



# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*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*



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Samuel 3:3-10.19; Psalm: 39; Corinthians 6-13-15.17-20; John: 1:35-42

### Gospel Reflection by : Greg Sunter

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

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## Welcoming/ Hospitality

It is with great joy and open arms that we welcome parishioners and friends of our parish. Sunday mass is a Eucharistic Celebration, but it is also a gathering of family and friends. It is good to look around and extend our arms to welcome and greet one another. Stop for a moment, introduce yourself, have a chat and listen to the stories people. It is a great feeling to strengthen our faith alongside with gaining new friends as we open ourselves in welcoming the amazing individuals from our parish.



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

**Juvin Costarino Motu  
Fepale**

**Statue of the Immaculate Conception** is available for you to take Mother Mary home. Fill in the form kept in the foyer for the month of January and February 2021.

**Father Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil** has been appointed as the Rector of Holy Cross in Auckland. We sincerely offer Fr Mathew our best wishes and prayers in his new role as servant leader.

**Alpha 2021 Update:** The first Alpha Meeting for 2021 will be on Monday, 25 January 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Youth Center. For more details please contact Ronald Lopez 021-1890186.

**The Parish Office will open on Tuesday 26 January 2021.** However, for pastoral needs, the priests are available. Kindly leave a message in the answer phone (8289309) and we will get in touch with you.

**Rosters:** of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Church Cleaning & Flower Arrangements for the coming weekends, kindly refer to the notice board and follow accordingly.

**News from the Parish School:** Tuesday 2 February school open from 10am-2pm for uniform and stationary sales. Term 1 starts Wednesday 3 February 2021.

## Important Notice:

**Salesians of Don Bosco will celebrate this service to St Mary's Eucharistic community (2013 - 2020) and the handover to Fr Peter Tipene of the Archdiocese on Sunday 31 January, feast of Don Bosco, at the 10.30am Mass followed by a gathering in the Parish hall commencing at 12.00noon. Parishioners are kindly asked to bring a plate. Fr Peter will be welcomed on a date to be advised**

## Sacramental Programme 2020

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. Remember to bring the Baptism Certificate of the child and the registration fee of \$20. Sacramental forms are in the Church foyer. Last day to register is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Classes are scheduled to begin on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**The new car park,** the south west side of the church is now available for use. Please be patient on negotiating this new area.





**Movie night in St Mary's church. This Thursday, 21 January** commencing at 6.30pm will be screened 'All or Nothing,' Sr Clare Crockett of Derry. All welcome and delight in this inspiring life story of Clare Crockett and her call to the Lord, Jesus.

**Welcome to St Mary's Parish, Avondale**

We encourage friends who are new to our parish to meet our priests and REGISTER to be members of our parish family. We are delighted to welcome new parishioners and let us all grow in faith together.

**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, Avondale, in your will?

**Smoke free zone:** People gather frequently in front of the main entrance of the church (East side) and around the trees and smoke. It is a health hazard and these area are marked 'smoke free zone'. All those who like to smoke may use the West car park, behind the Grotto.

**Notices for the parish notice board**

Those who wish to place notices and advertisements in the parish notice board or in the foyer are required to go through the Parish Office.



**Make Summer Unstoppable kicks off**

While we cannot control the weather, we can control COVID-19. Here are four simple things we can all do to keep each other safe:

- Scanning QR codes with the NZ COVID Tracer app keeps us one step ahead of the virus.
- Turning on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app allows you to be notified if you've been near another app user who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Staying home if you're sick and do not travel or take part in activities
- Washing your hands often and regularly is one of the easiest ways to keep yourself safe.

## *Dates for your Diary*

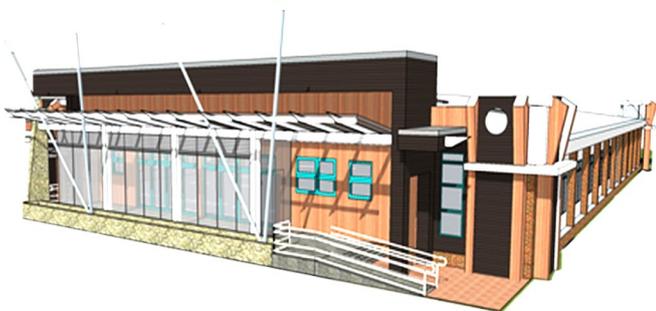
Thu, 21 Jan	Movie Night 6:30pm Church
Fri, 22 Jan	Finance Committee Meeting 7pm Presbytery
Sat, 23 Jan	Church Flower Arrangement Roster: Telesia
Sat, 23 Jan	Church Cleaning Roster: Q.Colaco, P.Nair, B.Joseph Mary, J.Katoa
Mon, 25 Jan	Alpha Meeting 7:00pm Youth Center
Thu, 28 Jan	Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm Presbytery
Sun, 31 Jan	Feast of Don Bosco Mass 10:30am Church
Sun, 31 Jan	Handover to Fr Peter Tipene of the Archdiocese 12 noon Te Whau Hall

## **Coming Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Jonah 3:1-5.10; Psalm: 24; Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark: 1:14-20**

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Don Perera	Rachel Simento	Soane Tai	C. Imperial
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cynthia Paul 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ronald D'Silva	1 <sup>st</sup> Kieth Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mark Simento	1 <sup>st</sup> Susan Moa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Asala Perez	1 <sup>st</sup> Demelza Colaco 2 <sup>nd</sup> Celine George
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Bonamis R.Miranda	C.Lewis J.Peauvasa M.Sherwood	H.Lakalaka Sr. Amalia MC Sr. Therese Agnes MC	N. Imperial P. Nair

## **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:  
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*'Celebrating Communities'*

### 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)