



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Avondale Parish Bulletin –27th 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel: 18:25-28; Psalm: 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live. The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
 I know them, and they follow me.
 Alleluia!**

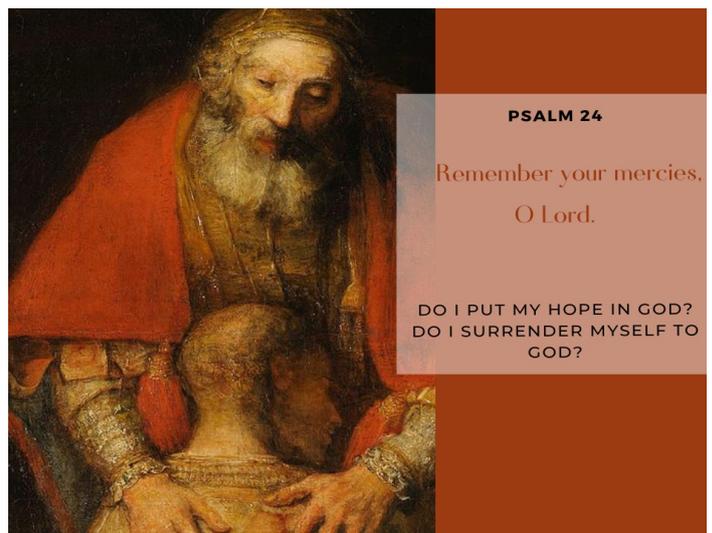
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God. Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



PSALM 24

Remember your mercies,
 O Lord.

DO I PUT MY HOPE IN GOD?
 DO I SURRENDER MYSELF TO
 GOD?

Act of Spiritual Communion

Because current circumstances continue to impede attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion, I invite those who are joining us by this video link to ask God that by spiritual communion you might receive the graces of sacramental communion. Offer this Mass and your hunger for the Eucharist for the safety of your loved ones, of yourselves and of our world.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

For Personal Reflection

To help in the reading of the passage:

Who is truly righteous? In today's readings, as throughout the Gospel, it isn't always who we might think. Appearances may deceive us, and we shouldn't compare ourselves with others. There is hope for those of us who recognize our mistakes, rely on God's mercy, and make changes. Self-emptying seems outdated in our current culture fascinated with celebrity, hubris and arrogance. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to examine our own lives and walk in humility. God is waiting for us there.

Some questions to help us in our personal reflection.

- Which point in this story of the two sons most caught your attention? Why?
- To whom does Jesus address Himself? Why does He tell this parable?
- What is the main point underlined by Jesus in the attitude of the two sons?
- What kind of obedience does Jesus suggest through this parable?
- How exactly do the prostitutes and publicans get preference over the priests and elders?
- And I? Where am I? Am I among the prostitutes and sinners or among the priests and elders?

Prayer for the Faithful

Father; 'Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' We have been strengthened and nourished by God's Word, broken for us. Encouraged by its teaching, we turn to our God for what we need.

Reader;

For a spirit of generosity. (Pause) Our God is compassion and love, eager to forgive when we repent of sin. May we too be a people of forgiveness, not holding grudges, but accepting people when they turn to us in need.

E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

For an understanding of the majesty of Christ. (pause) Jesus emptied himself for us and became a servant for our sake. May we grow in understanding the heights to which God raised him; and worship him as Lord of all. **E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou**

For a desire to live by the truth. (pause) May our 'yes' be 'yes' and our 'no' be 'no'; and may we be people of truth, faithful in what we promise, and witnessing the gospel in how we live.

E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

For a desire to witness to God's reign. (pause) The reign of God is mysteriously present among us and on one so excluded who tries to be faithful to God's way. May we resist judging who is worthy of God's goodness but rely on God's mercy on us all.

E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

PARISH PRAYER

Mary of the Immaculate Conception bless our Parish community, so that we may love God with all our heart. We ask you to encircle our families with your loving care. Help parents to be good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen

Father: God of mercy, have pity on your children. Teach us to forgive others as you forgive us. We offer these our prayers through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen

News and Updates from the Parish and School

Changes of Alert Levels As the Northern and Southern areas of the diocese have moved to Alert Level 1 and can welcome all to our buildings the urban area of the **Diocese is grateful to be in full Alert Level 2 with up to 100 gathering. Daily Masses, Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses will resume.** A reminder that:
The pews will be numbered up to 17.
There will only be 6 people per pew.
There will be no water from the water fountains.
Communion in the hand only
No physical sign of peace

A reminder to all Parishioners that a video of the Parish **Sunday Mass will still be uploaded on Facebook on Saturday the 26th of September at 5:45 pm until Monday, 28st September.**

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

Car Park: the work will be finished this weekend thank you very much for your cooperation.

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

PAVING TILES FREE please collect at front of the Church.



Thank You!!!

To the Samoan Community for the flower arrangement and to the Choir last Sunday led by the Tongan Community and to all those who helped make the online Mass from our Parish possible.

New Committee Members are needed. If you have any administration skills and contacts, please kindly consider contributing as a volunteer to SMACC, Finance, PPC or Centenary Committees.

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. Please contact Paula Betham 021 827225.

News from St Mary's School

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

**happy
birthday
lots of hugs for you!**

Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners in the month of October

**11 Teresita Minerva Down 15 Filomena Fenika
25 Delia Thomas 26 Margaret Hobby**

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 26th September – 2nd October:

Frances Alice Rawle, John Brydon, Nive Passi, Anand Melroy (Hartey) D'Souza, Jennifer Elizabeth Claire Allan, Frank D'Souza, Wendy Colleen Delamere, Margaret Ann Tobin, Francis Patrick Greenbank, Isaac Peter Driver, John Lowry, Betty Lundon, George Augustus Avey, Richard Sisson, Annie Elizabeth Harvey, Arthur Norman Gasparini, Marion Isabel Evans, Stanislaus (Stash) Depczynski, James Andrew McCormick, Mary Jane Jones, Cecil Healy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

News and Updates from The Diocese

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.

Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 28 September, 7-8.30pm: Mary through History: the Changing Face of MaryFee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

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 For further information please phone Kelly 0276864416.

Venerable Suzanne Aubert Celebration Sunday October 4 is almost here! We are very encouraged about significant progress in her journey towards Sainthood with news received from Rome only a few weeks ago that the inquiry medical documents translated into Italian and submitted to the Causes for Saints, are being closely examined at this time. Cardinal Becciu, the president of the Congregation was in touch with Cardinal John Dew confirming the position. It's an important opportunity to help more New Zealanders learn about Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa and also to pray for her intercession on our behalf.

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. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

Week of Prayer for World Peace 11-18 October is Week of Prayer for World Peace. Please check the bulletin board for the collection of prayers and quotes.

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

The 7 pm Mass every Wednesday is suspended until further notice only Novena will resume

Daily Rosary: Mon – Sat, 8.25am; Sun, 7.45am

Friday Adoration: After 9 am Mass to 10:30 am

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm starting 2 October 2020

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

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Account Number for mass offering: 02-0100-0120958-05

Account Number for SMACC Building Fund: 02-0108-0339938-04

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