



## *St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception*

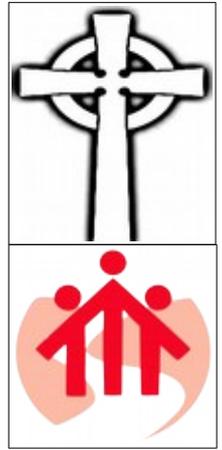
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*Vision / Tirohanga*

*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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings: Isaiah: 25:6-10; Psalm: 22; Philippians 4:12-14.19-20; Matthew 22:1-14**

### Gospel Reflection

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom.

The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world.

This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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**Mission Sunday Next Week.** Parishioners are reminded that next week is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the Care of Children, the immediate Relief of the Poor and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. Please give generously next week. For further information please go to Missio.nz on the web.

**Welcome Back** It is with great joy that we welcome parishioners and friends of our parish with open arms. Sunday mass is a Eucharistic Celebration but it is also a gathering of family and friends. It is good to look around and extend our arms to welcome and greet one another. Stop for a moment, introduce yourself, have a chat and listen to their stories. It is a great feeling to strengthen our faith alongside with gaining new friends as we open ourselves in welcoming the amazing individuals from our parish.

**Safeguarding information** and contact details are available on the notice board at the church foyer for your perusal. If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the Church please email: [prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz), visit the website [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz) or call 0800114622.

**St. Dominic Savio Children's Club** will resume next Saturday 17 October from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Fr. JMcGrath Rm – all children age 6 and up invited, entrance is free. Coordinated by the MC Sisters.

**The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland** has put together a leaflet to consider some election issues in the light of our faith. Elections are a time to reflect on what sort of society we want Aotearoa New Zealand to be in solidarity with the poorest and most marginalised in our midst – and then step out and vote.” — Bishop Patrick Dunn. The leaflets are attached to the parish newsletter.

**Deadline of submission for notices for the newsletter** is every Wednesday during office hours. All notices that will be submitted after Wednesday will still be accepted but will be included in the newsletter for the following week.

Matt  
22:1-14

**..go to the crossroads and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.**

- \* Do I take the time to listen to God's invitation to the banquet?
- \* Am I prepared to go out and invite others to join the banquet?



#INVITATION

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

## Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

**Central Auckland Grief Support** is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 17 October 2pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 021-1734978.

**CDA Connect** Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the current edition <https://mailchi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470> and sign-up to get the latest direct to your inbox.

**The Commission for Ecumenism 2020** Talk Series celebrating Ut Unum Sint 25th anniversary. Pope Francis and the World Council of Churches on the Environmental Crisis. Common ground and shared vision concerning our responsibilities for the care of the Earth. Thursday 22 October, 7:00 PM | St Columba Centre, 44 Vermont St, Ponsonby. All are welcome.

**Scholarship for Study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute** Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz). The closing date for applications is 6 November 2020

**Pro Life Update** Recently the Ministry of Health announced the establishment of their Abortion Services team, responsible for planning and oversight. The Ministry co-ordinator wrote a cheerful introduction: "We are very pleased to introduce..." and further on noted: "Members of the team are very much looking forward to working with you." The letter conveys the start of an ordinary bureaucratic medical service no different from any other. Anyone reading it would struggle to perceive that it is actually about delivering a medical service that kills preborn children. It appears that the aim of the Ministry of Health is to efficiently carry out a legal service which requires a normality to function smoothly. Hence the use of euphemisms to describe the procedure and soothe any ethical concerns. This is a challenging environment for a serious Christian medical professional who wishes to opt out of any involvement with abortion services on conscientious grounds, such an action threatens to break the spell of "normality" necessary for the smooth functioning of the system. For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**Free NZ Catholic** check latest version via <https://indd.adobe.com/view/698d4346-8ba8-465b-9b90-c612e4d57a8c>

**JOB VACANCY** Te Kupenga is looking for an Administration and Registry Assistant for our Auckland office a 6 months fixed term for 30-37.5 hours per week. The advert is available on SEEK under this link: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50670086>.

## 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*

Tue, 13 Oct	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 17 Oct	Church Cleaning Roster Tongan Community
Sat, 17 Oct	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Samoan Community
Sun, 18 Oct	World Mission Sunday Collection in all Masses
Tue, 20 Oct	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Thu, 22 Oct	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 23 Oct	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings: Isaiah: 45:1.4-6; Psalm: 95; Thessalonians 1:1-5,; Matthew 22:15-21**

	<b>Saturday, 6 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 6 pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Eric Bonamis	Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	Youth	Celine George
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Don Perera 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cynthia Paul	1 <sup>st</sup> Malia Funaki 2 <sup>nd</sup> Susan Healy	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth	1 <sup>st</sup> Leena Rebello 2 <sup>nd</sup> C.Imperial
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Bonamis E.D'Mello	P.Betham, M.Child, M.Funaki	T.Down, B.Joseph, Sr.Amalia	P.Devi N.Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time 10th October – 16th October***

Jaroshaw Holowacy, Malia Pelenatele Ifopo, Algar Michael O'Brien, Catherine Josephine Neilson, Neville Joseph Teichelman, David Daniel Kelly, Bernard George Tierney, Reginald Edmund Gregory, Annie Florence Welsford, Alban Blomeley, Karl Jason Clark, William Henry Gaines, Harold Alexander Perk, Eva Elizabeth Edith Casey, Antonetta Johanna Martina Verstegen, Munokoa Benedito Tereau, Frederick Blagden, Leo Patrick Reardon, Elsie Ruby Howard, Aileen Theresa Pearce, Alex Rowe, Roger King, Eileen Weir, Ruth Teresa Loza.

***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**

**Wednesday: Rosary & novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6:30pm, Mass 7:00pm**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Mass: 7 pm**

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