



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Avondale Parish Bulletin – 8th November 2020

Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whainga

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



Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom: 6:12-16; Psalm: 63; Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

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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

Soji, Thomas, Neha and Nibiya Rose Jaiju

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

Legion of Mary with Fr.Shane are reaching out for Parishioners, those who know someone who wants to be visited by the Legion of Mary or an elderly who wants to be anointed by the priest, Please contact the Parish office at 098289309.

Due to Covid-19, a cashless society is being promoted and to offset increased cash deposit fees The Parish will be offering a Direct debit option, an eftpos machine will be placed in the Church foyer for your convenience.

Parishioners with background in landscaping, gardening and designing are most welcome to contribute and share their ideas on how to landscape the swale. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, such as St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom, considered prayers for souls in purgatory to be essential. The church has endorsed the doctrine of purgatory from the Councils of Florence and Trent in the 15th and 16th centuries right up through Vatican II in the 1960's.

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*The bridegroom is here -
Go out and meet him.*

MATTHEW 25:6

Do I practice love in the ordinary circumstances of life?
When I am called by God am I prepared to respond?

**Parish Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 29 November 2020
Te Whau Hall, 12 noon**

Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

Bishop Pat invites you to explore the Diocesan Mission Map (Pastoral Plan) that is to be launched on the first Sunday of advent. **14 November 2020 9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM**, St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. There is no need to bring anything except lunch, we will provide drinks and a welcome space. Please RSVP pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz with numbers and parish/community name. The purpose of the time together is to give people background to the Mission Map and provide an opportunity to engage with the goals and priorities as individuals, community groups and the wider diocese.

Official Mass Counts are recorded each weekend during the month of November. The results assist the diocese with forward planning and are included in the diocese's annual report to Rome.

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 **14 November 2pm** in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 021-1734978.

The November 1-14 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Call for cross-party accord on homelessness. New parish formally starts in east Auckland. Pro-life groups react to election result. Urban forest at Southland church. The next issue will be published on November 15.

Feastdays during the coming week

9/11 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This was originally the Palace of Constantine and was his first gift to his new Faith of Christianity (313 AD), and was adapted to be the first major Christian Church under the title, "Our Saviour," which continued in its early form till the fires of 1308 and 1361 and was restored by Pope Innocent X.

10/11 - St. Leo The Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church. He was born towards the end of the 4th Century, was consecrated Pope in 440 AD, reigning as Pope till his death in 461, and was given the title, "The Great," because of his outstanding service to the Church as Theologian, Statesman, Pastor, and Administrator.

11/11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop (316-397). He was born of pagan parents, and early in life became a Catechumen. He was conscripted into the Roman Army, and seeing a beggar by the wayside shivering in the cold (at Amiens, France), he cut his cloak in half, giving half to the beggar.

12/11 - St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr (1580-1623). He was born in Poland and entered the Order of St. Basil at age 20 and thoroughly reformed it, giving it a more active character. As Archbishop of Polotsk he did all in his power to consolidate the union of his own and other Dioceses in the Province of Kiev, with the Holy See. However, he incurred opposition and hostility, such that this Martyr to Christian Unity was murdered in 1623.

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, 10 Nov	PPC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Wed, 11 Nov	Centennial Meeting, Presbytery 6:30pm
Wed, 11 Nov	Sacramental Program: Reconciliation for Family and Sponsors, Church 6pm
Sat, 14 Nov	Church Cleaning Roster : St.Mary's Avondale Youth
Sat, 14 Nov	Church Flower Arrangement: Samoan Community
Sun, 15 Nov	World Day of the Poor, Collection in all Masses
Tue, 17 Nov	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Tue, 24 Nov	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 27 Nov	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sun, 29 Nov	Parish Annual General Meeting, Te Whau Hall 12pm
Sun, 06 Dec	Altar Servers Meeting, Church 2pm

Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Proverbs: 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm: 127; Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Eric Bonamis	Rochelle Suesue	Youth	Celine George
Ministers of the Word	1 st Ronald D'Silva 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Malia Funaki 2 nd Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 st Youth 2 nd Youth	1 st C.Imperial 2 nd Leena Rebello
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L.Bonamis E.D'Mello	C.Lewis J.Peauvasa M.Sherwood	F.Lakalaka H.Lakalaka K.Muliaga	P.Nair N.Imperial

We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
7th November – 13th November

Raymond Lester Kinzett, Ferdinando James Northcott, Julia Aniva Heem, Eileen Beryl Purchase, Frank Lozina, Jacinta Maria Wadsworth, Louise Cecilia O'Dwyer, Manfred Patrick Maher, Marnee Chae Handley, George Roy McRae, Danielle Ashley Hewson (Baby), Kathleen Frances Bunbury, Muriel Grace Lee, Rose Theresa Bowater, Jessie Trainor, Alice Marie Walsh, Marie Greathead, Tony Rebuja, Giovanni Cettina, Noeline Gill, Janet Evelyn Barker, Cecilia Rome, Raymond John Thackwell, Cecil George Versalko.

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)