



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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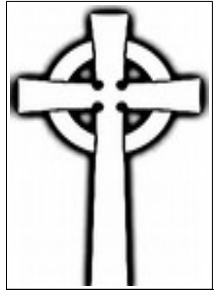
18th April 2021

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*



Third Week of Easter

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

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."
Luke 24:45-48 (Year B)

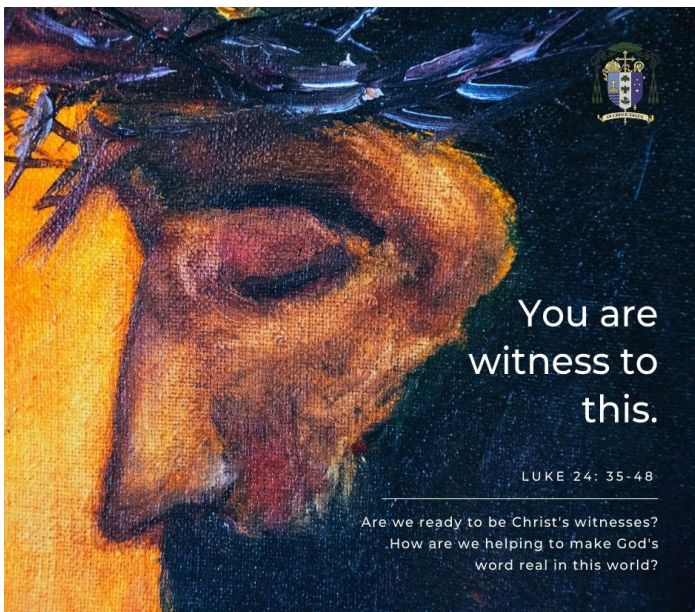
The Gospel passage quoted above also says that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Therefore, if we, like the Apostles, are to understand the Gospel and the central purpose of Jesus' life and our own lives, then we must allow Him to open our minds also. We must allow Jesus to reveal to us the Paschal Mystery, because it is not something we can comprehend or figure out on our own.

Reflect, today, upon how clearly you understand the purpose of the life of Christ. Do you understand the mysteries of His human life, suffering, death and Resurrection? Do you understand how these truths of our faith must change you at your very core? And do you understand your duty to be a witness to these mysteries of faith to others? Sit with these questions and allow them to sink in deeply so that you may join the Apostles in both the gift of redemption and the call to evangelize the world.

My saving Lord, Your life, death and Resurrection is the greatest gift ever given. Through this Paschal Mystery, we are set free from sin and become children of Your Father in Heaven. Open my mind to more fully understand this great gift and give me the grace I need to become Your witness to the world in need. Jesus, I trust in You.

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You are witness to this.

LUKE 24: 35-48

Are we ready to be Christ's witnesses?
How are we helping to make God's word real in this world?

All Tax Receipts and Pledge envelopes for 2020-2021 are now available in the Church Foyer. We appreciate the great contributions of our parishioners through pledge giving. Your sacrifices help the Parish & our Diocese in caring for the people and serving them; maintaining our Church property & initiating projects. Would you consider making a bequest to our Parish, in your will?

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed specially for the Sunday evening Mass, if interested please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

The April 18 – May 1 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Plea for more prayers for vocations. Theological college to move to new Auckland campus. 500 years of Catholic faith in Philippines celebrated in Auckland and Wellington. Pope condolences on death of Prince Philip.

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

SMACC Fundraising 2021 Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle re scheduled on Sunday 25 April after the 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses. Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle (or two) and take home some delicious baked goodies.

Men's group games night. Table tennis for exercise or bring your own board games etc. Every Monday from 6pm to 8pm at Te Whau Hall. Ring Terry 0212459751 for further information.

Earth Day 2021 - Thursday 22nd April

The theme for Earth Day this year is "Restore our Earth". It reflects Pope Francis' call to care for the earth as our Common Home. You are encouraged to say this short prayer which Pope Francis' gave us for the fifth Anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si' (May 2020):

'Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation your gift....enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor'.

The full length prayer and more Earth Day relevant prayers at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/environment/sustainability> tab.

News from St Mary's School

What a term we have had! Looking back we are very proud of what the children have achieved this term and the different opportunities that were able to be offered despite the interruptions of 2 lock downs. Our children have been involved in retreat, camp, T-Ball lessons, Piha Surf Safety, Holy Week liturgies, leadership days and trips to Avondale Library; we welcomed 22 new children and their families; we had our largest turn out to date at our Whānau Evening; some great learning progress has been achieved by children and teachers have been very involved in learning too! Please read our latest newsletter to learn more about what is happening at our great little school <https://www.stmarysavondale.school.nz/newsletters>. Term two starts Monday 3rd May. Ngā mihi nui, Kathryn and the team.

Training and Formation Ministers of the Word & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion St Mary's Church Papakura Saturday April 22nd 9.30 (coffee) 10 - 12.00

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to join us in an online study reflection looking at Climate Change. This online study is over two weeks beginning Tuesday 27th of April 2021, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm. This study will explore how climate change and degradation of the Earth impacts all our lives (as seen through the works of Mercy) and looks at choices and actions that can help us in this new reality. Please enroll by emailing paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com. by 20th April 2021. On enrollment, you will be sent the zoom link and reading for the first meeting.

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration Epsom. As part of this year's centennial celebrations of the Parish and School, the Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners, students and parents to join with them after 10am Mass on Sunday 2 May 2021, on the anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy moving into the house at 104 The Drive, Epsom to start the school. This is an opportunity to come and see Cecilia Maher House and facilities, wander through the grounds, view displays and enjoy light refreshments. Come and celebrate a century of Mercy women and their helpers who have served in the parish. For the purposes of catering please register your interest to attend. Registrations are open <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/> on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish website

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, celebrating 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II letter on "Ut Unum Sint (That They May All Be One)" by Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College | Topic: Revisiting Ut Unum Sint after 25 years – a biblical perspective | Tuesday 27th April 2021 @7:00 PM | St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere Light refreshments provided.

Bishops' Forums Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall 8 May, 11.00 am St Therese, Morewa 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall| 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owairaka, Church 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall

Year of St. Joseph

The recent Feast of St. Joseph serves as a reminder that Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph (8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021). With the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis Patris corde ("With a Father's Heart") the Holy Father marks the 150th Jubilee of St. Joseph being declared as the Patron of the Universal Church. At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis gives us this prayer to St. Joseph:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer.
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage,
And defend us from every evil.
Amen**

Online Sessions The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

Job Vacancy: Nurse wanted The Mission Sisters require a part-time Health Care Co-ordinator for their sisters in the Auckland area. This position is for 10 hours per week, supporting the health care needs of thirteen sisters., please contact Sister Margaret Monaghan at 027 690 0188 or margaret.monaghan@rndm.org.nz

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 18 Apr	Samoan Mass, Church 12pm
Tue, 20 Apr	SMACC Executive Meeting, Church foyer 7pm
Tue, 20 Apr	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Fri, 23 Apr	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery 7pm
Sat, 24 Apr	Church Cleaning Roster: Samoan Sunday School
Sat, 24 Apr	Church Flower Roster: Telesia
Sun, 25 Apr	Day of Prayer for Vocations-Seminary Collection
Sun, 25 Apr	SMACC Fundraising 2021 - Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle
Mon, 3 May	St. Mary's School Term 2 starts

Coming Sunday, Fourth Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm: 117; John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	Taia Tuitama	Teena Roy
Word	1 st Jane Benedito 2 nd Malia Funaki	1 st Meleane Tuima 2 nd Seletute Tuima	1 st Leena Rebello 2 nd Raisa Mathias
Holy Communion	Wayne Hawtrey Marysia Jaskiewicz Jarrod Peauvasa	Faasavalu Leavai Lagi Lilo Amalia MC Sr	1 st Purnima Nair 2 nd Nino Imperial

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

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

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