



# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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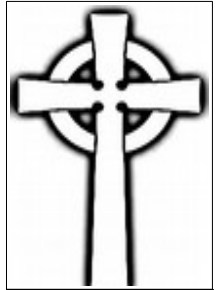
21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

*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*



## Fifth Week of Lent

**Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm: 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John: 12:20-30**

### Gospel Reflection

**“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24**

Death does not necessarily sound all that inviting to most people. So, how should we look at death? First of all, death, literally speaking, is a passing from this world to the next. When our time comes in accord with the will of God, we should welcome it and anticipate our full immersion into the life of God. But this Scripture passage speaks of death on another level. We should see ourselves represented by the grain of wheat that achieves its potential only by falling to the ground and dying. In that natural act, it is planted in the fertile soil and grows, producing an abundance of good fruit. How should we see ourselves represented in this natural action? We do so by embracing death to self so that we can be planted in the fertile soil of the grace of God and produce an abundance of good fruit. Dying to oneself means that we let go of all selfishness in life. First, all intentional acts of selfishness must be let go, but then even unintended selfishness must be let go. What is “unintended selfishness”? Unintended selfishness is a way of referring to everything in life that you hold on to and cling to simply because you want it for yourself. This could include even good things such as a loving relationship. It’s not that we should do away with good things in life, such as loving relationships; rather, we must not cling to anything, even good things, for selfish motives. Love, when it is authentic love inspired by God, always is detached and selfless, looking only toward the good of the other. This is the purest death to self that we can live. When this level of love is lived, that of complete selfless detachment, God enters into our lives and into each particular situation of our lives, bringing forth an abundance of good fruit. This is a gift that is more powerful than anything we can do on our own, because it is the fruit of a total death to self, transformed by God into new life.

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## Holy Week at St. Mary's

**Monday 29 March-** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 9am

**Tuesday 30 March-** 9am Mass only

**Wednesday 31 March-** 9am Mass only

**Holy Thursday 1 April-** No 9am Mass; 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by procession to the Altar of Repose with Adoration till 11pm.

**Good Friday 2 April-** 10am Stations of the Cross (on the field, weather permitting)  
3pm The Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday 3 April-** 7:30pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection

**Easter Sunday 4 April-** Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am, no 6pm Mass

### Western Deanery Lenten Reconciliation

A wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves as family for Easter, to encounter Jesus Christ, experience his mercy and receive forgiveness of sins. Rite II Reconciliation will begin at 7pm in all the churches listed below.

Tuesday, 23 March	Glen Eden
Wednesday, 24 March	Avondale

### Sunday Masses are back on Shine TV

Sundays 2pm Shine TV Channel 25 or Sky Channel 201. Also available on the Auckland Catholic Diocese YouTube Channel. **This Sunday, St.Mary's Avondale features.**

**Samoan Mass** will start next month every third Sunday in the Church at 12pm.

**Gifts for the Poor:** We encourage all the families in the parish to prepare a special gift pack of non-perishable food pack for the poor and deposit them in the 'Gifts for the needy' box kept at the front of the Church.



**We welcome  
to our Parish family**

**Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Fonseca  
and Family**

**The March 21 issue of NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Cardinal offers Church support for vaccination programme. Theologian says to bin anti-Catholic booklet.

**The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** will hear from Catholic church leaders this week and continue to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for continued courage and clarity for all those involved.

**Come and join in the Good Friday Stations Of The Cross** 9am, Friday 2nd April Starting from Albert Park Rotunda, Auckland City Finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact [camerons@cda.org.nz](mailto:camerons@cda.org.nz)

### Catholic College Open Days

**Marist College**, Tuesday 23 March,  
3pm – 6pm

**St. Dominic's**, Tuesday 23 March,  
6:30pm

**St. Paul's College**, Wednesday 24 March  
9:30am or 1:45pm

**Liston College**, Wednesday 31 March  
7pm-9pm

**School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance** Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

**Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn** Join us in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on **Palm Sunday 28 March at 7:30pm** outside the Auckland Medical Aid Centre, 283-289 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. This will be the final hour of prayer for the 40 Days for Life vigil. We remember the pre-born babies who have died. We ask for healing and mercy for all those who are wounded by abortion, and for those who promote the practice. Visit [fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife) or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or [michelle@fli.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fli.org.nz)

**Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand** will be having their 4th Sunday Holy Eucharistic Celebration at Christ the King Church, Owairaka, on 28th March 2021 at 4.00p.m. Praise and Worship, Sharing the Word, Holy Mass and Adoration.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Feast 11th April** 7:00pm Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave. Mt Eden Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Praise & Worship, Benediction, Holy Mass & Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your images & artefacts to be blessed. All Welcome.

**Theology of the Body** For more information contact Maria on [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com)

### **Job Opportunity**

**The Diocese is seeking a full time person for a 1-year fixed term contract for a new role of Care for the Poor Advocate.** This role will promote, drive and enable the elimination of Child Poverty through Caring for the Poor initiatives and advocacy; lead food security discussions and initiatives and lobby government on Caring for the Poor and eliminating Child Poverty and Food Security. Applications close 26 March 2021 For more details, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staf-f-vacancies/>

### **Job Opportunity**

Applications are being sought for the role of **Parish Assistant at St. Patrick's Pukekohe.** The Parish Assistant role provides quality parish administrative and pastoral service to support the efficient running of the parish and it's office. Applicants should possess the following attributes: Excellent multi-task management, strong interpersonal skills, provide a high quality of service, possess a high level of administration and computer skills and be confident supporting parish pastoral activities and volunteers. A full position description is available on request. Please email CV to [accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz](mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

**Pro Life** Ken Orr of Right to Life received the following information from MidCentral Health under the Official Information Act (OIA). He learned that MidCentral Health had contracted out the provision of abortion services to Magma Health. For 2017/2018, Magma Healthcare Ltd received \$465,843.70 from the MidCentral District Health Board for "abortion services", and for 2018/19 the amount was \$567,872.35. 482 abortions were funded in 2018 and 584 abortions in 2019. Complications from the abortion procedure were experienced by 6 women in 2018 and 5 women in 2019, prior to discharge. For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz).

## *Dates for your Diary*

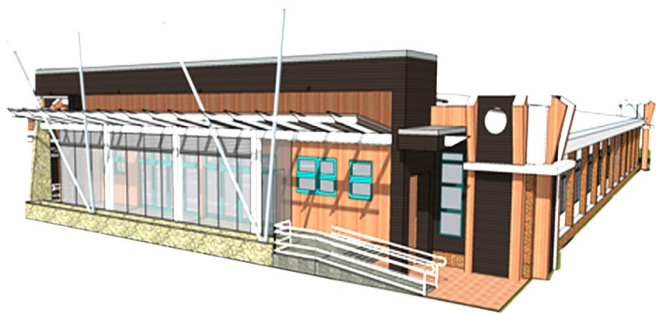
Wed, 24 Mar	Lenten Reconciliation, Church 7pm
Thu, 25 Mar	SMACC Core Operations Team Meeting Presbytery 7pm
Thu, 25 Mar	BOT Meeting, School 5:45 pm
Fri, 26 Mar	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 27 Mar	Church Cleaning Roster: Friends of the Parish
Sun, 28 Mar	Diocesan Youth Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm

# Coming Sunday: Passion Sunday

**Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm: 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47**

	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Susan Healy	Patricia Leavai	Christine Imperial
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Malia Funaki 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mafi Funaki-Tahifote Narrator: Fotu Hoglund Other: Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 <sup>st</sup> Sefa Halangahu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alama Lakalaka Narrator: Apriljoy Avito Other: Tania Starr	1 <sup>st</sup> Demelza Colaco 2 <sup>nd</sup> Celine George Narrator: Teena Roy Other: Raisa Mathias
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Marysia Jaskiewicz Colleen Lewis Jarrod Peauvasa	Kristaleeliyana Joseph Halahopo Lakalaka Malia Talataina	N. Imperial Purnima 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:  
02-0108-03339938-04

*'Celebrating Communities'*

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Monday:** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 9am

**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)