



## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

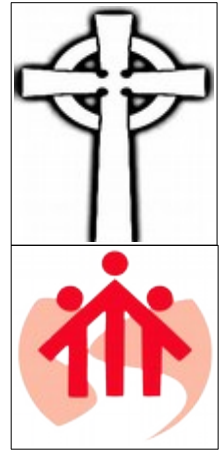
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*Vision / Tirohanga*

*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*



# Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

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

## Gospel Reflection

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

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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.**

**Liam Guillen Dizon**

**Today 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](mailto:evashorayi@gmail.com) quote your initials and date of donation. For more info about its work and volunteering, visit [www.aos.org.nz](http://www.aos.org.nz).

**Youth first sausage sizzle fundraiser today** at Bunnings Warehouse in New Lynn 12<sup>th</sup> July 9am to 3pm. Please support.

**Alpha Programme** Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. Commencement date is 20 July 2020 at 7pm in the Hall. Contact Ronald Lopez at 0211890186 or for more info [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/the-alpha-program/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/the-alpha-program/)

**The July 12-25 issue of NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Church doesn't require Jesus to be blonde and blue-eyed. New home for babies and mothers. Christchurch parish outreach training planned. Caritas opposes West Bank plans.



**THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is available for the annual visit to each of our Parishioners houses. The statue can be kept for a minimum of 1 day and a maximum of 7 days. Please enter your details in the foyer on the sheet provided if you wish to take the statue for the period July 2020.

**The annual Caring Mass** will take place on Wednesday July 22nd at 11.30am at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka. Ahead of Caring Sunday (July 26th), the Caring Mass is a celebration of those who share their gifts of caring for families and communities in our diocese. Caring Awards will be awarded to charities and organisations who have received a grant from the Foundation, and Catholic schools. You are most welcome to join us.

**The Diocesan Youth Mass** will be held on 26 July 2020 at 7pm at St. Patricks Cathedral. All 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**.

**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)**

## Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

**The Peace and International Justice Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission is looking for new members. Our activities have included advocating for better support for migrants during the current pandemic, organising interfaith gatherings over the Syrian crisis, supporting clergy persecuted by the Philippines government, expressing solidarity with West Papua and Palestine, and monitoring climate change migration issues. If you have the background and interest in serving the Diocese in this area please contact: Convenor Phillip Cass [cass.philip@gmail.com](mailto:cass.philip@gmail.com). With thanks for your continued support.

## The Presence of the Spirit In The Gospel

According to John with Kathleen Rushton rsm. Sat 25 Jul, 10am-3pm \$45. BYO lunch. In the Gospel according to John, we shall explore the presence of the Holy Spirit empowering the disciples back then and abiding with us now. In this session, we will explore ways in which we can continue Jesus' work in today's world.

**Interfaith Event:** Feeling a Divine Presence In the Light of Different Faiths. **Wed 29 Jul, 7-9pm.** Koha/Donation. With Members of the Auckland Interfaith Council from the Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i and Christian Faith. This is an event for participants who have open hearts and open minds and want to interact with participants of other faiths. Bookings are essential, please email [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**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](http://www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz)

**Liturgy Conference 2020** An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference 1-3 October at Baradene College. Worshipping under Southern Skies | Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi - Weaving together Liturgy and Life | E rarangatia ana ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata. Please visit the website [wuss.org.nz](http://wuss.org.nz)

### Stella Maris needs volunteers.

Come and join us. Stella Maris is a Catholic Organization which welcomes and supports seafarers, port workers and fishers while they are in New Zealand.

We work collaboratively with other faith-based organizations, Unions and Maritime New Zealand to advocate on behalf of seafarers and to offer the practical support while they are in New Zealand.

There are more than a million seafarers and they are among the most exploited workers in the world. Eighty percent of them are Catholic. Their work takes them away from family and friends for many months at a time, and the work is often demanding and lonely.

We invite you to join our team. All you need is the willingness to help and a few hours to spare. Training and support is provided. Find out more on [www.aos.org.nz](http://www.aos.org.nz)

## 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, 12 July	Sea Sunday-Day of Prayer for Seafarers
Tue, 14 July	Alpha Leaders Training Programme, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 18 July	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Samoan Community
Sat, 18 July	Church Cleaning Roster Friends of the Parish
Mon, 20 July	Alpha Programme Commences, Te Whau Hall 7pm
Tue, 21 July	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 24 July	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sun, 26 July	Caring Sunday Collections in all Masses

# Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time

**Readings: Wisdom: 12:13,16-19; Psalm: 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43**

	<b>Saturday, 6 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 6 pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Eric Bonamis	Keith Simento	Youth	Raisa Mathias
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Don Perera 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cynthia Paul	1 <sup>st</sup> Mark Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rachael Suesue	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth	1 <sup>st</sup> Leena Rebello 2 <sup>nd</sup> C.Imperial
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	A.Bonamis E.D'Mello	P.Betham, M.Child, T.Funaki, A.Isaia, J.James, C.Lewis, M.Suisala	T.Down, K.Joseph, B. Joseph, B. Ngurinzira, E.Oliveira, Sr.Therese Agnes, Sr.Maria Chiara	P.Nair N.Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 12th July – 18th July***

Annie Catherine Taylor, Peter Johnson, Hannah Helen Welch, Frederick Ernest Smith, James Wallace Erceg, Norma May Gordon, Melba Vukovich, Jonathan Aloysius Jessop, Fredrick Toyer, Teresa Maria Angelina Boyd, Eric Charles William Rose, Clara Elizabeth Mason, Harry Yates Holdsworth, Marion Georgina Ryan, Vice Sokolich, David Grant Hodges, Sara Lewis, Nadia Rene'e Segedin, Paul Robert Gray, Betty Frances Graham, James Joseph Nisbet, Brian Joseph Wall, Juri Selak, Kamla Narayan Sami, Elma Valerie Hewson, Joyce Phyllis Dennis, Eduardo Luigi Celligoi, Rosemary Svea Telling, Jean Nora Healy, Maurice Brown, Jan Jozef Kowalski. ***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

**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)