



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

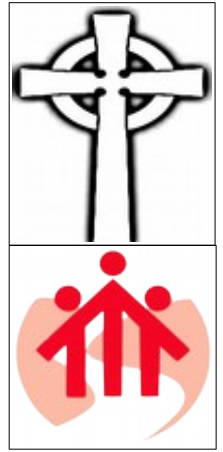
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Vision / Tirohanga

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*



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Gospel Reflection

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 2134 Great North Rd, Avondale, Auckland 0600

We welcome new registered parishioners in our Parish

Renita, Calvis and Roshan Mendes

“Let’s us all grow in faith together as one community”

Anointing of the sick First Friday, 6 November 2020 at 9 am Mass. Everyone welcome to attend.

The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Please enter your details in the foyer on the sheet provided if you wish to take the statue for the period of November 2020.

Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint. Amen.



Excerpts from Pope Francis New Encyclical Fratelli Tutti

It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity even if we do not know that person, to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering. If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity. While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job for that other person, and thus practises a lofty form of charity that ennobles his or her political activity.



Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners in the month of November

4	Patrick Neilson	5	Rita Hotere
10	Janet Jensen	20	Isla Askew

Prayer for St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre SMACC

God, our Father, With grateful hearts we come before you to realise our long cherished dream of building St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre. Grant us the inspiration, the motivation, the right direction and the resources to succeed in our project.

We ask your kind blessings, Lord, to guide us on our way to keep our hearts sincere and to bless us with the spirit of cooperation. Help us stay focused on our goals to enable this project to be a success for the benefit of all, to reach out to all in the spirit, Fit for Mission.

We make this Prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn All are invited to participate in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on **Sunday 1 November** at 7:30pm. Bishop Michael Gielen will lead the prayer hour. We pray in reparation for the babies lost to abortion, and for the healing and conversion of all those wounded by, and who participate in, this practice. Come be Christ's light outside AMAC, 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. Visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents for more details or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.org.nz

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday **6th November** 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All 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.**

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. 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.

Quo Vadis An invitation to young men who feel like God might be calling them to serve his Church as a priest. You are invited to attend a prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. We gather for Mass and a time of fellowship, where the call that God gives to follow him can be discussed in greater depth. We are gathering at St. Mark's Pakuranga on the **7th November at 9am** for Mass with breakfast to follow. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Tony King-Archer at tony@stpatricks.org.nz.

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. Applicants must be Catholic.

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

Thu, 29 Oct	BOT Meeting, School 6pm
Sat. 31 Oct	Church Cleaning Roster Q.Colaco.B.Joseph Mary, P.Nair, J,Katoa, J.Robert
Sat. 31 Oct	Church Flower Arrangement Roster Tongan Community
Tue, 10 Nov	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 17 Nov	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Thu, 26 Nov	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 27 Nov	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints

Readings: Apocalypse: 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm: 24; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Cynthia Paul	Joseph Katoa	Vika Lemeki	C. Imperial
Ministers of the Word	1 st Arlene Mathiah 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Ivory-Joan Peauvasa 2 nd Kieth Simento	1 st Faalili Logovi 2 nd Tania Starr	1 st Demelza Colaco 2 nd Teena Roy
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Bonamis V. Coelho	C. Benedito, L.Colaco, M. Jaskiewicz	F. A'Costa, A. Lata, L.Lilo	P.Devi M.Colaco

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
24th October – 31st October***

Elizabeth Ward, June Winifred Cuthbert, Joseph Kevin Molloy, Sione Kafoa, Hendrik Hubert Van De Pas, Marin Glucina, Winifride Mary Etheldreda Oliver, William Patrick O'Brien, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Eliese Leavai, Scott Samuel Logan, Lois Anne Rhodes, Teleisia Green Veamatahau, Eliese Emerisiana Leavai, Florence Annie Gray, Douglas Philip McCrae, Alphonse Sio Perez, Oswald Breitenberger, Mary Margaret Cutler, Joan Elizabeth Nielsen, Charles Edward Vazey, Perfecto Membrebre Sr., Agnessie Catherine Jack, Luigia Valli Nicolli, Frederick Albert Cleaver, Rose Kathleen Walsh, Zarina Coutinho, Satini Lemalu Sua Tariu, Vladimir Bruno Yelash, Bernard Martin Harvey, Lynette Lorraine Stehlin.

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

Mondays only additional Mass 6:30am

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)