

| Dates for your Diary: Monday 13 th – Sunday 19 th March 2023 | |
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| Tue, 14 Mar | Samoa Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Wed, 15 Mar | Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Church |
| Thu, 16 Mar | Tongan Community Choir, 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Fri, 17 Mar | Stations of the Cross, 6.00pm, Church |
| Fri, 17 Mar | Tongan Community Mass, 7.00pm, Church |
| Sat, 18 Mar | Legion of Mary meeting, 10.00am – 11.30am, Whare Iti |
| Sat, 18 Mar | Church Cleaning: Legion of Mary, 9.30am – 12.30pm |
| Sat, 18 Mar | Church Flowers: NO FLOWERS during Lent |
| Sat, 18 Mar | Samoa Community Choir, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sat, 18 Mar | Tongan Community Choir, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sun, 19 Mar | Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10am, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sun, 19 Mar | Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10am, Whare Iti (M Tapusoa) |
| Sun, 19 Mar | Lenten Seminar for Children, 11.30am – 3.30pm, Church |

KIDS CORNER

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Third-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Sunday:

8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Monday:

No 9.00am Mass and no Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday – Saturday:

Mass: 9.00am

Daily Rosary:

Tue – Sat, 8.20am | Sun, 7.45am

Friday Adoration (after 9.00am Mass):

9.30am – 10.30am (Resumes Fri 10th March 2023)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9am Mass
(other times by appointment)



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

2134 Great North Rd, Avondale, Auckland 0600

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 12th March 2023

Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7 | Ps 95 | Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 | John 4: 5-42

Gospel Reflection



**WEEK 3:
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

"Worship in spirit and truth"



Jesus promises a spring of water welling up for eternal life. The women of Kiribati face challenges accessing healthy water and healthy food. Caritas partner Tertoingainga (Catholic Women's Alliance) is bringing women together for their mutual needs. They promote good nutrition through local food sources, and spread the word to the wider community.

We are approaching the middle of our Lenten journey. On the level, Jesus, tired by the journey, sits down by a well. There is symbolism in both the water and the well.

Water is vital for life, but can also be life-threatening. Climate change is throwing up major challenges for sources and distribution of safe water for drinking and other needs. We are also seeing more extreme rainfall events and flooding, as well as severe drought.

But more than physical water is at stake in this story. Jesus points to a deeper, spiritual source of life-giving water. There is an inter-mixing and inter-weaving of cultures over 'where' people are to worship.

Jesus takes a risk in talking with a Samaritan woman, who is even an outlier to her own community (she comes alone to the well in the middle of the day). Jesus cuts across the barriers of race, gender, and social standing

to expose the truth, while respecting and upholding the woman's dignity. There is a mutuality and respect for each other in the exchange.

Jesus' message is for the individual: the woman at the well, but also her community – and the whole world. While Jesus says "salvation is from the Jews", He hints that the Jews too will need to get beyond their present understanding of worship to something bigger: "the hour is coming... God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

FAITH IN ACTION:

* Who will I reach out to this week that I wouldn't normally encounter?

* What can I do to uphold the sacredness of creation, especially life-giving water?

*Excerpt from the Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme 2023 "I am the light of the world."
Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 12th March 2023*



Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 18 Mar 2023

Legion of Mary

Sat 25 Mar 2023

Lataki Youth Group

Sat 1 Apr 2023

Samoa Community

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 18 Mar 2023

No Flowers (Lent)

Sat 25 Mar 2023

No Flowers (Lent)

Sat 1 Apr 2023

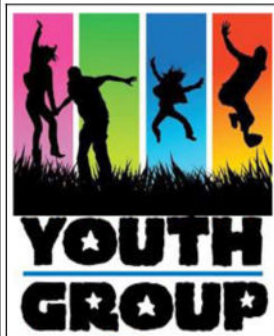
Tongan Community (Palms)

**Through this Lent
Take Time to hear God**

to Listen
to the Word,
to Ponder the Gospels,
to Deepen your Awareness
of God's Presence in your life,
to Strengthen your Personal
Relationship with Jesus.

Lectio Divina
on Zoom 7-7.40pm
Sundays through Lent:
26th Feb; 5th March
12th March; 19th March;
26th March; 2nd April

register with Dianna Fouhy
Faith Formation Team
Auckland Diocese
dianna@cdca.org.nz



**St. Mary's Parish Youth
are calling out to all our
young people!
Come and join us!**

*If you're interested or
would like to know more,
please call/text our Parish
Youth Leader – Lemo
021 08904317 or email the
Parish Office.*

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
Email: ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz
Parish Secretary: Gwendoline Jessop
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale
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Parish Office:
Phone: (09) 828 9309
Tue – Fri: 9.15am – 3.30pm
Monday: Closed
School Office:
Phone: (09) 828 5599

Pledge Giving Account Number: 02-0100-0120958-04

Mass Offering Account Number: 02-0100-0120958-05

SMACC Building Fund: 02-0108-0339938-04

Lenten Rite II Celebrations in the Western Peanery

GLEN EDEN: Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.00pm
HENDERSON: Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.00pm
AVONDALE: Thursday 23 March 2023 at 7.00pm
BLOCKHOUSE BAY: Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 7.00pm
HUAPAI: Thursday 30 March 2023 at 7.00pm

Security cameras: Over the past 12 months or so, St. Mary's Catholic Church has regularly been the target of thieves and opportunists. Unfortunately, because of these thefts (usually during the day when no one was inside the Church), we have been locking the Church after the morning Masses. This has deeply saddened us all, but our plan has been to install security cameras in the Sanctuary area (Tabernacle, Statues and back Sanctuary door) as well as the foyer and priest's Sacristy). Installing security cameras will mean we can keep the Church open until the afternoon most days. The cost is about \$2000 for the equipment and we are blessed to have a parishioner who can install the system without charge! If you would like to contribute to the cost of this system, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Gwendoline in the office or see Pa.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are every Friday evening at 6.00pm during Lent here at St. Mary's, Avondale. All are welcome to attend.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, AVONDALE

THE LENTEN SEMINAR FOR CHILDREN



SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023
 11.30am - 3.30pm
 For children aged 7-15 years
 Lunch provided
 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 2134 Great North Road, Avondale
 FREE ENTRY - To register, please email:
 office@avondalecatholic.org.nz

We invite your children to participate in this Lenten Seminar and be spiritually nourished (after 10.30am Mass).

This Seminar (led by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters) is designed to prepare children to experience a meaningful Lent and to build a personal relationship with Jesus. Children will be engaged with Bible based activities which includes creativity, gospel music and interaction with other children of their own age group.

The Caritas Lenten Giving Envelope packs for the Bishops' 2023 Lenten Appeal are available in the Church foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.** Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2023 will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after 1st April will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. **Thank you for your generous support.**

The Friendly Choir is looking for new singers to join. You don't need a great voice, just a willingness to sing for God. We sing for the 6pm Mass on the Second Sunday of every month. Our practices are on two Thursdays. Please contact Joe on 09 8281577. Come join us, we'd love to have you.

NZ CATHOLIC on sale \$4.00 in Church foyer: Needs shift for Cyclone Gabrielle flood victims. Parish renewal is an adventure which brings new life. Message from Pope Francis for Lent 2023.

~ Special Acknowledgments ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently:

Fineata Moala
 Mikaele Funaki Tagalao
 Pat Corbett
 Lester Colaco

RECENT DEATHS

Condolences and prayers to the families who have lost loved ones recently, especially

Bridget 'Jo' McGeever

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our dearly departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time


A J Xavier

**WE ARE BACK AT IT AGAIN !
 COME DOWN AND SUPPORT
 ST MARY'S YOUTH AVONDALE**



SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023
 WE WILL BE HERE FROM 9:30AM-3PM
BUNNINGS NEW LYNN
 2/12 TITIRANGI ROAD , NEW LYNN AUCHLAND 0600





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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 19th MARCH 2023

Readings: Samuel 16: 1, 6-7 / Ps 23 / Ephesians 5: 8-14 / John 9: 1-41

| | Sunday, 8:30am | Sunday, 10:30am | Sunday, 6pm |
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| Commentator | Ronald D'silva | To be advised | Leena Rebello |
| Word | 1 st : Mara Fatunu'u 2 nd : Kalolaine Funaki | To be advised | 1 st : Ruth Xavier 2 nd : Celine George |
| Holy Communion | Autu Isaia Jacinta James Colleen Lewis | Fololina A'Costa Teresita Minvera Down Bastiana Joseph Mary | Edmar Oliveira |
| Choir/Musicians | MDM Youth | Congregation / Choir | Congregation / Choir (Colaco Family) |

Note: If you are unable to read/serve on the date that you are rostered, please contact the Parish Office via email: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz