

<i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 11th - Sunday 17th September 2023</i>	
Wed, 13 Sep	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 14 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 14 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Fri, 15 Sep	Tongan Community Mass, 7pm, Church
Sat, 16 Sep	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 10.00am, Whare Iti
Sat, 16 Sep	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Tongan Community **
Sat, 16 Sep	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Samoan Community **
Sat, 16 Sep	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iti
Sat, 16 Sep	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 16 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 16 Sep	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 16 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 17 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 17 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 17 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 17 Sep	Parish Youth Group session, 12pm – 3pm, Fr McGrath Room

**BISHOP STEVE LOWE
AND
THE G.I.F.T FAMILY
INVITE YOU TO
Celebrate
50 Years of G.I.F.T**

**17 SEPTEMBER, 2023
11.00 AM MASS
Followed by a light Lunch**

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, TELFORD AVE, BALMORAL
RSVP 11/09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
Email: ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz
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Email: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz
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Pledge Giving Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-000
Mass Offering Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-001
SMACC Building Fund Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-004

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

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9am Mass
(other times by appointment)

Thank You
To Our Volunteers
Church Cleaning Roster
Sat 16 Sep 2023
Tongan Community
Sat 23 Sep 2023
MDM Youth Group
Flower Arrangement Roster
Sat 16 Sep 2023
Samoan Community
Sat 23 Sep 2023
Telesia & May

Parish Office:
Phone: (09) 828 9309
Tue – Fri: 9.15am – 3.30pm
Monday: Closed
School Office:
Phone: (09) 828 5599



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

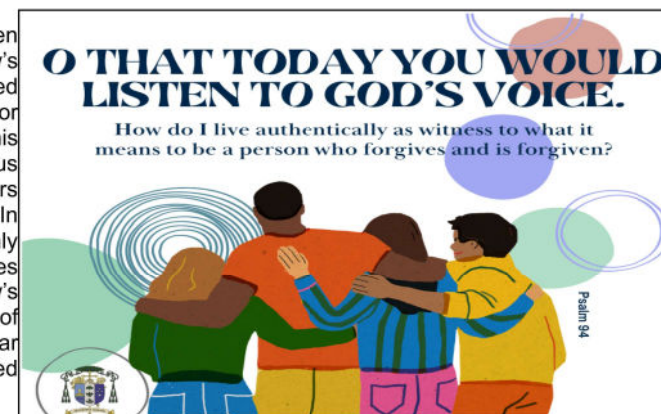
*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga
Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*

~ TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 10 SEP 23 ~

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 | Ps 65 | Romans 13: 8-10 | Matthew 18: 15-20

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.



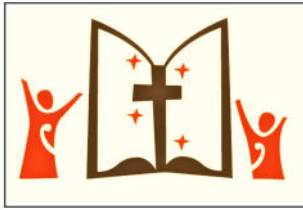
In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven must be like children, and He cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; He acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers His disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Excerpt from Loyola Press – Sunday Connection – Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~



Maori Language Week starts on Monday 11th September. The week's theme is "Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – Making the Language Stronger" and making Māori stronger in your Miha/Mass is something the National Liturgy Office is keen for your parish and school to try. The National Liturgy Office has prepared resources including incorporating responses at Mass in Te Reo Māori. Go here for the resources: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori-11-17-hepetema-2023/

Masterclass 16th September 3.30pm: Auckland Catholic Ministries to Young People is excited to bring you our third Masterclass of 2023. Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai! Keep an eye on our socials as we announce our awesome workshop presenters! If you're a youth or young adult leader, you NEED to be at Masterclass. Due to venue space, registrations are limited, so don't miss out on this fantastic formation opportunity. We can't wait to have you join us! Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact felicitym@cda.org.nz with any queries.

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest issue of the NZ Catholic is available to purchase from the Church foyer. Price \$4.00/each. Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin angels to stand at Cathedral high altar again. Family gathering with prelate for Opus Dei members. Auckland Catholic College to get \$20 million Science Facility. Alleged multiplication of hosts investigated as possible Eucharistic miracle.

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry: www.facebook.com/AKCYM
www.instagram.com/acym2 | Contact: Sam Brebner – samb@cda.org.nz

Catholic University Ministry: www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy
www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

2023 marks 50 years since Sr. Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. G.I.F.T (Grow in Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. Sunday 17 September, 11am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. RSVP by 11 Sept to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back!

It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush from Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and Celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer, please email: louisar@cda.org.nz



The **Instrumentum Laboris** is the official working document for the October gathering of the Synod on Synodality. All have been invited to engage with the document. The diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> contains basic details of structure and purpose. It includes the following link to a short introductory video created by the Palmerston North diocese. <https://youtu.be/9qt3Uzqvwgo?si=345bIEkXGybwkLKx>

The Season of Creation: A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: in this Season of Creation, we pray that "justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures". *Pope Francis.*



Special Acknowledgments

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Selina Doyle | Po'uliva'ati Funaki | Suzanne Avito |
Marquez Jessop

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for the loved ones of those who have died recently, especially:

Moe Avito | Bev Fisher | Ina Ruby Schuster

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Mary Bell | Sr. Frances Stewart rsm | Leo Shiel |

Ruta Thomsen



~ TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 17 SEPT 2023 ~

Sirach 27: 30-28: 7 | Ps 103 | Romans 14: 7-9 | Matthew 18: 21-35

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Joe James	Parish Youth Mass	Don Perera
Word	1 st : Joseph Katoa 2 nd : Keith Simento	Parish Youth Mass	1 st : Leena Rebello 2 nd : Celine George
Holy Communion	Tevita Funaki Agnes Gruijters Autu Isaia	Fololina A'Costa Teresita Minerva Down Bastiana Joseph Mary	Edmar Oliveira
Choir/Musicians	MDM Youth Group	Parish Youth 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

ELECTION FORUM 2023

Hosted by Caritas Aotearoa NZ and the Auckland Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

All Major Political Party Candidates will be present
Live Entertainment
Refreshments provided

WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL

SEPTEMBER 14 2023 | 6:30PM – 9PM
ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY,
126 RUSSEL ROAD, MANUREWA
CONTACT DEACON SANELE FOR MORE
INFORMATION | 027 267 3210

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married?

Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here:
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 30 hours to complete. This is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on 021 02247442.