



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –20th September 2020

Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whaingā

*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga
Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ. Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

For Personal Reflection
To help in the reading of the passage:

20, 1a: with the first words of the parable, which are a formula of introduction, Jesus wants to accompany us into the most profound theme about which He intends to speak. He wants to open before us the doors of the kingdom, which is He himself, and He presents Himself as the Master of the vineyard, which needs to be cultivated.

20: 1b-7: These verses constitute the first part of the parable; in it Jesus tells about the initiative of the Master of the vineyard to employ the laborers, describing the four times he went out to look for laborers, in which he establishes a contract and the last time he goes out is at the end of the day.

29, 8-15: This second part includes, instead, the description of the payment to the workers, with the protest of the first one and the Master's answer.

20, 16: At the end is given the conclusive sentence, which is included with 19: 30 and which reveals the key of the passage and the its application: those who in the community are considered the last ones, in the perspective of the Kingdom and of God's judgment, will be the first ones.

Prayer for the Faithful

Priest: 'The last will be first and the first last.' We have heard God's Word and been strengthened by its teaching. Now we turn to our loving God for what we need in the church and in the community.

Reader:

For a sense of God's majesty. (pause) 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord, and my ways are not your ways.' May we be comforted by a sense of God's majesty, consoled by God's forgiveness and open to God's purposes for us in life. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer**

For a desire to please God. (Pause) May we be anxious to please our God by our lives that reflect sound teaching; and may we reject anything in life that is unworthy of the gospel so that Christ may be glorified in us.

Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer

For a deeper understanding of God's gracious love. May the love of God increase in our hearts; and may we be constantly comforted by the immensity of the love of our God who teaches us not to live by the world's values but to care for the least important in society. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer**

For an awareness of the compassion of our God. (pause) God does not judge by human standards and God's gentleness is beyond our understanding. May we learn to trust in the compassion of our God and may we be generous towards others as God is generous towards us. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer**

Priest: God of all mercies, help us to be generous in your love. Listen to our prayers for what we need. We ask these prayers through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Amen**

St Joseph

Husband to the Mother of God, earthy father to our Saviour Jesus Christ. Patron and protector of the Catholic Church, families, fathers, workers, of the dying and hope of the sick and the Afflicted.

Let Us Pray.

Remember, O Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implore thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by thus confidence, I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen

God always answers our prayers though we may not always expect the response we receive. Let it be done to me according to God's will.



Give thanks to God

Pray for faith

Forgive

Seek spiritual healing

Seek emotional healing humility

Say goodbye to pettiness

Say goodbye to uncharitable actions

Pray for others

Read the Bible

Pray in His Name

Say goodbye to pettiness

News and Updates from the Parish and School



A reminder to all Parishioners that a video of the Parish **Sunday Mass will be uploaded on Facebook on Saturday the 19th of September at 5:45 pm until Monday, 21st September.**

Car Park: Due to work being done in the car park this week till next week we only have one entry/exit available. **The entrance beside the Presbytery is closed.** Please park at the car park with care and discretion as to avoid any untoward incident. For those dropping off or picking up children from school, the car park on the other side of the church is available.

The revised ground plans of New Community Hall and Administration building included latest and final feasibility study. Please check the bulletin board .

The Ministry of Health provided the Parish a NZ Covid-19 Tracer Booklet, for those who do not have Covid-19 Tracer application or dont have access to download it, you are most welcome to get a booklet from the Church foyer.

Volunteers Needed: The Parish is looking for 5 Adoration Roster Volunteers next Wednesday 23 September from 2pm to 5pm. The Parish is also looking for **SMACC volunteers.** For those interested please contact the Parish office or Fr. Shane.

For New Committee workers and Volunteers who have not send/ fill up Code of Conduct Form please visit the Parish office during office hours.

Rosters for next Saturday 26 September:
Church Cleaning: Samoan Community
Flower Arrangement: Telesia

News from St Mary's School

The school has been through a rigorous process of self review over the last year that has resulted in the setting of a new Mission, Vision and Values. Our new statements that will take us forward are:

Our Mission / Aronga - our purpose:

Growing hearts, minds and bodies to learn, serve and make a difference

Our Vision / Tūruapō for the St Mary's community of learners:

Confident lifelong learners who C A R E - Connect, Achieve, Reflect, Engage

Our Values - shaped by our Catholic Character and Mercy Charism:

Respect, Joy, Excellence, Justice, Compassion & Service.

Enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted. Please contact the school office if you have a child turning 5 during 2021. We also have limited places available at other year levels.

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 17th September – 25th September Claude Herbert Smith, Elizabeth Rosanna Pearce, Peter James Duke, Rex James Cubitt, Genevieve Gonsalvez, George Alexander Joseph Sutich, Paul Christopher Wayne Cunningham, James Marshall, Peter Cassidy, Doreen Mavis Eccles, Boris Posa, Edward Joseph Williams, David John Burgess, George Tira Wipa, Nerina Cettina, Yvonne Geard, Henrietta Schaumkell, Benjamin Stehlin, John Mannix, Gwendoline Mary Rose, John O'Brien, James Alfred Keene, Vivian Eva Pearl Blake, Margaret Carpenter, William Valerian O'Scanlan, June Henrietta Cunningham, Taleni Lilo, Mary Isobel Barker, Joseph William Stowers, Ivy Bozena Versalko, Roger William Lincoln, Leo Desmond Daly, Fr. Arnold Gonsalvez.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

News and Updates from The Diocese

Week of Prayer for World Peace 11-18 October is Week of Prayer for World Peace. Our Council Committee have developed a beautiful A5 size double-sided flyer promoting peace with a sample of prayers and literature from some of Auckland's many diverse faith groups. Please check the bulletin board for the collection of prayers and quotes.

Liturgy Conference Although the Liturgy Conference has been postponed until October 2021 Starting from Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October we plan to offer a series of digital presentations from Conference presenters. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

Live Forum on Euthanasia with Dr John Kleinsman Learn more about what you are voting on as Dr John Kleinsman, Chair of the Care Alliance, unpacks the End of Life Choice Act. End of Life Choice Referendum Are You Ready to Vote? **Live-streamed presentation: Tuesday 22 September – 7.00pm Care Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/>** Authorised by Sinead Donnelly, Care Alliance, 15 Guildford Terrace, Wellington

Free Digital NZ Catholic. The link to the free issue is <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>. There will be no deliveries of the current print issue of NZ Catholic to parishes.

Beginning Experience ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood 6-8 November. The total cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials, plus a follow up event is \$350 with Early Bird cost \$325 if paid by 25 Sept. For further information please phone Kelly 0276864416.

NZ Catholic Bishops 2020 Election Statement -Whakapuaki Pōti has just been published. Limited printed copies of the Election Statement will be available from pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz if you would like them please email and give the requested number. It is also available at www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.

The 40 Days for Life campaign is poised to begin in the United States and other participating countries. It will run from September 23rd till November 1st. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion facilities. 40 Days for Life provides a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during the vigil send a powerful message to the community about the reality of abortion. Since 2007, 63 nations have taken part, 7440 campaigns have been run and the lives of 17,226 preborn children are estimated to have been saved. The upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign will be the largest ever, involving 588 cities around the world. For more pro-life information, **visit the Voice for Life website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz**.

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