



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

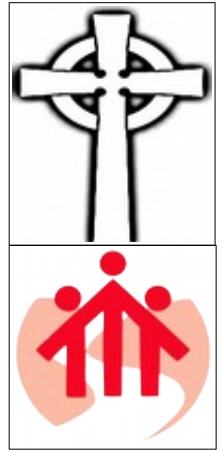
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 21st June 2020

Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whainga

To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono



Twelfth Week Ordinary Time

Reading: Jeremiah: 20:10-13; Psalm:69; Romans 5:12-15 John 15:26-27

Reflection

‘Do not be afraid’ is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to ‘be not afraid’ or ‘fear not’ appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today’s gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week’s reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today’s passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, ‘Do not be afraid’.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being ‘squeezed out’ and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

By Greg Sunter

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St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 2134 Great North Rd, Avondale, Auckland 0600



**We welcome new member
to our Parish family
through the Sacrament of
Baptism.**

**Mary Rose Mystica
Ta'amale**

Send off/ Welcome a formal Send-Off for **Fr. Mathew** and a formal Welcome for **Fr. Shane** from the Parish will be held on **Sunday 28** June 2020 at the Te Whau Hall after the 10:30am Mass which will be con celebrated by Fr.Shane, Fr.Mathew and Fr. James. The Parish encourages Parishioners to wear their ethnic attire and to bring a plate of cultural food. All Invited.

The **Samoan Mass** every third Sunday of the month is **still on hold until further notice**. The **Tongan Mass** every third Friday of the month **started this June**.

SMACC Committee would appreciate new volunteers/members who have skills to assist the committee manage the correspondence, fundraising and liason with local community council.

News from the Parish School

What a crazy year it has been but we are pleased to say that all our staff and children are well and settled back into life at school. Children have been enjoying class visits from Fr Shane and even a handball challenge or two! We welcome Fr Shane to our St Mary's School whānau.



Today 21st June 2020 is the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants it is when the Church remembers those who are marginalized under the severity and hardship of refugee and migration conditions. So we are asked if you can, as our Lord petitions to the Father, spend some time to pray for them, to dedicate time to be with them if you know of them. Or if you are not sure how to be 'mission', donate to the Bishop of Auckland's Caring Foundation, where your contributions will greatly assist those seeking the basic necessities of life; or you could support the St Vincent de Paul mission work; better still join in and support your very own parish life and activities.

Sacramental Program 2020 after a long break due to Covid-19, classes resumed last week, please be reminded of the schedule for Confirmation every Saturday from 3pm to 4pm until 4 July 2020. Reconciliation Rite 1 would be on Friday 10 July 2020 from 5pm to 6pm. First Holy Communion classes will start on Saturday 25 July 2020 upto 22 August 2020. The third reconciliation Rite1 would be on Friday 28 August 2020 at 5pm, the Sponsors rehearsal would be on Saturday 29 August 2020 and the Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass would be presided over by Bishop Michael on Sunday 6 September 2020 at 8:30 am. For more details please contact the parish office.

**Together Shine in the Mission of Christ
is the theme for this 3rd Year (2020) of Preparations
for the Parish Centennial (2021)**

Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

Diocesan Youth Mass is returning this month due to level 1 which has lifted restrictions on social distancing and indoor gatherings. We are excited and blessed to have Bishop Patrick Dunn celebrating Mass and since this will be our first Mass since lock down, his would be a beautiful opportunity to celebrate as a community with servers from across the Diocese take part. We hope to see you on **Sunday, 28 June pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral.**

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on **Friday 3rd July 7:00pm** St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore The next meeting is on **Wed 24 June** at 7.30pm. We look forward to your presence now that we are able to meet physically again. The meeting will be a time for us all to gather in a spirit of friendship and sharing. . Any questions contact - Russell 022 0345678.

An SVDP National Recovery Appeal website has been developed and supporters are encouraged to donate online at: donate.svdp.org.nz . People can also donate by cheque and bankcard. The Appeal has been launched Friday June 5 and will run until mid-December. The goal is to raise \$4 million to provide people with economic, social and emotional support during these times of severe hardship.

Peter's Pence Collection on Coming Sunday 28th June, on all masses. It is an ancient practice in the Church that we make some annual contribution at this time to support the Successor of St. Peter in his ministry to us and to others. The coming weekend is the Peter's Pence collection, an opportunity for us to financially support the charitable and humanitarian work of Pope Francis. The collection also supports the important pastoral offices which enables the Holy Father to carry out his work including the Pontifical Councils for Justice and Peace, Laity Family and Life and the promotion of Christian Unity to name just a few. The agencies, councils, congregations, offices and departments that form part of the Curia are vital for the universal mission of the Church and the pastoral reach of Pope Francis. Thank you for your support for this annual collection and please continue to pray for Pope Francis and his intentions. Kindly give generously.

Mercy Spirituality Centre Women in the Bible with Br Kieran Fenn fms. Virtual teaching series: Wednesday 24 June, 10.30am-12.30pm Zoom session. \$10 per person/ per session. Each session can stand alone and is also complementary to each other. **MĀORI Spirituality:** "Being a Presence for another" with RANGI DAVIS. Fri 26 Jun, 7-9pm. Zoom Session. Koha/Donation. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, [email:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

Until further notice **Shine TV will host Sunday Mass at 2:00 pm** on channel 25 for those who cannot go to Church on Sundays you may want to hear Mass at home.

St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre **SMACC**



For all those giving for SMACC thank you for your continued support.

If not yet giving, would you consider making a regular payment towards SMACC Fund?

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'Celebrating Communities'

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 21 June	Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
Sun, 21 June	Parish Centennial Committee Meeting 12pm, Te Whau Hall
Thur, 25 June	BOT Meeting, School
Fri, 26 June	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 27 June	Church Cleaning Roster : Lataki Youth Group
Sun, 28 June	Peter's Pence Collection in all Masses
Sun, 28 June	Send off/ Welcome for Fr. Mathew and Fr. Shane after 10:30am Mass at the Hall

Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time

Readings: Kings: 4:8-11;14-16 Psalm: 88; Romans 6:3-4;8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Arlene Mathiah	Mara Fatunu'u	Angela Paila	Lenna Rebello
Ministers of the Word	1 st Cynthia Paul 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Jane Benedito 2 nd Telesia Fatialofa	1 st Susan Moa 2 nd Alama Lakalaka	1 st Raisa Mathias 2 nd Demelza Colaco
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Bonamis V. Coelho	C. Benedito J. Peauvasa M. Sherwood	E. Oliveira F. Pouhila Sr. Maria Chiara	P. Nair N. Imperial

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time 21th June – 27th June :Bernard Menzies, Gemma O'Brein Thompson (Baby), Lolita Branadette Kinzett, Kathleen Smith, William Petford, Walter Reginald Davey, Peter Laus, James Francis O'Shea, Jean Kathleen McCracken, Eileen Gladys Shaw, Winifred Alice Delaney, Paul Arthur Patterson, Irene Violet Houison, Cyril Jiyce, Janet Ann Southey, Marjorie Christina Dalley, Mary Teresa Tainton, Frances Marie Ferguson, Phyllis Grace Baines, Isabella Rasch, Paul Barry Buckley, Malia Filimoehala, Lambertha Anne Boersen, Lois Irene Dummer, Jakov (James) Kovacevich, John Robert Costin, Fred Joseph Samson, Pelisilia Sisilia Koloamatangi, Janet Stevens, Tauti Po'a Lava, Winifred Nell Patard, Leo Edwin William Gibbs, Joaquim Salvador Bonamis.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: Mass: 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Saturday: Rosary & Novena: 5.30 pm; Vigil Mass: 6 pm

Monday – Saturday: Mass: 9.00am

The 7 pm Mass every Wednesday is suspended until further notice

Daily Rosary: Mon – Sat, 8.25am; Sun, 7.45am

Friday Adoration: After 9 am Mass to 10:30 am

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm starting 3 July 2020

Reconciliation: Saturday: after 9 am Mass, (other times by appointment)