



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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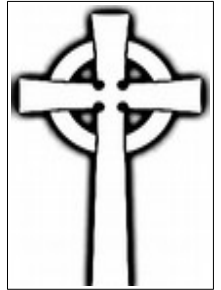
14th February 2021

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*



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13;1-2.45-46; Psalm: 32; Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark: 1:40-45

Gospel Reflection

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Gospel Reflection Process

- Pray to the Holy Spirit.
- One person of the group reads the Gospel.
- Each person in turn chooses an echo (a phrase that calls your attention or speaks to the heart.
- Each person shares a story or an experience of why they chose that echo.
- Each person makes a short prayer of promise (something practical you are going to do as a result of reflecting on this Gospel).

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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 peoples' stories. It is a great feeling to strengthen our faith alongside with gaining new friends as we open ourselves to welcoming others.

Ash Wednesday 17 February Masses at 9am and 7pm. The school will be attending the 9am Mass.

The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm will continue till end of February. Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6pm remain unchanged.

Sacramental Programme 2021 Update

There will be an orientation for the Parents and children who registered for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Saturday 20 February 10am to 11am in the Church. A friendly reminder to bring the Baptism Certificate of your child and the registration fee of \$20 for those who have not yet paid. Sacramental Classes will start on Saturday 27 February from 3pm to 4pm at the Church and will run for 11 weeks.

Hall Bookings effective immediately the hall bookings for private parties/functions are not being accepted due to health and safety precautions. Only choir practice, community meetings, committee meetings and Sunday school will be allowed. Please fill up the hall booking form at the Parish office.

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 have approval from the Parish Office.

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'.

Invitation to join Choir at 8.30 am Mass every 2nd Sunday:

We extend an invitation to any members of the congregation who would like to join us in singing at Holy Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please come and join us in the seats near the organ. You would be most welcome. For further information, please contact Colleen Lewis colleen.lewis@xtra.co.nz."

Dominic Savio Children's Club – All

children aged 6b and above are invited to join this club, entry is free. Every Saturday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Fr.McGrath Room. We play games, have fun, plan for outings etc. Altar servers of all ages are also invited to join this club. The Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity coordinate the activities. We welcome assistance from parents/ volunteers. For more info contact MC Sisters at 8264071.

Liturgy Committee Training

A formation opportunity for members of Liturgy Committees and others involved in preparing liturgy |Thursday 18 February | 6.30 nibbles, 7-9.00pm meeting | Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. Register at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Catholic College Open Days

Marist College, Tuesday 02 March,
3pm – 6pm

Marcellin College, Thursday 04 March,
4pm - 7pm

Baradene College, Thursday 4 March,
6:30pm

St. Dominics , Tuesday 23 March,
6:30pm

St. Mary's College, Thursday 04 March,
2:30pm-6:30pm



Are You A Tertiary Student In Auckland? You are invited to the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) for our 2021 Welcome BBQ. ENJOY delicious food, CONNECT with other Catholic students, and DISCOVER your 'Home away from home' in the city. 5PM-7PM, Friday 5th March ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton. For more info visit: facebook.com/thechaplains

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students. If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2021, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email catheriner@cda.org.nz

Ecumenism – one possible answer for a contemporary New Zealand with Dr Rocio Figueroa of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College facilitated by Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism |Tuesday 23 February | 7.00pm | Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby| Register at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Walk a day in their shoes! Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: www.nph-nz.org/walk

The Parish to Parish Bed and Breakfast book is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Nau Mai Haere Mai "COME AND SEE" Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 27 March 2021 9.30am to 1.30pm Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie. RSVP by 24 March and for more information contact: - vocations@mercy.org.nz Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439

Job Vacancy
Administration Assistant/ PA - St Luke's Parish Flat Bush - Part Time - 20 hours per week. Experienced Administration Assistant/PA general secretarial/PA, bookkeeping and parish communications including social media duties. It is a busy role and the successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, bookkeeping experience (MYOB/Xero) as well as being a fantastic organiser and must be available to work on Sundays. St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush. To view the full advert, please visit the Diocesan website under Diocesan Services, People and Staff Vacancies. https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration_trashed/staff-vacancies/?highlight=vacancies

Pro Life Facts Mary Cooney blogs at Mercy for Marthas. In a recent blog she explains how reading Heather Avis' autobiography "The Lucky Few" gave her insight into the love and pain of mothers who go through 9 months of pregnancy and make the difficult decision to give up their child for adoption. For more information on pro-life fact issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org

Dates for your Diary

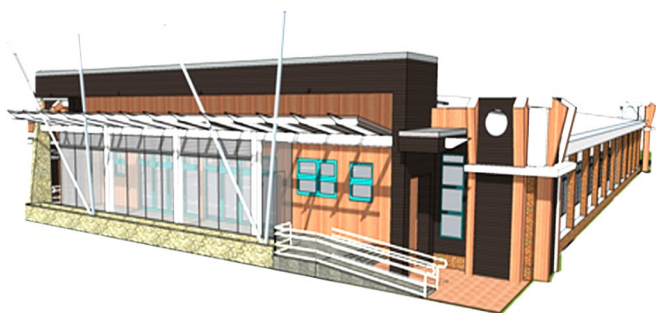
Sun, 14 Feb	Centennial Bake Sale 9:30am to 12pm
Tue, 16 Feb	SMACC Meeting 7pm Presbytery
Wed, 17 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am and 7pm
Thu, 18 Feb	BOT Meeting 5:45pm School
Sat, 20 Feb	Church Cleaning Roster: Eric Bonamis, Gaugau Family, Hoglund Family, Agnes
Sat, 20 Feb	Sacramental Programme Orientation 10am to 11am Church
Fri, 26 Feb	Finance Committee Meeting 7pm Presbytery
Sat, 27 Feb	Sacramental Classes begin 3pm to 4pm Church
Sat, 27 Feb	Last Vigil Mass 6pm Church

Coming Sunday: First Week of Lent

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm: 24; Peter 3:18-22; Mark: 1:12-15

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Joseph Katoa	Youth	Leena Rebello
Ministers of the Word	1 st Eric Bonamis 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Joe James 2 nd Maria Jose	1 st Youth 2 nd Youth	1 st Teena Roy 2 nd Raisa Mathias
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L. Bonamis E.D'Mello	J.James M.Jaskiewicz C. Lewis	T.Down B.Ngurinzira E. Oliveira	P.Nair N. Imperial

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'

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: Mass: 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Saturday: Rosary & Novena: 5.30 pm; Vigil Mass: 6 pm

Tuesday – Saturday: Mass: 9.00am

Daily Rosary: Mon – Sat, 8.25am; Sun, 7.45am

Wednesday: Rosary & novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday 17 February Mass 9am and 7pm

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)