



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Avondale Parish Bulletin – 15th 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 third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Prov: 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps: 127; Thess 5:1-6 Matt 25:14-30

Day of the Poor 2020 – "Stretch forth your hand to the poor"

The Fourth Day of the Poor is Sunday 15th November. Pope Francis has called on people to keep their gaze fixed on the poor, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, and warns against succumbing to a "whirlwind of indifference". This year's theme is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor", taken from the book of Sirach. Pope Francis points out that "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable." Now is a good time to recover 'the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world.' In a word, he continues, "until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue."

Even during this pandemic, the Word of God "constantly impels us to acts of love," Pope Francis says. He also describes how the command: 'Stretch forth your hand to the poor' "challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit." Concluding his message, the Pope recalls that in the book of Sirach it is written, 'In everything you do, remember your end'. He continues by saying, "the 'end' of all our actions can only be love. This is the ultimate goal of our journey, and nothing should distract us from it."

Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2020 is a reflection on Sirach 7:32: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor". As Catholics we should make this a time of action in response to Christ's words from the Gospel of Matthew: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40). This could include donating food to your Parish or community foodbank, safely passing on some homegrown vegetables to a neighbour, baking a cake for a newborn's family or sharing a meal with others. 'Prayer attains its goal when accompanied by service to the poor.'

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



St Mary parishioners being presented with a certificate for their contribution to the faith community over many many years at St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral, Auckland. **CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Marysia Jaskiewicz and Mr. Otolata Tuima.** From the Parishioners of St Mary, Avondale.



We welcome new member to our Parish family through the sacrament of baptism.

**Israel Sosefo
Haupeakui**

We welcome new registered parishioners in our Parish

Kathryn, Jose Ferdinand and Jose Rafael Padilla

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

Sacramental Program Schedule 2020

Saturday 21 November 3pm to 4pm
Rehearsal with Sponsors
Sunday 22 November Confirmation 6pm
Mass presided over by Bishop Michael

Parish annual General Meeting (AGM)

on **Sunday 29 November, 2020 12 pm** at Te Whau Hall. A reminder to all committees that the deadline of submission of reports to be sent to the Parish office email is Sunday 22 November 2020.

Nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council

closes on Sunday 22 November 2020 please send it to the parish office. To be a member of the PPC one must be a Catholic, registered in our parish, has been worshipping in this parish church at least for two years, willing to attend the monthly meeting of PPC.

The Eftpos machine is available in the foyer for any generous person who would like to make a contribution to the Church.

Centennial Calendars 2021 available after each Mass in the foyer. Cost: \$7.50

Bequest to St.Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale

Your sacrifices help the Parish and our Diocese in caring for the people and serving them; maintaining our Church property and initiating projects. Would you consider making a bequest to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in your will?

“Act of Love ; Prayer for the Dead”

November is a special time to pray for the dead. Due to the Coronavirus, Pope Francis signed a degree on the 22 October that a Plenary Indulgence may be granted for the dead on any day in November by – visiting a cemetery, even if only mentally, and Devoutly praying for the Faithful Departed. One Plenary Indulgence can be gained for a soul in Purgatory per day this way. (Plenary Indulgence remits all temporal punishment required to cleanse the soul from attachment to anything but God.

Notice from the Diocese and Beyond

Christmas Mass for Shine People especially the housebound deeply appreciate the ability to pray with us through these broadcasts. Special Pre-recording for the Christmas Mass for Radio New Zealand & Shine TV at the Cathedral 7 pm **Thursday 19 November** from the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph this will be for both Shine and Radio New Zealand.

Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand (DRCNZ) an Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland invites you to 4th Sunday Monthly Gathering on **22nd November 2020** from 4.00 to 6.00p.m. – Praise & Worship, Holy Mass and Adoration at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka, Auckland. For further details please contact: Brian: 0210309144 Cynthia: 0210642157

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on **Saturday 5 December**. Join pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

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.

Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 4 December**, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Bishop Michael Gielen will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life.

Prayer for the Day of the Poor 2020

Heavenly Father we thank you for the reminder from Sirach that " In all your actions, remember your end " (Sir7.36). Help us to always remember our common destiny with our brothers and sisters and to lead a life of attention to those who are poorer and have not had the same opportunities as us. Lord help us to remember that you are authentic love and are the true meaning of love. Help us to abide in love. Make our every action have as its purpose – love for you and love for others – especially the poor. Remind us each day that we are loved and help us to be awakened to love. Help us to share what we have with the poor and to remember that even a smile can be a source of love and allows us to live in joy. Amen.

St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre **SMACC**



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?

Account Number for SMACC Building Fund:
02-0108-03339938-04

'Celebrating Communities'

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 15 Nov	World Day of the Poor, Collection in all Masses
Tue, 17 Nov	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 21 Nov	Church Cleaning Roster : African Community
Sat, 21 Nov	Church Flower Arrangement: Telesia
Sat, 21 Nov	Sacramental Program: Rehearsal with Sponsors, Church 3pm
Sun, 22 Nov	Confirmation & First Holy Communion Mass with Bishop Michael, Church 6pm
Sun, 22 Nov	Deadline of Submission of AGM reports and PPC nominations
Thu 26 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

Christ the King

Readings: Ez: 34:11-12. 15-17 ; Ps: 23 ; Cor: 15:20-26. 28 ; Matt: 25:31-46

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Arlene Mathiah	Kaloline Funaki	Soane Tai	Leena Rebello
Ministers of the Word	1 st Don Perera 2 nd Eric Bonamis	1 st Jane Benedito 2 nd Imara Fatunu'u	1 st Maleta Fononga 2 nd Susan Moa+	1 st Celine George 2 nd Raisa Mathias
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Bonamis V. Coelho	C. Benedito M. Suisala E. Swann	B. Ngurinzira E. Oliveira F. Pouhila	P. Nair N. Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
14th November – 20th November***

John Henderson, Hendrika Maagdenberg, Sr. Mary Teresa Simmons – Convent of Mercy, Avondale, Gael Marion Collins, Miriam Frances Lonergan, Losa Talaimanu Dobson, Elizabeth Martha Thomsen, Archibald Joseph Peterken, Pere Pavlovich, Roy Douglas Davies, Antonina Daja, Henrietta Walker, Hector Thomas Castelnova, Andrew Michael Page, Maurice Joseph Shine, Thomas Te Ua Rawiri, Vivian Arthur Skeen, Rodney Eric Sealey, William Sisson, Mark Vlastic, Alexander Teece Smith, Pio Amata Hunt.

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)