



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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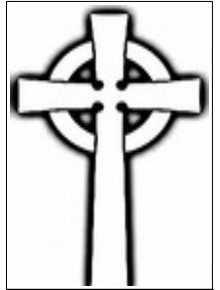
2nd May 2021

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 Easter

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm: 21; John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.”– John 15.4

A vine is a single plant. All its branches share the life its roots draw from the soil and its leaves from the sun. A vine can spread extravagantly from its roots but one life flows through the whole plant. Jesus isn't talking plants in his farewell conversations with his friends after the Last Supper. He is talking about how these disciples will continue to share friendship with him after he has returned to God. Their relationship will remain; its life-sharing energy will persist. Jesus' words will keep working in us to transform us.

A vine is a great image of the Church. Its root is in Jesus Christ and its mission is to grow to the ends of Earth. Like his disciples, all of us who follow Jesus share the life of the vine. Our roots in Jesus' life and love empower us to branch out and bear fruit where we live: to call others to faith in Jesus, to serve our families and communities, to make the small differences that build the common good.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Spirit,
help me stay in touch
with your presence in my life.
Inspire me to reach out to others,
to work for justice,
and to live as a witness of your love.
I pray with a thankful heart. Amen.

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This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

JOHN 15: 9-17

Are we following Jesus' commandment of loving one another?



The May 2 – May 15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Deacon ordained in Auckland. Catholic agencies state priorities for the Budget. Papal knighthood for former diocese general manager. PTSD – when memories won't go away. .

Pray for Vocations – Friday 7 May: You are invited to join in praying for Vocations with Adoration and Benediction at St Benedict's Church, Newton, from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday **7th May** 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy, Sung, Benediction, Mass.

Come & See – Saturday 8 May: Thinking about Priesthood? Invitation to young men to join us for Mass and breakfast at St Patrick's Cathedral at 8.30 am. Free parking available.

Amazing New Windsor Community Treasure Hunt Residents in the New Windsor area are invited to an Amazing Community Treasure Hunt on Saturday **8th May** at 2.30pm. The Treasure Hunt starts from the field at New Windsor Primary School and will take you walking on a route to discover the treasures of New Windsor. You will finish back at the school field where there will be a free BBQ, bouncy castle, activities and access to the swimming pool. **Contact Tony Rea 021497098**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: We invite parishioners to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 6pm mass on Sundays. If you are interested kindly contact the Parish office.

New Wine 8th May Citipointe Church 9 Rylock Place Pakuranga Heights 6pm-9pm New Wine is a night for all youth leaders and young adults to come together to be formed, to praise, and to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. We're bringing together speakers and musicians to explore where we are planted in the vineyard, how God works in and through our brokenness and uses us as vessels to bring forth New Wine. There will be prayer ministry and reconciliation available and we will end the night by adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us in the café afterwards for chats, free hot drinks and sweet treats! Registrations are NOW OPEN through Eventbrite!! Spaces are limited. Go to the ACYM Facebook Page for more info: @akcym or contact Felicity 0226352366

Called to Serve Formation Day Training day May 8th: All welcome. Teaching/activities on Anointed Praise and Worship and Prayer Ministry. BYO lunch, bible and pen. No registration, collection taken up. 9.30am-3pm at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Organised by Auckland charismatic prayer group network. Contact Deidre 021 02251103

Bishops' Forum Bishop Pat and Bishop Michael invite you to join them for their 2021 Forum on Tuesday **11 May** 7:30-9:30pm at the Christ the King Parish, Owairaka. All Welcome.

Mass of the Neophytes will be celebrated Saturday **22 May** at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph at 5.30pm. It is the vigil Mass of Pentecost.

Help for marriages under stress: The Break Through Online Course created by Smart Loving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future. Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough Divine Mercy Discount - 50% until **May 10**, 2021

Pope Francis affirms to the "irrevocable" commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ The King Catholic Church on Tuesday **25th May 2021 @7:30PM**. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media.

Training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer. This training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College. It is to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word. It will take place over 5 Saturdays: May 22nd, June 5th, 12th 26th and July 3rd, 9.30 – 3.00pm each day (bring your lunch). The venue is the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for June 12th). Participants need to be present at all sessions

Jubilee Bursary Applications Invited for Semester 2, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 10 June 2021. Contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz. Ph: (09)360-3091

Missions Appeal Thank you for your support and prayers that lights a glimmer of hope for the poorest of people where Columbans work

RCIA Team Formation Te Kupinga Leadership Institute - For those who are members of RCIA Teams, those interested in the process of sharing faith and growing in faith through ministry in RCIA. An 18 hour course over two Friday evening/Saturday at the St Columba Centre. 16-17 July 2021, 6-7 August 2021 Fri 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Discounted rate of \$300/person \$200/person for a group of 3 or more. For more information v.kirisome@tekupenga.org.nz (09) 3611053 ext.711 www.ctc.ac.nz

Pro Life Facts Health Boards contract out the killing of preborn children to private enterprise. The three Auckland District Health Boards, Counties Manukau, Waitemata and Auckland, in compliance with government policy, have recently invited tenders from suitably qualified medical practitioners to provide medical abortions up to 13 weeks and surgical abortions up to 14 weeks. Thus, abortion becomes a business enterprise. It is a million dollar industry that Right to Life estimates is potentially worth nearly \$4 million in the Auckland region. It is not yet known how much the government is prepared to pay for the killing of unborn children in Auckland; however the Whanganui, Mid Central and the Southern DHBs already have contracts with Magma Health Care Ltd to kill children before birth. The fees paid to the contracting company for each preborn child killed are: Surgical abortion 1st and 2nd trimester \$950, Medical abortion \$950 and General Medical First Attendance \$250. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.

Support Worker Needed A reliable, respectful, and kind Support Worker required for a young disabled autistic woman. Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 4.30pm. A full driver's licence is essential. Expressions of Interest, please call 021 044 8362 or email vtgaherne@hotmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 3 May	St. Mary's School Term 2 starts
Tue, 4 May	SMACC Committee Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room, 7pm
Sat, 8 May	Church Cleaning Roster: African Community
Sat, 8 May	Church Flower Roster: Friendly Flower Group
Sun, 9 May	Mother's Day
Sun, 16 May	Centennial Cultural Food and Festival Te Whau Hall 11:30am
Tue, 18 May	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room, 7pm
Sat, 22 May	Mass of the Neophytes, St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5:30pm
Fri, 28 May	Finance Committee Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room, 7pm

Coming Sunday, Sixth Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm: 97; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	Daivd Faalau-Solia	Leena Rebello
Word	1 st Maria Jose 2 nd Joseph Katoa	1 st Patricia Leavai 2 nd Apriljoy Avito	1 st Celine George 2 nd Teena Roy
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St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre **SMACC**



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If not yet giving, would you consider making a regular payment towards SMACC Fund?

Account Number for SMACC Building Fund:
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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)