



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

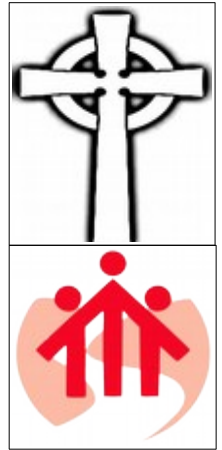
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 5th July 2020

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



Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

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

Gospel Reflection

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

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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.**

**William Ashworth
Rodden**

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

Youth first sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Warehouse in New Lynn. Date: **Sun 12th July - 9-3pm**

Alpha Programme 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. 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**. Commencement date is 20 July 2020 at 7pm in the Hall.

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/the-alpha-program/



Chrism Mass is Saturday 11 July 2020 at 11.30 am at St. Patricks Cathedral. All are welcome to attend

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**.

Deadline of submission for notices for the newsletter is every Wednesday during office hours. All notices that will be submitted after Wednesday will still be accepted but will be included in the newsletter for the following week.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Here we are at the end of what has been a very different term. It has been like no term ever before and despite the challenges that lockdown and distance learning presented there has also been lots to celebrate this term.

We celebrate and give thanks to God for... keeping us all safe, the way everyone coped with lockdown, the 'real' learning that occurred, the time families got to spend together, the Zoom sessions with teachers and friends, the creativity that was shown, the staff who showed such flexibility to adapt to a new way of teaching and who did their absolute best to maintain regular contact with each family, the parents who continuously do an amazing job of supporting their child's learning, the resilience and compassion shown by students, staff and members of our community, the huge development of self-management skills for so many of our children, talents shared at our Talent Quest, the strengthened home-school partnerships..the list goes on.

Term 3 starts on Monday 20th July at 8.40am.

**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

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. Donation details: Sea Sunday INTERNET BANKING DONATION to: 01-0297-0024651-00 (AoSNZ Auckland) In the 'Payees/Particulars' box please write: your initials(optional) /Donation AoS. Email name and address for tax-rebate receipt to: evashorayi@gmail.com ; quote your initials and date of donation. For more info about its work and volunteering, visit www.aos.org.nz.

The 2020 Ecumenical Talk Series Promoting Christian Unity. Public lecture on Thursday 9th July 2020 by Rev Dr Kevin Waldie. Topic: Paul, A Model for Dialogue and Bold Profession of Faith. Time/Place: St Columba Centre, Vermont Street, 7:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend an **8 week Life in the Spirit Seminar** at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. 8 Tuesdays starting 7 July 2020, 7.30pm. (Cuppa from 7pm). Register with Ally at ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com or 376-4303.

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, phone Clare 022 1912 886 or visit www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

Central Auckland Grief Support is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 11 July in the Hillsborough area. This month, to celebrate mid winter we will start off with a potluck at 12 noon. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 021-1734978.

PROLIFE FACTS

Up and down the country there are a few people who have been blessed with the opportunity to regularly be able to witness and pray outside or near Nzs abortion clinics. It is good to report a happy result. Recently the small group of pro-lifers who mount a peaceful vigil outside Hastings Hospital on the day abortions are performed, were approached by a man with a small boy holding his hand. He quietly explained that his partner had been scheduled for an abortion and had driven past the group. The wording on one of their signs touched her heart and instead of parking by the clinic, she turned the car around and drove home. The father said how much they loved the little boy and how when he thought of what was meant to happen to him, his heart would turn over in horror. He said that he had wanted to thank them for being there as witnesses. When the Abortion Legislation Bill was going through Parliament, a proposal to ban anti-abortion vigils through Exclusion Zones was narrowly defeated through a voting mix up. In Hawkes Bay alone, 37 babies are confirmed to have been saved and this little boy is now the 38th.

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?

'Celebrating Communities'

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Dates for your Diary

Thu, 09 July	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 11 July	Church Flower Arrangement Roster : Friendly Flower Group
Sat, 11 July	Church Cleaning Roster : Divine Mercy Group
Tue, 14 July	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 21 July	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 24 July	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sun, 26 July	Caring Sunday Collections in all Masses

Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah: 55:10-12; Psalm: 64:10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Arlene Mathiah	Maria Jose	Sefa Halangahu	Leena Rebello
Ministers of the Word	1 st Ronald D'Silva 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Joseph Katoa 2 nd Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 st David Faalau-Solia 2 nd Rosalyn Fononga	1 st Demelza Colaco 2 nd Raisa Mathias
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We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time 5th July – 11th July

Curt Walter Brown, Mary Yearbury, Elei Maae, Selafina Lanumata, Rita Mary Latta, Petelo Pouhila, Herbert Edward Charlesworth, Anthony Jazich, Sydney Herbert Joseph Rimmer, Peter Gough, Ellen Irwin, Heather May Morgan, James Simi Stewart, James Jakov Juricevich Desmond Wilbur Lynch, Norah Ellen Walker, Mary Teresa Smith, Louisa Anne Manhire, Colleen Patricia Jackson, Bernard Frank Bull, Katalina Malasina Vehikite, Arthur John Yearbury, Veronica Maud Agnes Sly, Frederick Charles Schrafft, Roy Stephen Paul Clark, Boris Matthew Sokolich. ***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)