



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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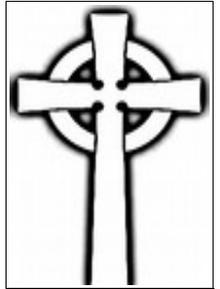
28th March 2021

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*



Palm Sunday

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

Gospel Reflection

As Jesus entered Jerusalem at the beginning of the first Holy Week, He was welcomed with much enthusiasm, and He accepted the love and devotion of those who welcomed Him. He was their King. He was the Messiah, and the welcome they gave to Him was but a pale gift of the true adoration He deserved. And though Jesus entered Jerusalem with this glorious welcome, less than a week later He would leave Jerusalem with a heavy cross on His shoulders, carrying it outside the city walls to die.

Today we read the long and beautiful account of the Passion of Jesus as told in Mark's Gospel. But on Friday we will read the account of John's Gospel. Mark's Gospel tells the story in clear detail, but John's Gospel will most notably add the spiritual insight that Jesus' crucifixion and death is nothing other than His hour of glory. We will see His Cross as His new throne of grace, and the earthly glory Jesus receives today as He enters Jerusalem will be fully realized from a divine perspective as He mounts His Throne of the Cross to take up His eternal Kingship.

As we enter into the holiest week of the year, it is essential that each of us see the journey of Christ this week as our own calling in life. We must journey toward the glory of the Cross with our Lord. From a worldly perspective, the Cross does not make sense. But from the perspective of the Father in Heaven, the Cross is not only the source of the greatest glory of His Son, but it is also the path by which we share in that glory. We must die with Him, sacrifice all for Him, choose to follow Him, and hold nothing back in our resolve to lay down our lives out of love.

Reflect, today, upon the events you will commemorate this week. Commit yourself to share in them, not just as an intellectual remembrance but as a living participation.

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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

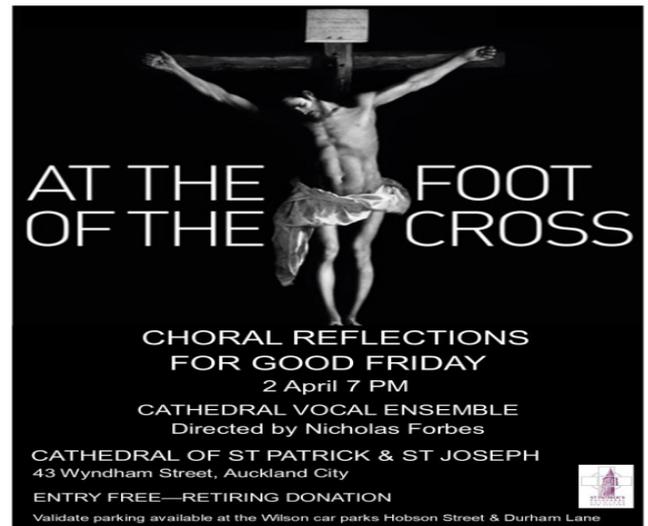


The Readings for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday will be in the church foyer. For those who are rostered to do the reading, kindly get a copy.

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 April 2021.

The Parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

St. Dominic Savio Children's Club All children aged 6 and above are invited to this club – entry is free. Every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Fr. JMcGrath Rm – 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.



Thank you for your work towards this year's Lenten Appeal. The final Sunday for Lent giving is this weekend. We appreciate it was a difficult start to Lent with restrictions through changing Covid levels and we're so grateful for your support over this time, however to give you an idea of where we're sitting on this appeal our required funding to continue normal operations is \$1million from the Lent Appeal. We currently have to date \$341,683. The Lenten Appeal supports us to do our work in Catholic schools in New Zealand, it also supports us to provide Social Justice Week and Refugees & Migrants Day of Prayer resources for parishes. Our New Zealand-based advocacy and tangata whenua work is also supported from the Lenten Appeal. But it also is a key support for our work overseas for vulnerable communities around the world.



Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners in the month of April

6	Ignatius	11	Joan Turner
11	Makalita Edwards	12	John Edwards
13	Jean Ebsworth	16	Diana Roiall-Reid
	17	Eleanor	

PROLIFE FACTS

The Abortion Legislation Act 2020 has erased any recognition of the right that an unborn child has to life. It created a new regime where unborn children can be aborted for just about any reason – or no reason at all. New Zealand's previous abortion law only permitted a lawful late term abortion if two doctors agreed it was necessary to save the life of a mother or to prevent serious permanent injury to her mental or physical health. The new Abortion Legislation Act removed those restrictions. The new law permits lawful late term abortions to be performed, as long as a medical practitioner reasonably believes that the abortion is "clinically appropriate" in the circumstances. Medical practitioners no longer need to be a doctor; there no longer needs to be any risk of death or serious permanent injury to the mother's mental or physical health; and two doctors are no longer required to approve late term abortions - one medical practitioner simply has to "consult" another medical practitioner. Amendments to provide basic protections for the unborn child were also rejected by the NZ Parliament during the passing of this Act. Like the Supplementary Order Paper by Simon O'Connor MP that would have provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that there was a duty to provide medical care and treatment to a child born alive in the event of an unsuccessful abortion. To sign a petition to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition>

For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Tonight:Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

Please join us in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on tonight, 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 contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.org.nz

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.

Diocesan Vacancy

Administration Assistant – Part Time The Diocese is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person for the role of Administration Assistant to provide administration and logistical support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and Vicar for Education. This is a part time role of 20 hours per week. For a full position description, visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close 9 April 2021

Diocesan Vacancy

Manager – Ministries to Young People This role is responsible for ensuring a collaborative outreach to young people is the diocese to provide a clear direction and coordinated approach of Catholic ministry to young people. To deliver the goals of the Diocesan Mission Map particularly those under the priority to build up the spirituality of our young people. For a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close 9 April 2021.

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 28 Mar	Diocesan Youth Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm
Thu, 1 Apr	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession, Church 7:30pm
Fri, 2 Apr	Stations of the Cross, Field 10am
Fri, 2 Apr	The Passion of the Lord, Church 3pm
Sat, 3 Apr	Church Cleaning Roster: Tongan Community
Sat, 3 Apr	Church Flower Roster: Tongan Community
Sat, 3 Apr	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection, Church 7:30pm
Sun, 4 Apr	Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am only

Coming Sunday, Easter Sunday

(Solemnity with Octave)

Resurrection of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Acts 10:34-37-43; Psalm: 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

	Saturday, 7:30 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Easter Vigil Saturday Check Holy Week Roster in the Notice Board	Joseph Katoa	Alama Lakalaka	No Mass
Word		1 st Susan Healy 2 nd Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	1 st Maria Tuima 2 nd Vika Lemeki	No Mass
Holy Communion		Wayne Hawtrey Mary Sherwood Tevita Funaki	Bastiana Joseph Ausage Lata Sr. M Therese Agnes	No Mass

St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre **SMACC**



'Celebrating Communities'

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

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

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: after 9 am Mass, (other times by appointment)