



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

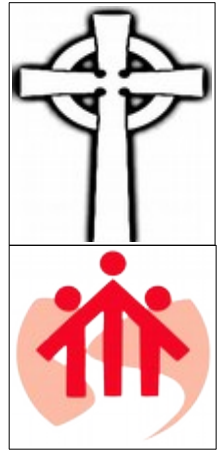
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Vision / Tirohanga

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

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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
Melelelupe Falekihetoa
Moala
and
Trixie Mele Sisi

Today is Mission Sunday The 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. For further information please go to Missio.nz on the web.

Holy Communion under one kind only. The Chalice will not be available.

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 email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz, or visit: www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz or call 0800114622.



The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. One Mass gives God more praise and thanksgiving, makes more atonement for sin, and pleads more eloquently than does the combined and eternal worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory. In the Holy Mass, it is Jesus Christ, God as well as Man, who is our Intercessor, our Priest, and our Victim. Being God-as well as Man- His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

Why we should hear Holy Mass?

The Mass is the best means we have:

1. To render God the highest form of worship.
2. To thank Him for all His blessings.
3. To make reparation for all our sins.
4. To obtain all the blessings we desire.
5. To release souls from purgatory and to shorten our own time there.
6. To preserve us from all dangers to soul and body.
7. To be consoled at the hour of death, for at that moment their memory will be our greatest consolation.
8. To intercede for us at the Judgement Seat of God.
9. To bring down God's blessings; therefore, try to assist at Mass every day, or as often as possible, and of course on Sundays.
10. To better understand the sublimity of the Passion of Christ, and, therefore to increase our love for Him.

Family Visit & House Blessing: Your priests are happy to visit your families and bless your homes. You may know someone who would appreciate the priests visiting them. Contact the priests directly.

Gifts for the Poor: We encourage all the families in the parish to prepare a 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.

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

The October 18-31 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Our 600th issue. Some headlines are: Pope issues new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. Former NZ seminary rector farewelled. Extraordinary form ordinations in Auckland. Christchurch ordination after many delays. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on November 1.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore. The next meeting is on Wed 28 Oct 2020 at 7.30pm. The venue is St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. All men are warmly welcomed to meet and share with other men in the spirit of friendship, comradeship and brotherhood.

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. **The closing date for applications is 6 November 2020.**

Choral Requiem Mass for All Souls

Monday 2 November at 7 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. A memorial Mass for All Souls Day. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble, soprano Morag Aitchison, organist Michael Stoddart and directed by Nicholas Forbes singing Duruflé's Requiem Mass. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks from 6.30 pm, \$2 Durham Lane, \$4 Hobson Street. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020

On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, we cordially invite all parish volunteers, and those recently received into our family of faith, to share in our Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome. We wish to thank and honour you all for desire to build the kingdom in year that has been disrupted by Covid. The Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph on Saturday **7th November 2020**, starting at 5.30pm. It will be a vigil Mass. Validated parking will be available.

Vacancy Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator.

The ideal candidate must be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email your CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer, kdsdtan@gmail.com.

Jubilee Bursary Applications Invited for Semester 1, 2021 contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz Ph:(09)360-3091

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

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
Sat, 24 Oct	Church Cleaning Roster Mother of Divine Mercy Youth
Sat, 24 Oct	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Telesia

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus: 22:20-26; Psalm: 17; Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Fotu Hoglund	Amanda Bucumi	Raisa Mathias
Ministers of the Word	1 st Eric Bonamis 2 nd Arlene Mathiah	1 st Joe James 2 nd Maria Jose	1 st Sefa Halangahu 2 nd Alama Lakalaka	1 st Teena Roy 2 nd Celine George
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L. Bonamis L.D'Souza	T.Funaki, A. Guijters, W.Hawtrey	F.Leavai, Sr. Agnelle, Sr. Maria Chiara	P.Devi N.Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
17th October – 23rd October***

Myrtle Haydon, Albert Stehlin, Leonida Adap, Alison Elizabeth Cox, Soolfai Simeti, Mary Margaret Satherly, Yvonne Elizabeth Klyn, William Cleugh Boyd, Terence Joseph McCarthy, Aileen Mary Le Mon, Margaret Deazley, Maria Imakulata Tuagalu, Dorothy Alice Starr, Joseph Paladin, Paul George Peter Brosnahan, Stanley Pinto, Ikenasio (Joe) Timo, Wayne James Owens, Antica Mercep, Tuvale Mau'u Puepuemai, John Sydney Joseph Rimmer, Trevor Thomas Hedges, Faifua Silalelei Auva'a, Alfred Joseph Schmidt.

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 after

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)