



# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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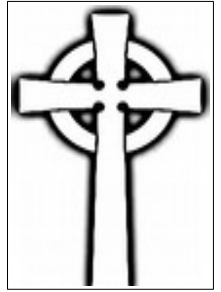
28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

*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*



## Second Week of Lent

**Readings: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18; Psalm: 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark: 9:2-10**

### Gospel Reflection

**Invitation to Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to see You and my ears to hear Your voice.

**Reflection:** You just gotta love St. Peter. In today's Gospel, he is with Jesus, as well as James and John. They journey together up a mountain, and then, all of a sudden, Jesus is transfigured before them. And, if that wasn't enough of a surprise, Moses and Elijah then appear out of nowhere and begin having a conversation with Jesus. We are told that Peter, James, and John are terrified, so much so that Peter doesn't know what to say. Yet . . . he speaks anyway, which seems very much like a St. Peter thing to do.

The next voice we hear is that of the Father, Who says of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." It's as if God the Father is telling St. Peter, "If you don't know what to say – don't say anything. Just listen!" Listen to Jesus. Allow Him to speak to you.

This seems to be something we all need to be told from time to time. So often in our modern society, filled with so much noise, we can become afraid, even terrified, of silence. This includes, of course, in our prayer. So, we might set aside time to pray, and then, fill up the entire time with our own voice. Even when we don't know what to say in prayer, we keep talking anyway, just like St. Peter. During this season of Lent, then, let us allow ourselves to remain in silence. In doing so, we are giving Jesus an opportunity to truly speak to us, as we strive evermore to listen to Him.

**Prayer:** Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

**Closing:** Take time to slowly read through today's Gospel and listen silently for the Lord to speak to you.

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Pledge Giving Account Number: 02-0100-0120958-04  
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**We welcome new registered Parishioners:**  
**Vincent Meleisea & Family**  
*and*  
**Timothy Meggitt & Family**

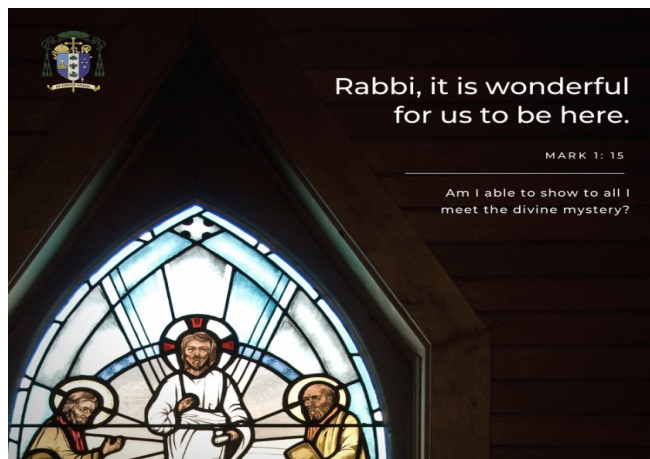
**Communion Service. From Monday 1 March 2021**, in the absence of Pa Peter on a Monday, there will be a Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion Service facilitated by a member of the Parish. This will start at 9.00 am following Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Baptism update:** Pa Peter will advise the date of the next Baptism class shortly. All bookings to the Parish Office please.

**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 March 2021.

**We encourage friends** who are new to the parish to REGISTER to be members of our parish family. We are delighted to welcome new parishioners so do make yourselves known.

**Bequest to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale** Your generosity helps the Parish in caring for and serving our community and maintaining our Church property. Consider making a bequest to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale, in your will.



**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Chris Rose on 27 February 2021**

**Happy 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Chris and Kaylene on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of March**

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Kepu and Maleta Funaki on 6<sup>th</sup> of March**



**Catholic College Open Days**

**Marist College**, Tuesday 2 March, 3pm – 6pm

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

**Baradene College**, Thursday 4 March, 6:30pm

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

**St. Mary's College**, Thursday 4 March, 2:30pm-6:30pm

**St. Pauls College**, Thursday 4 March 9:30am or 1:45pm



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

1	Patsy Loreno	17	Bernard Anderson
13	Judith Thomsen	30	Maurice Laverty

**Bishops Lent Appeal** For this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Caritas is making available our Lent Reflection booklets which include the Gospel readings for each week of Lent. These can be reflected on or prayed with on an individual or small group basis in compliance with Covid restrictions. They can be viewed from [https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English\\_web.pdf](https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English_web.pdf)

**St Benedict's Church Holy Hour for Vocations. Friday 5 March 7pm.**

Adoration and prayer in the church followed by a talk by Father Andrew and a hot drink in the crypt downstairs. Lots of free parking in the Wilson's carpark. Come and support our prayer for vocations.

**Couples for Christ West Chapter**

would like to invite you to their Christian Life Program starting on **20 March 2021**. This will consist of 8 sessions starting from 1 pm till 5pm every Saturday. Singles and married couples from ages 21 and above are invited to attend. For any inquiries please contact Paolo on 0277780040.

**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, Eilerslie. RSVP by 24 March and for more information contact: - [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439

**Catholic Caring Foundation Accepting Grant Applications, 2021**

Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need. We are now accepting grant applications until **April 9th, 2021**. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, please visit: [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**PROLIFE FACTS**

Mother Teresa of Kolkata remains "world famous" even after her death, an unusual feat for someone who lived a simple life of prayer and service. Her dedication to the care of others, often those who had been rejected by society and had nowhere to turn, touched the hearts of many. She, along with the other Sisters of Charity, gave of her time and talents with love. She did this because she understood the true dignity of every human life. It is well-known that she cared for people with leprosy, and people who lived on the streets and had nowhere to go. It is perhaps less well-known that she also worked to save the lives of unborn children, recognising in them the same dignity that God has bestowed on every human being. The following quote from Mother Teresa can teach us so much, as it shows not simply an opposition to abortion, but an earnest desire to do everything in her power to safeguard the lives and futures of unborn children at risk of abortion. "Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted, and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child, and be loved by the child. From our children's home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over 3,000 children from abortions. These children have brought such love and joy to their adopting parents, and have grown up so full of love and joy!"

For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**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](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz)

## *Dates for your Diary*

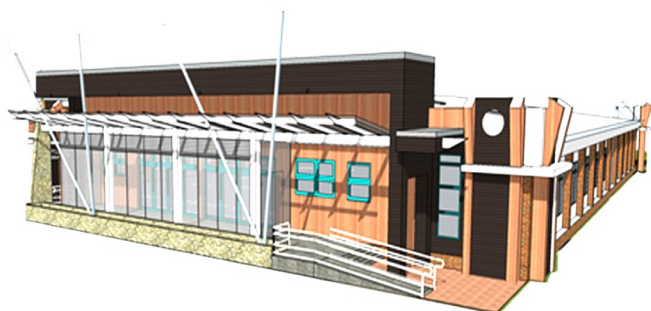
Sat, 06 Mar	Church Cleaning Roster: Lataki Youth Group
Sun, 07 Mar	Centennial Children's Day
Tue, 09 Mar	PPC Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Tue, 16 Mar	SMACC Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Thu, 25 Mar	BOT Meeting, School 5:45 pm
Fri, 26 Mar	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sun, 28 Mar	Youth Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm

## **Coming Sunday: Third Week of Lent**

**Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm: 19; Corinthians 1:22-25; John: 2:13-25**

	<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 6 pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Rochelle Suesue	Maria Tuima	Christine Imperial
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mark Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rachael Simento	1 <sup>st</sup> Soane Tai 2 <sup>nd</sup> Loutoa Tuima	1 <sup>st</sup> Teena Roy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Demelza Colaco
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Paula Betham Marie Child Liston Colaco	Ausage Lata Lai Muliaga Maria Chiara Sr.	M.Colaco 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

**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

**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)