



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



Christ the King

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday, 29th November to Tuesday 8th December 2020 (Feast Day)

Novena & Rosary begins at 6:45 pm on weekdays followed by Mass

On Saturday & Sunday Novena & Rosary begins at 5.30 pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm

Date & Time	Rosary & Novena organized or led by	Liturgy /Readers	Mass - Choir/Organist
Sun 29 Nov, 5:30pm	Friendly Choir	As per roster	Friendly Choir
Mon 30 Nov, 6:45 pm	Legion of Mary	Legion of Mary	Legion of Mary
Tue 1 Dec, 6.45 pm	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
Wed 2 Dec, 6:45 pm	Divine Mercy Group	Divine Mercy Group	Organist
Thu 3 Dec, 6:45pm	Tongan Community	Tongan Community	Tongan Community
Fri 4 Dec, 6:45 pm	St. Dominic Savio Group	St Dominic Savio Group	Children
Sat 5 Dec, 5:30pm	Saturday Rosary Group	As per roster	As per roster
Sun 6 Dec, 5:30 pm	Filipino Community	As per roster	As per roster
Mon 7 Dec, 6:45 pm	African Community	TBA	MDM Group
Tuesday 8 Dec 6:45 pm - Feast Day	Youth Group	As per roster	Samoan Community Choir

We welcome back Fr. James after his week long Retreat.

Parish annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Sunday 29 November, 2020 12 pm** at Te Whau Hall. A reminder to all committees deadline of submission of reports to be sent to the Parish office email is today, 22 November 2020.

The Missionaries of Charity Sisters will be having a Christmas Party for the Children on Saturday 5th December 2020 and Christmas Party for the Elderly people will be on Saturday 12th December 2020. Mass at 9am followed by the celebration in the Hall. All are welcome.

Rosters for December 2020 & 2021: Please inform the Parish office as soon as possible if you are unavailable for any Sundays during December and January.

Christmas BBQ for Parish Volunteers to thank them for their contribution for the year on Saturday 5th December 12pm – 1pm at the Fr. McGrath Hall. Bring a plate.



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

Matthew M. Ozhunnukattil

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

News from the Parish School

On Wednesday 25th November at 5.30pm we have our Annual Cultural Concert. Children are very busy choreographing their dances and organising their costumes. Everyone is welcome to come along!

New entrant enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted. Please contact the school office for an enrolment pack. We have limited places available at other year levels.

Copies of our latest school newsletter are available on our new website

<https://www.stmarysavondale.school.nz/home> .

Western Deanery Advent Reconciliation

A wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves as family for Christmas, to encounter Jesus Christ, experience his mercy and receive forgiveness of sins.

Tue, 10 December, 11 am	St. Paul School
Wed, 9 December, 7 pm	Helensville
Wed, 9 December, 7 pm	Blockhouse Bay
Thu, 10 December, 7 pm	Glen Eden
Fri, 11 December, 7 pm	Huapai
Wed, 16 December, 7 pm	Avondale
Thu, 17 December, 7 pm	Massey

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th December 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.

A pro-life group called "Prolove" provides practical help to new and expectant mums. The Prolove team is rapidly expanding and seeking other pro-lifers who can partner with them, in reaching mums and families in their own region. The process is very simple. Someone from ProLove passes on the name and contact details of a mum in your region. You then make contact with the mum to see what practical help she needs. It's then a case of collating some baby gear (e.g. baby clothes, nappies, cot sheets, etc.) with the help of friends, and churches, and then delivering the items to the mum/family. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org



Jesus Christ
reigns through
Love
NOT fear

POPE FRANCIS
Sunday Angelus 22 Nov 2015

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal This year we need your help and support for our Homeless families. We have 1,410 children in our care, who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and no place to call home. We have a tradition of providing a gift for every child so they experience a little Christmas joy. Can you donate a gift/gifts so we can be sure no one of them go without? If you can help, please contact Elaine Iolesio, email elaine@montececilia.co.nz or call/text 0277770632.

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.

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?

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'Celebrating Communities'

Dates for your Diary

Thu 26 Nov	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 27 Nov	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 28 Nov	Church Cleaning Roster: Eric Bonamis, Gaugau family, Hogleund Family, Agnes
Sun, 29 Nov	Parish Annual General Meeting, Te Whau Hall 12pm
Sat, 05 Dec	Children's Christmas Party, Te Whau Hall 10 am
Sat, 05 Dec	Christmas BBQ for Volunteers, McGrath Hall 12pm
Sun, 06 Dec	Altar Servers Meeting, Church 2pm

First Sunday Of Advent

Readings: Is: 63:16-17,64:1.3-8; Ps: 80; Cor: 1:3-9; Mk: 13:33-37

	Saturday, 6	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Don Perera	Susan Healy	Maria Tuima	C. Imperial
Ministers of the Word	1 st Cynthia Paul 2 nd Ronald D'Silva	1 st Mafi Funaki-Tahifote 2 nd Malia Funaki	1 st Rosalyn Fononga 2 nd Calah Fonoti	1 st Demelza Colaco 2 nd Celine George
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A.Bonamis R.Miranda	P.Betham M.Child L.Colaco	K. Joseph Sr. Therese Agnes M.Vai	P.Nair N.Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
21st November – 30th November***

Juan Urlich, Lucy Timo, Stuart Alley Handley, Hugh Tatty, Gwendoline Mary Rose, John Francis Murray, Pau Ana Tele'a, Keli Moeao, Christopher John Miller, Joan Skelton, Muliaga Vaifale Kose Aki, Francis Patrick Brady, Georgina McNeil, Ingrid Maria Sumich, Charles Gordo Garoway, Harry Charles Stanners, Kenneth Taylor McKenzie, Ruth Elizabeth Jane, Elizabeth McCabe, Frances Bernadette McCann, Gloria Lily Bonamis, K Luka Nediljko Pavlovich, Albert Henry Doyle, Joseph Henry Glass, Matija Bartulovich, Roma Josephine Armstrong, Dean Paul Stehlin, Robert Anthony Peita Thomas, William James Thompspon, Thomas William Noel Hyndman, Reginald Aloysius Swann, Sarah Ann Webb, John Patrick Mosley, Ellen Denton, Ivan Dobrec, Pio Sorat, John Brackenridge, Frederick Leslie Ward, Dawn Marie Hirons.

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)