



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

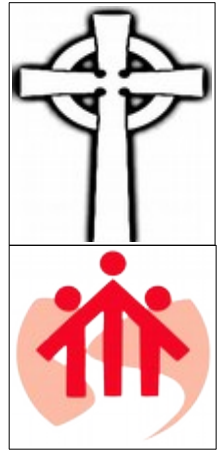
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 9th August 2020

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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Congratulations to Purnima Devi, Teresita Down, Colleen Lewis and Tania Starr for completing their training as a Lay Leader of Liturgical Prayer. On behalf of the parishioners, thank you for your contribution to the parish community.

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.

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.



We welcome new member to our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pili Te Whau Matulino Wikitera

News from the Parish School The annual Catholic Caring Foundation Mass and Award Ceremony was celebrated on Wednesday, 22 July at Christ the King Church. Six of our tamariki; Isaiah, Aaron, Priscilla, Pualani, Rafel, Dominc C, were nominated for their outstanding care and commitment to caring for others in our community. They each received a certificate from the Bishop recognising their service as their families proudly watched on. You can read our latest school newsletter here <https://bit.ly/30sAU3h>



The August 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Priests shouldn't promote political parties. Auckland's Mercy Spirituality Centre closes. Vatican instruction gives guidance on parish reforms. St Paul a model for ecumenical dialogue.

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

Announcement: An invitation to come learn the Bible through this 9-weekly series on Salvation HIStory from Genesis to Revelation starting 7pm to 8.45pm every Friday from 14th August 2020 at St. Dominic Church, Parish Centre, 34 Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Talks will be delivered by Priests and lay ministers from around Auckland. Contact: Reggis/Betsy 0211653856/098263937 or email: Jesusmylightnz@gmail.com

Choral Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are happy to once again to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 pm Saturday 15 August. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. All are very welcome. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.



Married Couples: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the residential Marriage Encounter Weekend. 2-4 October at Bella Rakha Retreat Centre, Oratia Book Now! Phone 0800-362686

The Diocesan Mission Map (Pastoral Plan) will be officially launched on the first Sunday of Advent. All parishioners are welcome to an unpacking session 29 August 2020 9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM, St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby B.Y.O: Enthusiasm, Interest, Questions, Lunch.

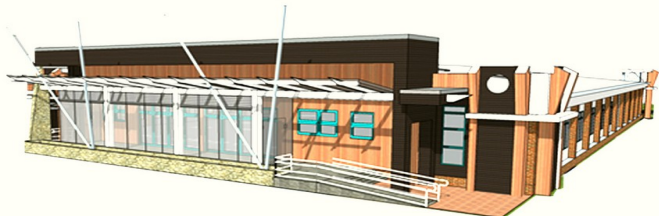
Referendum on the End of Life Choice Act

At the September election New Zealanders will NOT be voting on whether euthanasia / 'assisted dying' should be legal in principle. We are voting on a specific version of 'assisted dying', on whether the End of Life Choice Act[1]. should start to operate as law. This Act has many problems that Parliament left unaddressed. The End of Life Choice Act proposes "assisted dying", which is an umbrella term for euthanasia and assisted suicide. Assisted suicide means a doctor or nurse practitioner gives a person an overdose of medication to swallow or self-administer, with the purpose of ending their life. Euthanasia means the doctor or nurse practitioner administers the overdose to the person, usually by injection or intravenous delivery (IV). Polls found that there is much confusion about what 'assisted dying' means and about what the End of Life Choice Act would legalise

Act of Contrition:

O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen

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, 10 Aug	Safeguarding Meeting, Presbytery 6pm
Mon, 10 Aug	Alpha Gathering, Hall 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
Sat, 15 Aug	Church Cleaning Roster Samoan Sunday School
Sat, 15 Aug	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Samoan Community
Wed, 26 Aug	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah: 56:1,6-7; Psalm: 66; Romans 11:13-5,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Eric Bonamis	Susan Healy	Sala Perez	C.Imperial
Ministers of the Word	1 st Ronald D'Silva 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Fotu Hoglund 2 nd Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 st Youth 2 nd Youth	1 st Celine George 2 nd Leena Rebello
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L.D'Souza R.Miranda	P.Betham, M.Child, M.Funaki, T.Funaki, A.Isaia, H.Laverty, M.Suisala	F.Cole, V.Jessop, B.Ngurinzira, E.Oliveira, Sr.Amalia, Sr. Agnelle, Sr.Therese	P.Devi N.Imperial

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 8th August – 14th August

Egbert Marius Nieuwenhuis, Lisi Leilua, Madeline Hodges, Tom Pote, Vincent Zoricich, David Webber, Julia Eileen McNeil, Philip John Dolan, Mary Frances McGedch, Rowena Mary Burn, Stephen Dennis Walsh, Thomas Frederick Dixon, Hilda Flyger, Ellen Yuile, Michael Farry, Brian David Allen, Daniel Fleming, Gwendoline Gray, Bismark Visesio Schmidt, Theresa Annandale, Lina Maria Senia Ah Van, Paea I Halafasa Sinisa (Baby), Margaret Tangikina Riggs, Kathleen Tatton Neale, Ivy Winson, Kathleen Wendin Grey, Timothy Joseph Moynihan, Aidan Thomas Murphy, Tupoufeao Mailangi, William John McKeouen Conrad, Rodwell Edward Sainty, Gracee Dianne Faifailoa-Fomai (Baby), Alopa Havea, Ruth Gertrude Kirton, Maria Petrenko, Gabrielle Mary Blazer. ***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)