



## *St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception*

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**Avondale Parish Bulletin – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*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*



## **First Sunday Of Advent**

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

### **Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. Many young people in our society cannot see the value of religious belief or religious practice. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

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# NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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	Youth Group

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patron of our Parish** on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Mass at 7 pm followed by shared snacks in the foyer. Please bring a plate of finger food.

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

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

**The community food kitchen** will be open to anyone and everyone who would like to come for a free meal on a Friday evening where volunteers will serve food, bring conversation, and share company. Starting 4 December 6pm at Te Whau Hall.



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

**Indie Roisin Neary  
And new registered parishioners:**

**Iby Augustine and Family & Eileen Rajasingham and Family**

**The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception** is available for the annual visit to each of our Parishioners houses. Please enter your details in the foyer on the sheet provided if you wish to take the statue for the period of December 2020.

## News from the Parish School

We currently have 2 positions available for Learning Assistants (Teacher Aides). Details can be found on our website <https://www.stmarysavondale.school.nz/vacancies>

## 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, 01 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.

**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. For more information please visit [fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

**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**. 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.



**Happy Birthday  
to our Senior  
Parishioners  
in the month of  
December**

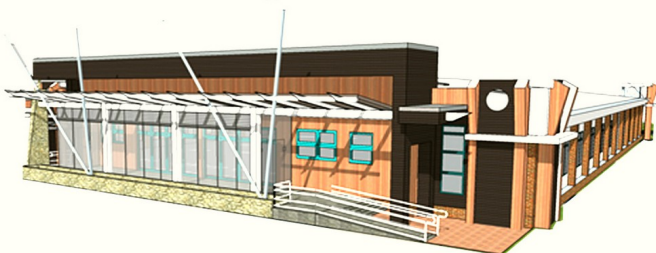
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The November 29-December 12 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. **NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year** at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards.

**Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal** This year we need your help and support for our Homeless families. If you can help, please contact Elaine Iolesio, email [elaine@montececilia.co.nz](mailto:elaine@montececilia.co.nz) or call/text 0277770632.



## 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?**

**Account Number for SMACC Building Fund:  
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## *Dates for your Diary*

Sun, 29 Nov	SMACC Bake Sale after 8:30am and 10:30am Mass
Sun, 29 Nov	Parish Annual General Meeting, Te Whau Hall 12pm
Sun, 29 Nov	Novena in honor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception begins 5:30pm
Sat, 05 Dec	Church Cleaning Roster : Legion of Mary
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
Tue, 08 Dec	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 7pm Mass after snacks at the foyer
Sat, 12 Dec	Christmas Party for the Elderly, Mass at 9 am & celebrations in The Hall

# Second Sunday Of Advent

**Readings: Isaiah: 40:1-5. 9-11 ; Psalm: 84; Peter 3:8-14 ; Mark: 1:1-8**

	<b>Saturday, 6</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 6 pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Arlene Mathiah	Maria Jose	Taia Tuitama	Leena Rebello
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Eric Bonamis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Don Perera	1 <sup>st</sup> Fotu Hoglund 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe James	1 <sup>st</sup> Meleane Tuima 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seletute Tuima	1 <sup>st</sup> Celine George 2 <sup>nd</sup> Demelza Colaco
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	L.Bonamis R.Miranda	M.Funaki T.Funaki A.Guijters	F.Leavai L.Lilo L.Muliaga	M.Colaco N.Imperial

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time  
1st December – 10th December***

John Logan Faber, John Thomas Kelly, Zivko George Versalko, Albertine Jansen, Mick Modrich, Esme Self, Clive Wheaton, Marie Elizabeth Bolger, Caroline Lusina Sa'e, Margaret Power, Jean Margaret McTavish, Frank Smith, Doris Christina Bowden, Lenda Ann Hepburn, Frederick Rogers, Cyril Bowden, John Clark, Delaney Vaughan Tupou-Hoani (Stillborn), Frances Mary Bull, Eileen Rose Walmsley, Ellen Catherine Pritchard, Martha Geros, Beatrice Maude McNally, Lena Ulberg, John Watson, Thelma Osborne, Rosemary McNicholl, Alma Myrtle Rawnsley, Glenn Patrick Hansen, Shane Patrick Wigmore, Serafine Adamson, Mary Josephine Glenn. ***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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Mass: 7 pm

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: after 9 am Mass, (other times by appointment)