



# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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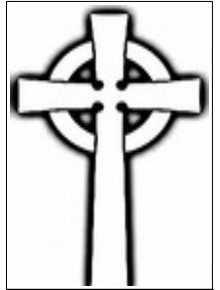
11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*Vision / Tirohanga*

*Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono*

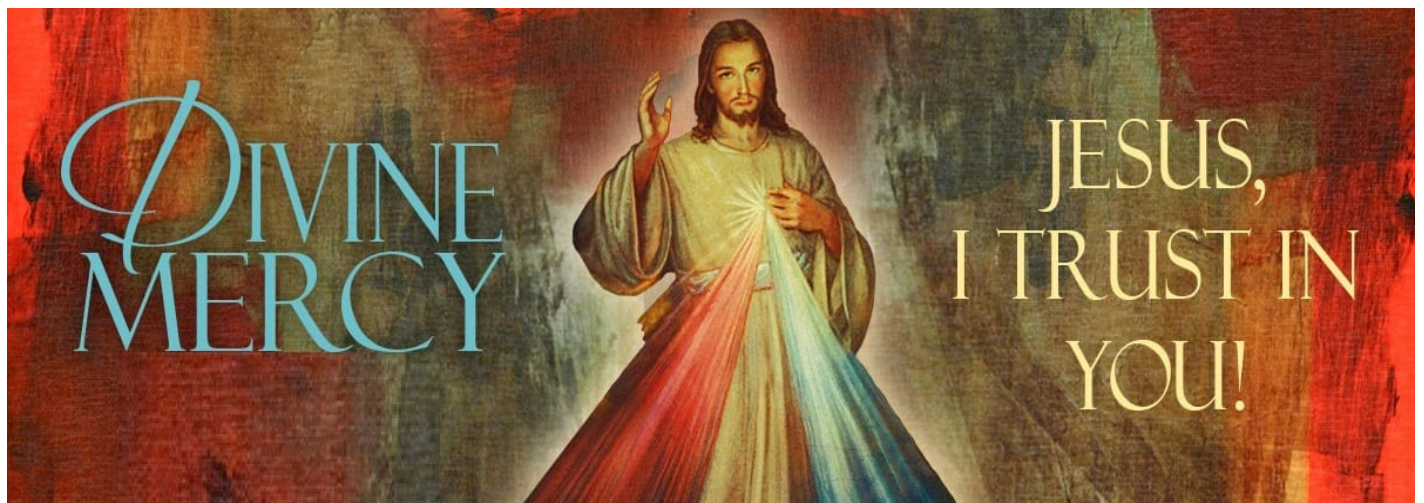
*Goal / Whaingā*

*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te  
Oranga Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*



## Second Week of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm: 117; John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31**



Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centred on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: *"the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to humanity in the whole Easter mystery"*.

**A Happy Feast Day to our Parish Divine Mercy Group. Many of them join us for the 8.30am mass this Sunday morning.**

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

**Ranisvel Rajawarman**  
**Sione Fa'avae Lotulelei**  
and  
**Mikaele Penisimani**  
**Tagaloa**

**Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,** On behalf of our Divine Mercy Prayer Group Avondale, we wish you all a very Happy Divine Mercy Feast Day. We warmly welcome new members to join our Prayer group every Saturday from 5:30pm-7:30pm. For more information please don't hesitate to contact Mara: 0211334178.

**Samoan Mass** for this month will be on Sunday **18<sup>th</sup> April** at 12 noon. All Samoans are invited to attend the mass in our Parish.

**Working Bee on Saturday 24 April** from 10am to 3pm at Te Whau Hall. Bring cleaning gear and products.

**Parish Annual Returns** We have submitted our Parish Annual Returns to the Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2020. We appreciate and congratulate the Finance Committee for their commitment in taking care of the temporal goods of the Parish. **Our sincere thanks to Lester Colaco** for carefully maintaining the accounts, preparing the Annual Returns and the Tax Receipts for 2020-2021.

**SMACC Fundraising 2021 - Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle Today 11th April 2021** immediately following **8.30am and 10.30am Masses**. Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle (or two) and take home some delicious baked goodies.

**Mass Schedule** there will be no first Friday evening Mass starting this month and no rosary and novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

**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. McGrath Rm – 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.

**St.Mary's School Update**  
**Parent Tutor reading Programme** We need your help! We are seeking volunteers to assist in our Parent Tutor Reading Programme. This involves reading with individual children one to one, giving them extra reading practice on one morning a week from 8.45 – 9.45am OR 9.40 - 10.40am (time to be confirmed) This can be parents, past parents, grandparents, friends of the school and community looking to help our learners. If you are available to help, please contact Mrs D'Souza or Mrs Isara by our school number (09 8295599) or email [avida@stmarysavondale.school.nz](mailto:avida@stmarysavondale.school.nz) or [moetotoi@stmarysavondale.school.nz](mailto:moetotoi@stmarysavondale.school.nz)

## GETTING MARRIED.....

The couples come together in the Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen their love in the presence of the Priest and the community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. Christ enriches and strengthens them by a special sacrament. It is a beautiful gift that they offer to each other in love and fidelity.

We encourage people who are called to married life, consider making it a Church marriage. Before you go ahead with booking of the hall for reception and all other plannings, contact a Priest of your choice to help you with the preparations for marriage. You need to contact him at least five months in advance.

**Central Auckland Grief Support** is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 17 April 2pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more please contact Mabel at 021-1734978.

**Pro Life Facts** Life site News reports that the US-based Family Research Council has commented on New Zealand's Bereavement Leave for Miscarriage Bill. "We cannot build a society that advances women's rights based on lies and inconsistencies. During a miscarriage, an unborn child tragically dies. During an abortion, an unborn child is killed, but there is a major difference. The tragedy caused by abortion is preventable. Affirming the death of a child in miscarriage is a tragedy, while pretending that abortion is somehow a woman's right, leads down a very dark road where an unborn child's worth is based simply on whether he or she is wanted. Hopefully, New Zealand's Bereavement Leave for Miscarriage Bill will prompt the need for pro-life legislation which truly advances women's rights. Let us pray that this legislation will lead to NZ becoming a nation that recognises inherent value in every father, mother and every child – including unborn children." For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**NSW FLOOD APPEAL** The Society of St Vincent de Paul in NZ is initiating an appeal to assist our Australian brothers and sisters. This appeal is now open and will conclude 31 May 2021.

**Bank Deposit Details: Society of St Vincent de Paul National Council**  
**BNZ Bank Account Number:**  
**02-0528-0208598-27**  
**Reference: 'NSW Flood Appeal'**

**Old Garages For Sale** furniture and home wares donations, these sheds need to be removed quickly, as the land they originally sat on, is up for sale. Contact Willie to arrange a viewing: [nancwill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nancwill@xtra.co.nz)

### **Family Pilgrimage with Mary in Honour of St. Joseph**

Come along on the journey as we visit sacred sites dedicated to St. Joseph, 1-2 May 2021. 1 May (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker) 9am Mass and Consecration of St. Joseph Church, Mt. Victoria followed by a visit to St. Joseph's Church Upper Hutt, St. Joseph's Church Pauatahanui, St. Joseph's Church Levin and St. Joseph's Church. 2 May 11am Sunday Mass Te Rongo o Te Poi Kaiwhaiki Marae. Costs: Day Pilgrimage by Koha. Overnight in St. Joseph's Hiruharama. 17 years and below \$25 (includes accomodation, dinner and breakfast) BYO lunch. 18 years and up \$50 (includes accomodation, dinner and breakfast) BYO lunch.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:5) Venue Christ the King Parish Hall. Two day Seminar: Saturday 8 May 9:30am to 3:15pm and Sunday 9 May 2021 11:30am to 4pm. For more details contact Harry Lowe at 0211504425 or email [hmlowe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hmlowe@xtra.co.nz)

**Message from Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand:** I hope you all had a joyful Easter. We are truly humbled by the response we have received from our Catholic community this Lent. We faced a number of challenges with Covid level changes and uncertainty around masses. Following our call out and your incredible support, we have received a tremendous response with a total to date of close to \$700,000. For this we are truly grateful. We would like to ensure our donors obtain their Lenten donation tax receipts following the end of the 31 March tax year and remind you to please send us any lent donations you have on hand as soon as you're able so that we can prepare the tax receipts and send them to donors at the earliest opportunity.



## *Dates for your Diary*

Sun, 11 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
Sun, 11 Apr	SMACC Fundraising 2021 - Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle
Fri, 16 Apr	St. Mary's School Last day for term 1 at 2pm
Sat, 17 Apr	Church Cleaning Roster: Q.Colaco, B.Joseph Mary, J.Katoa, P.Nair
Sat, 17 Apr	Church Flower Roster: Samoan Community
Sun, 18 Apr	Samoan Mass, Church 12pm
Tue, 20 Apr	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 23 Apr	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm

## Coming Sunday, Third Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm: 4; John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Mara Fatunu'u	Youth	Leena rebello
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Suesue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rochelle Suesue	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth	1 <sup>st</sup> Celine George 2 <sup>nd</sup> Raisa Mathias
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Marie Child Maleta Funaki Agnes Guijters	Bastiana Joseph Sr. Agnelle MC Malia Tuima	1 <sup>st</sup> Purnima Nair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nino 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

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

**Tuesday – Saturday:** Mass: 9.00am

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

**Friday Adoration:** After 9 am Mass to 10:30 am

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