



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
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Avondale Parish Bulletin –6th December 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



Second Sunday Of Advent

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



HAPPY FEAST DAY

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PATRON OF OUR PARISH

Tuesday 8th December 2020

Holy Mass at 7pm followed by shared snacks in the foyer

Let us all come and celebrate as one Parish Family

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Mondays: CLOSED

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

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	Youth Group

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

Christmas Lights anyone with spare or would like to donate christmas lights, please contact the parish office during office hours.

The Missionaries of Charity Sisters will be having a 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.

The community food kitchen will be open to anyone and everyone who would like to come for a free meal on Friday evenings 11 December and 18 December from 6pm to 8 pm at the Te Whau Hall, where volunteers will serve food, bring conversation, and share company. For more info contact Cherry at 021 217 0461 email cherry@fernandezhome.com.



We congratulate the children who received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and received First Holy Communion last Sunday, 22nd November. Photos are now up loaded at the Parish website www.avondalecatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Programme 2021 Parents who wish to have their children aged preferably 9 and above for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are requested to contact the parish office for an interview.

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.

Wed, 9 December, 7 pm	Helensville
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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

The CWL are disbanding this year due to need to retire as the seniors restrict their activities. There will be an End of Year Mass: Sunday 13 December 2020 8:30am. Everyone welcome to attend.

Advent Reconciliation on Wednesday, 16 December at 7 pm. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare yourself and family for Christmas and to receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord as priests will be available for confession.

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 may experience a little Christmas joy. Can you donate a gift/gifts so we can be sure none of them go without? If you can help, please contact Elaine Lolesio, email elaine@montececilia.org.nz or call/text 0277770632, (09) 2756661



PROLIFE FACTS

“We cannot change the past, but we can make a difference for the future.” That introduction to Voice for Life’s website presents a challenge to Christians in New Zealand as abortions increase by 9% since the radical new abortion law was enacted in March.

Should Kiwi Christians just accept that abortion on request is the “new normal” and look the other way? No, the Bible tells us that we are our brother and sister’s keeper. God expects us to try to rescue those “being led to slaughter.” The defeat in Parliament is real, but pro-lifers are not giving up and abandoning pre-born babies to legalised killing. They are re-grouping, seeking a way forward.

Please join them in prayer at this time of Advent. Perhaps you might want to help but are unsure about how to contribute. A visit to the Voice for Life website could provide inspiration. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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

Sun, 06 Dec	Altar Servers Meeting, Church 2pm
Tue, 08 Dec	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 7pm Mass after snacks at the foyer
Wed, 9 Dec	End of Year School Mass, 10am Church
Fri, 11 Dec	Community Food Kitchen, 6pm Te Whau Hall
Sat, 12 Dec	Church Cleaning Roster : Lataki Youth Group
Sat, 12 Dec	Christmas Party for the Elderly, Mass at 9 am & celebrations in The Hall
Tue, 15 Dec	Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm Presbytery
Wed, 16 Dec	Advent Reconciliation, 7pm Church
Fri, 25 Dec	Christmas, Holy Day of Obligation

Third Sunday Of Advent

Readings: Isaiah: 61:1-2.10-11; Psalm: 1 ; Thessalonians 5:16-24; John: 1:6-8.19-28

	Saturday, 6	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Eric Bonamis	Keith	Apriljoy Avito	Celine George
Ministers of the Word	1 st Don Perera 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Joseph Katao 2 nd Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 st Pat'oneil Afioga 2 nd David Faalau-Solia	1 st Demelza Colaco 2 nd Christine Imperial
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Bonamis E. D'Mello	W. Hawtrey A. Isaia M. Jaskiewicz	M. Talataina T. Tatafu M. Tuima	M. Colaco P. Nair

***We pray for the souls of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur during this time
11th December – 19th December***

Kathleen Clematis Courtney, Lois Verda Fitzgerald, Christopher Tofi Schaumkell, Hilma Mary Burgess, Frederick Eustace Brassey, Mary Gertrude Johns, Susan Nola Trainor, Zillah Mary Killalea, Gladwyn William Follas, Eric James Handley, Florence Mary Joll, Matalena Isaako, Joyce Mary Lowther, Sofia Kasiana Tovia, Thomas Alexander Flygen, Veta May Davies, Norah Matilde Florian, Goris George Hensen, Annie Peers, Maureen Jessie Rountree, Barry Edward Galbraith, Joe Bernard Matthew Ah Kiau, Lila Mae McManemin, Richard Segedin, Joseph Samuel Sokolich.

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)