



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

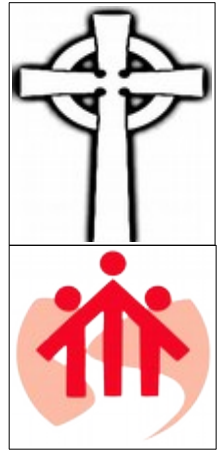
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 2nd August 2020

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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah: 55:1-3; Psalm: 144; Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he took the bread and fish, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

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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.

**Fineata Falakika Lute
Mo'ui'o'fa Moala**

The July 26 – 8 August issue of NZ Catholic is available. It features Vocations: Answering Jesus' Call. This may be of interest to the young people in our Parish. Please buy your copy and promote the newspaper of our Diocese.

Parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries and jubilees during 2020, a special Mass will be offered on **Sunday 9 August at 8:30am**. Please inform the office so we can look forward to the occasion.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast for New Zealand on **15 August**. Vigil Mass Friday 14 August 7pm and Saturday 15 August at 9am. The Saturday Vigil Mass is not intended to replace the Holiday of Obligation of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Dominic Savio Children's Club – All children aged 6 and above are invited to this club, entry is free. Every Saturday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Fr.JmcGrath Rm – we play games, have fun, plan for outings etc. Altar servers of all ages are also invited to join this club. The Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity coordinate the activities. We welcome assistance from parents / volunteers.

Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor. There will be Rosary followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor every Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm starting from 5th August 2020. No Holy Mass. **First Friday, 7 August Mass at 7pm.**

Gifts for the Poor: We encourage all the families in the parish to prepare special gift pack of non-perishable food pack for the poor and deposit them in the "Gifts for the needy" box kept at the front of the Church.

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary. Novena, Rosary and Holy Mass will be celebrated in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health from **29th August to 8th September 2020 at 6.30pm**. We are invited to come and join the pilgrimage. Bishop Patrick Dunn and Priests from different Parishes will celebrate Holy Mass each evening. Let us humbly pray to our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to her Son Jesus and obtain many favours and graces for you. For more information Ph Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798.



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

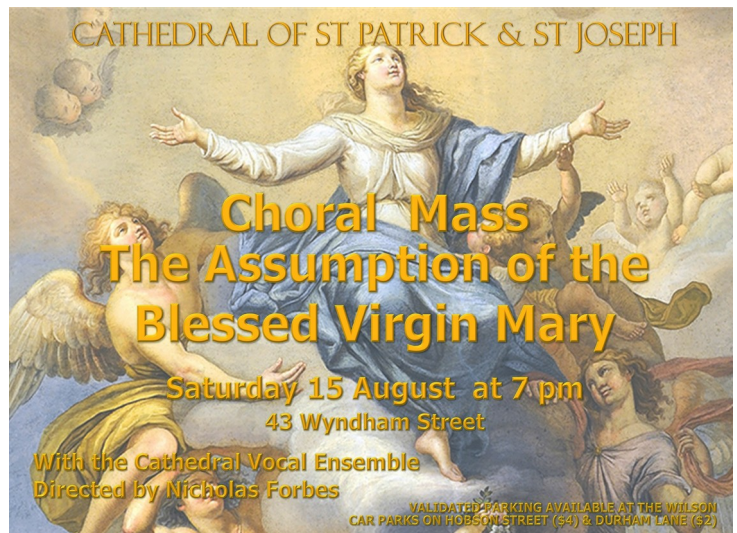
Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to remember the tragedy that is war, on this the 75th anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (August 6th) and Nagasaki (August 9th) in Japan 1945. We ask you to pray for the prohibition of all nuclear weapons and to pray for peace in the world.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th Aug 7:00pm at 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. All Welcome

Pregnancy Help, a charity serving vulnerable pregnant women and women facing unplanned pregnancies, is looking to lease inexpensive office space, 80 -100m² in the suburbs within a 10 km radius of the city centre. Please contact Kheng or Dori on 093732599, or send an email at auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz.

Liturgy Conference 2020, An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference from the 1st to the 3rd of 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 nga ritenga me te Ira Tangata. It will be a great opportunity to grow in faith. Please visit the website wuss.org.nz



The End of Life Choice Act is riskier than overseas assisted dying laws.

This Act would make it legal for doctors and nurse practitioners to administer a lethal dose of medication (euthanasia) or to give it to someone to self-administer (assisted suicide), with the intention of ending their life.

An eligible 18-year-old could die as early as 3 days after receiving a terminal diagnosis...

...without having to see a specialist; without having to try any treatment first; or being screened for depression...

...without needing to be of sound mind when receiving the lethal dose...

...without independent witnesses to help protect against pressure...

...and without needing to tell any friends or family.

Regardless of our personal views on euthanasia, we need to consider whether we are comfortable with the details of this specific Act.

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



'Celebrating Communities'

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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Dates for your Diary

Mon, 03 Aug	Safeguarding Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Mon, 03 Aug	Alpha Gathering, Hall 7pm
Sat, 08 Aug	Church Cleaning Roster Q.Colaco,B.Joseph Mary, J.Katoa, P.Nair, J.Robert
Sat, 08 Aug	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Friendly Flower Group
Sun, 09 Aug	Jubilee Marriage Anniversary Mass, Church 8:30am
Mon, 10 Aug	Safeguarding Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 11 Aug	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Thu, 13 Aug	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 14 Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Vigil Mass 7pm
Sat, 15 Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass 9am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Kings: 19:9,11-13; Psalm: 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	Samoan Community	Raisa Mathias
Ministers of the Word	1 st Arlene Mathiah 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Kalolaine Funaki 2 nd Malia Funaki	1 st Samoan Community 2 nd Samoan Community	1 st C. Imperial 2 nd Demelza Colaco
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A.Bonamis R.Miranda	L.Colaco, W.Hawtrey, M. Jaskiewicz, H.Laverty, J. Peauvasa, M.Sherwood, M.Suisala	F.Lakalaka, H.Lakalaka, M.Talataina, O.Tuima, L.Tuima, K.Tuima, M.Vai	M.Colaco N.Imperial

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 1st August – 7th August

Simun Mercep, Robert Stuart Gilmen, Ellen Martha Butcher, Melva Manning, Akanese Leatuga Fa'Apoa, Tony Anton Segedin, Cyril Leon Coad, Alexandra Williams, William Henry Dilnott, Ambrose Petry, Mary Monica Mills, Patricia Rose McCrae, Norman Charles Compain, Ivka Versalko, Jean Andrea McLaren, Keith William Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Farmer

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)