



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

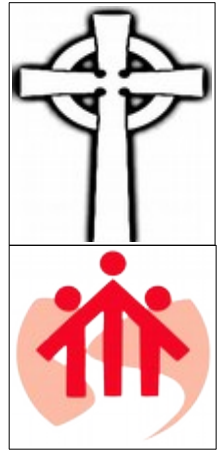
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 19th July 2020

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



Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

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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.
Nixon A'Costa and Rayne
Teauti A'Costa**

Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand will be having their 4th Sunday Eucharistic Celebration at Christ the King Church, Owairaka, on **26th July** at 4.00p.m. Praise and Worship, Sharing the Word, Holy Mass and Adoration.

Grandparents Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 27 July at 9am. All St.Mary's students will be attending. Everyone welcome to join. Light refreshments to follow at the church foyer.

Reconciliation on Wednesday **29 July** from 7pm to 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

Parishioners who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries and jubilees, a special Mass will be offered for that special occasion on **Sunday 9 August at 8:30am**



The Annual Caring Mass will take place on Wednesday July 22nd at 11.30am at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka. 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.

Caring Sunday The Annual Appeal For The Caring Foundation please remember the work of the Caring Foundation on Caring Sunday, July 26th and support our annual appeal and families and communities in need. With your support, The Foundation gives grants to social services across the diocese who care for our brothers and sisters in need. A gift to our annual appeal will support struggling families in hardship, our young people, our vulnerable elderly, and mothers and their babies and so much more. Please consider a gift today through the second collection, or through our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz or to our account: 02-0100-0242648-00.



**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

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

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

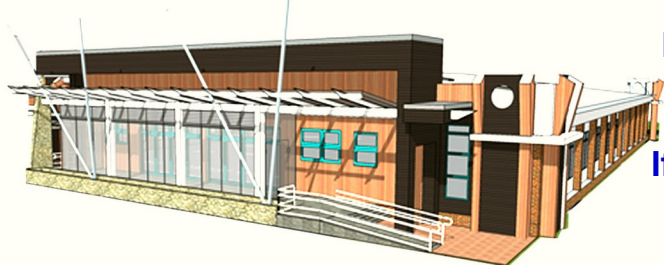
The Pastoral Services Group invites faith communities to a day exploring values, priorities and goals of the Mission Map in order to promote collaboration and provide opportunities to explore its implementation at parish level. This formation session will be held **Saturday 29 August**, 9.30am-3.30pm at the St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. You are invited to send representatives from your community. We look forward to exploring going forward together in hope as a missionary diocesan whānau.

Euthanasia Referendum 22 Update and Request. Voting in the binding referendum will run from 5th to 19th September 2020 and there are many reasons to vote against such a law, including that **our Bishops continue to oppose this law coming into effect.** We are seeking for a person that we could coordinate with and deliver flyer/pamphlets to and provide contact details for that purpose and volunteers to distribute euthanasia flyers throughout every parish, community, school area in Auckland Diocese during a time period to be confirmed, but likely early to mid-August. For those interested please email Fr. Shane ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz

Prolife Facts Statistics NZ reported that there were **12,857 induced abortions in 2019**, a decrease of 425 from 2018. This equates to 18% of all known pregnancies, excluding miscarriages. For every 1,000 women aged 15-44 years there were 13.1 abortions. Right to Life is concerned that the Mid-wifery Council and its members are dangerously impacted on by the decriminalisation of abortion following royal assent to the Abortion Legislation Act on 24 March 2020. The Ministry of Health has issued instructions to health professionals after the law was passed in relation to the incorporation of the law into their scope of practice. Its website displays the goal of "Keeping women and babies safe". Right to Life believes that the new legislation will undermine the role of mid-wives in our communities and will lead to some of them participating in aborting preborn children. Right to Life believes that the public needs to speak up so that the Mid-wifery's goal of keeping women and babies safe is safeguarded and mid-wives are not required to participate in abortions.

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: <https://salesians.org.au/ozbosco-2020/ozbosco-registration> Registration is essential. 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.

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

Mon, 20 July	Alpha Programme Commences, Te Whau Hall 7pm
Tue, 21 July	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Wed, 22 July	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 24 July	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 25 July	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Telesia
Sat, 25 July	Church Cleaning Roster Tongan Community
Sun, 26 July	Caring Sunday Collections in all Masses
Sun, 26 July	Altar Servers Meeting, Church 2pm
Mon, 27 July	Grandparents Thanksgiving Mass Church 9am
Wed, 29 July	Parish Reconciliation, Church 7pm-8pm

Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time

Readings: Kings: 3:5.7-12; Psalm: 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Malia Funaki	Vika Lemeki	Celine George
Ministers of the Word	1 st Eric Bonamis 2 nd Arlene Mathiah	1 st Rachel Simento 2 nd Rochelle Suesue	1 st Calah Fonoti 2 nd Laina Muliaga	1 st Teena Roy 2 nd Leena Rebello
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L.Bonamis L.D'Souza	M.Funaki,A.Guijters, W.Hawtrey,J.James, M.Jaskiewicz, H.Laverty, M.Sherwood	F.Leavai, K.Muliaga, Sr. Agnelle, Sr. Maria Chiara, M.Talataina, T.Tatafu,M. Tuima	P.Nair N.Imperial

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 19th July – 25th July

Alexander Counerton, Eric James Hornell, Alice Anderson, Miroslav Anton Hajek, John Dobson,Algar Leon O'Brien, Kathleen Teresa Frelengou, Edward Joseph Williams, Victor Walter Lonergan, Henry James Yearbury, Mary Elizabeth Donnellan, Daniel John Herdson, Richard Dowd, Ponifasio Doris Talo, Pouniu August Williams, Valerie McCabe, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Shayde Panaki Rangī Turoa-Clarke (Baby), Maxwell Francis Gillespie, Robert McCartney Farrell, Cyril Afamasaga Reynolds Curry, Tom Lewis, Brian Richard McCabe, Francis Sisson, Phyllis Joan Curach, Annie Pearson, Peter Linehan, Eileen Rose Herring, Cecil Walter Mantell, Sherri Nicole Sheldon, Aileen Mary Lynch, Dora Kathleen Ruth Graham, Roy Alphonsus Berwick, Olivia Matalena Schmidt, Violet Katherine Leota, Ivy Bozena Versalko, Albert Wiggs,Thomas Ssison, Julia Angle, Desmond Ross.

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

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm

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