZ Catholic: The Jan. 27 – Feb. 9 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishop to give catechesis at World Youth Day in Panama. Catholics in New Year Honours List. Marists leave Hamilton diocese. Sydney church sings in South Island churches. On Sale Now: $4

Sacramental Programme for 2019
The programme of formation for the sacraments of FIRST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION begins with an introductory meeting for parents on Tuesday 12th March, 2019, at 7.00pm. The minimum age level is 7 and above. Enrolment forms available at church door. For further info. ph Stephen 021 0608561

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth.
A day of reflection and teaching on hearing the ‘cry of the poor and of the earth’ 9am-4pm Saturday 23 February 2019. Mary McKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama. Cost: $15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peteg@cdा.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

Parish Choir - 2019
Our choir has started up again for the year. Rehearsals take place each Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Church choir loft. There is a lot of beautiful and challenging music to look forward to singing this year including motets by Bach, Purcell, Mozart, Victoria, Durufle, etc. New members are always welcome to join. There is no audition and no previous music experience is required. For more information contact Olivia Webb: 022 2348460

Te Ngakau Waiora: Mercy Spirituality Centre
(104 The Drive, Epsom)
MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. $30 incl. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.
DREAMWORK: 101: Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 22 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. $130.
Booking essential: info@mercySpiritualCentrē.org.nz or ph 638 6238

Dioscues Job Vacancies
Manager, Catholic Caring Foundation
The Catholic Caring Foundation is a small fund raising and philanthropic organisation established almost 30 years ago by the Catholic Bishop of Auckland. Its function is to support the delivery of services to people in need who live within the Catholic diocese of Auckland.
Reporting to the board and to the general manager of the Diocese, you will have responsibility for leading, managing and promoting the Foundation.
The role is 25 hours per week for a fixed term of twelve months.

Administrative Assistant – Faith Formation Team, Parish & Pastoral Services Group
The Parish & Pastoral Services Group seeks an enthusiastic committed person for a part-time Administrative Assistant. Key tasks include preparing and sending out resources, email correspondence, invoicing and receiving, maintaining on-line facilities i.e. website and Facebook, and minute secretary for various Diocesan Groups,
This role is 15 hours per week with some evening and weekend work.
To view the full position descriptions for the above roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

St Valentine’s Day Mass: Saturday 16 February, 5.30 pm, at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph – a celebration of marriage and family. All welcome: engaged, married, singles, families, children, everyone! (N.B. Wilson parking $4.00; validate ticket at Cathedral.)
For further information contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family team, phone +64-9-360 3025, or email Gerry at gerry@cdा.org.nz.

Holy Land Pilgrimage
With Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small exclusive group; limited seats.
For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone +64-9-921 5106.