



## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

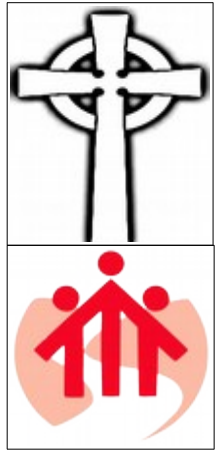
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*Vision / Tirohanga*

*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*



# Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time

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

## Gospel Reflection

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

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

**The June 28 – July 11 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: Bishop Basil Meeking laid to rest. Principal joins coalition against legalising cannabis. Theological college considers new Auckland home. This planet, our home, after Covid-19.

**Australian Salesian Youth event, OzBosco Connect.** This digital event will be hosted via Zoom from Friday 14th August to Sunday 16th August across two evening sessions and two morning sessions. Exact timetable and scheduling information will be sent to participants after registration. Registrations are now open via our province website: [www.salesians.org.au/ozbosco](http://www.salesians.org.au/ozbosco) Registration is essential in order to participate in OzBosco Connect. This year we have decided to charge a small solidarity fee for participants (\$10) to enable us to make this event happen and provide high quality speakers and presenters. Facebook Event: [www.facebook.com/events/569052774004444/](https://www.facebook.com/events/569052774004444/) For more information please follow us on FB [www.facebook.com/SYMAustraliaPacific](https://www.facebook.com/SYMAustraliaPacific) or [www.instagram.com/sym\\_australiapacific/](https://www.instagram.com/sym_australiapacific/)

MATTHEW 10:38

**...take up your cross and follow me**

What cross am I being asked to carry at this time?

How do my actions reflect that I am following Christ?



**The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception** is available for the annual visit to each of our Parishioners houses. Please enter your details in the foyer on the sheet provided.

**The Poor Needs You: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** requests your assistance in reaching out to the poor. You may like to donate non-perishable food items, and many other things that could be of help to them. Please contact Paula Betham 021 827225.

**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.

**The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith** will be held this year on Saturday **15th August** at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, visit [www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz](http://www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz) or phone Clare 022 1912 886.

#### **Diocese Job Vacancies**

Accountant– Pompallier Diocesan Centre. A full time role is responsible for managing the financial functions contained within the role responsibility.

Assistant Accountant– Pompallier Diocesan Centre. This role is full time and works closely with all members of the Finance Team to ensure the highest standards in financial processing and reporting are delivered for the Diocese.

Hospital Chaplain Northshore Hospital. Applications are sought from experienced or otherwise suitably qualified persons for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at North Shorth Hospital.

To view the full advertisements and position descriptions, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under the Administration Tab and Staff Vacancies.

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

## WHAT IS A SACRAMENT?

Sacraments are “powers that comes forth” from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church. They are “the masterworks of God” in the new and everlasting covenant. (CCC 1116). Sacraments is to think of them as channels, through which God gives to the faithful particular graces at specific points in their life. The sacraments are not something the Church can change, as they come from Jesus himself. **The seven sacraments instituted by Christ are as follows:**

**Baptism**  
**Confirmation**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**Penance**  
**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Holy Orders**  
**Matrimony**

## OUR CHURCH IS A MISSIONARY CHURCH BECAUSE :

The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 24

## Alpha Programme:

This is a 16-week programme that emphasises Christian Values. Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, sharing the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Everyone is welcome. Millions of people have experienced Alpha in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe. We will be needing a core team of 7, we have 6 members so far and needs more, if you are interested please contact Ronald Lopez 0211890186.

**happy**  
**birthday**  
**lots of hugs for you!**

## Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners in the month of July

**2 Barbara Wiggs**

**13 Antonia Fepuleai**

**13 Maria Roberts**

**22 Elvira Sergejew**

**27 Malia Hooper**

**28 Margaret Laws**

## 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, 28 June	Send off/ Welcome for Fr. Mathew and Fr. Shane after 10:30am Mass at the Hall
Sat, 04 July	Church Cleaning Roster : Samoan Community
Sat, 04 July	Church Flower Arrangement Roster : Tongan Community
Thu, 09 July	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 14 July	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 21 July	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 24 July	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm

# Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

**Readings: Zechariah: 9:9-10; Psalm: 144; Romans 6:9-4;11-13 Matthew 11:25-30**

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Don Perera	Joe James	Maria Tuima	C. Imperial
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Eric Bonamis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Arlene Mathiah	1 <sup>st</sup> Susan Healy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fotu Hoglund	1 <sup>st</sup> Maleta Fononga 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Rea	1 <sup>st</sup> Celine George 2 <sup>nd</sup> Demelza Colaco
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	L. Bonamis E. D'Mello	C. Benedito P. Betham, M. Child, L. Colaco, A. Guijters, M. Funaki, M. Jaskiewicz	F. A'Costa, T. Down, V. Jessop, A. Lata, F. Leavai, L. Lito, L. Muliaga	P. Nair M. Colaco

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time 28th June – 4th July***

Michael James Morris, William Henry Alexander Kontze, Kelela Taufa, Audrey England, Annie Maud Harlow, Clare Janette Treen, Elema Lakalaka, Umberto Azzara, Jack O'Donnell Clarke, John William Fitzgerald, Laura Peri, Gerarda Den Haan, Milan Baricevich, Thomas Francis Curtis, Hans Ording, Sydney William Stringfellow, William Edward Bernanrd, Kalisi Vaenuku, Thomas Francis Molyneux, Alice Catherine Shine, Aniela Teresa Dobrowolski, Tamaso Riggs, Tay Rosemary Hearn, Dominic John Wright, Fanny Grant, Jane Shanghai Tamaseu, Frances Laura Connor, Cecil Harold Johns, Tony Curach, Roselin Burgess.

***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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Mass: 7 pm starting 3 July 2020

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