

<i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 18th – Sunday 24th September 2023</i>	
Mon, 18 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Tue, 19 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Wed, 20 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 21 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 21 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Fri, 22 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 23 Sep	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 10.00am, Whare Iti
Sat, 23 Sep	** Church Cleaning 12.00pm – 2.30pm: MDM Youth Group **
Sat, 23 Sep	** Church Flowers 12.00pm – 2.30pm: Telesia & May **
Sat, 23 Sep	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iti
Sat, 23 Sep	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 23 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 23 Sep	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 23 Sep	Tongan Community Choir / Lataki Youth Choir, 5pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 24 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 24 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 24 Sep	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 24 Sep	Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 24 Sep	Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 24 Sep	Latai Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room

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)



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

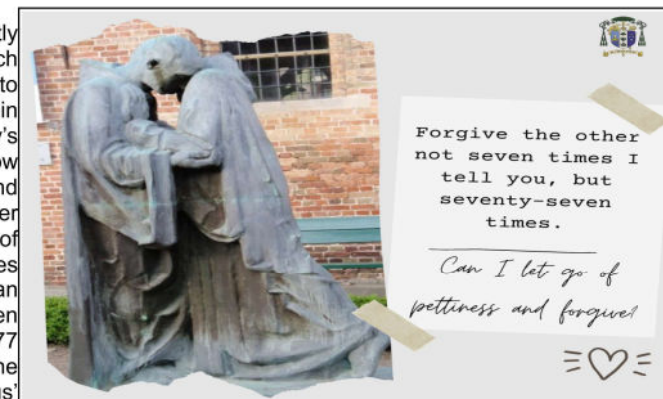
*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga
Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*

~ TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 17 SEP 23 ~

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

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of His initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.



The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt – a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity – the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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

Register Now

Bachelor of Divinity
Graduate Diploma in Theology

- Study on campus or online
- Study full-time or part-time

Enrolment opens September 25

ctc.ac.nz

FOR MORE INFO
admin@ctc.ac.nz
(09) 361 1053

Thank You
To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 23 Sep 2023

MDM Youth Group

Sat 30 Sep 2023

Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary,
Hoglund Family, L Rebello,
N Dsouza, A Mothibe

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 23 Sep 2023

Telesia & May

Sat 30 Sep 2023

Tongan Community

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
Email: ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz
Parish Secretary: Gwendoline Jessop
Email: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz
Website: www.avondalecatholic.org.nz
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale
School Principal: Kathryn Hira
Email: principal@stmarysavondale.school.nz

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

Pledge Giving Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-000

Mass Offering Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-001

SMACC Building Fund Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-004

~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

St. Mary's Catholic School Centennial Weekend:

What a fantastic celebration we had for our school's 100 Years last weekend. Thank you to the Organising Committee of Paula Betham, Lina Faiva, Jane Benedito, Chairlene Muller, Marie Sio, Jewelz Lilomaiaava, Lesina Turua, and Pa Peter. A special thank you to our Parish and School family for your generous donations towards raffles and fundraisers, and for your 100% support of everything we did to raise funds and make the weekend such a success! We are blessed and humbled!!

The School has dedicated Room 12 as a "Journey through Time" exhibition of 100 years of St. Mary's Catholic School. This room is open for viewing during school hours only. Just pop into the School Office to check in with Reception and be prepared to spend some time looking at the beautiful displays of art, photographs and stories.

You might also like to "touch" the Taonga Whakanui (Rock) that commemorates the 100 years of St. Mary's Catholic School, which was blessed and unveiled on Friday 8th September 2023. This Kohatu was sourced from the Whau River that runs adjacent to our property, and connects us to Papatuanuku, the earth and mana whenua, Te Kawerau ā Maki.



The Season of Creation: A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: in this Season of Creation, we pray that we "heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice". *Pope Francis*.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St. Francis Retreat Centre: For more info/dates and to book, visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 6256651. **Time Out Days:** For those who seek a day retreat – 9.30am to 2.30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec. **24Hr Prayer Retreat for Women:** Join us for a reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration | Sat 7 Oct 3pm – Sun 8 Oct 3pm | Earlybird (before 24/9) \$130/pp | Standard \$150/pp (All meals and accommodation included). **Contemplative Prayer Retreat:** Want to deepen your faith? Join us to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition | Sat 7 Oct 10am – 4pm | Earlybird (before 23 Sept) \$65 | Standard (after 23 Sept) \$85.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND ETHNIC CHAPLAINCIES

Rise Up & Shine Festival

DAY 1 - Saturday 7 October 2023
Kids Activities, Food Stalls and Cultural Shows
Starts 9:00am - Sancta Maria School, Flatbush

DAY 2 - Sunday 8 October 2023
THANKSGIVING MASS
1:30pm - St Luke Church, Flatbush

MAIN CELEBRANT
Bishop Steve,
with 7 x Ethnic Chaplains

KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.
CELEBRATE OUR
ONENESS IN
CHRIST

A liturgy of Repentance
and Reconciliation

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue.

The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a liturgy of repentance and reconciliation.
Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe

Wednesday | 25 October
7:30 pm
Methodist Church,
427 Lake Road, Takapuna

God in Christ Reconciling
Unity and Communion

Special Acknowledgments

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Shirley Adap Amanao | Patrick Katoa | Lawrence Endemann | Luana Schmidt | Malia Ali

RECENT DEATHS

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

Peter Leonard

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Elizabeth Augustine
Henrietta Schaumkell

THE LEGION OF MARY

Invites you all to

Marian Day 2023

Mass • Benediction • Guest Speakers • Catholic Supplies

8AM - 3PM | 7TH OCTOBER
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
(130 Church Street, Onehunga)

For more information, contact:
Mark - 027 650 6908 or John - 020 430 0050
legionofmarynz@gmail.com / www.legionofmary.org.nz

St Joseph wants you!

Calling any man wanting St Joseph's help

Come and find out how to be a man like St Joseph.

Why? For help, guidance, companionship, support, or encouragement.

When? 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 27 September

Where? Saint John Paul II Centre for Life
569A Richardson Road, Mt Roskill

Want to know more?
Call me - Simon Archer (Family Life International) - 021 400 729

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.

~ TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 24 SEPT 2023 ~

Isaiah 55: 6-9 | Ps 145 | Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 | Matthew 20: 1-16

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Mark Simento	Meleane Tu'ima <i>* Changed from roster</i>	Teena Roy
Word	1 st : Rachel Suesue 2 nd : Ronald D'Silva	1 st : Apriljoy Avito 2 nd : Amanda Bucumi	1 st : Shehani Thamel 2 nd : Ruth Xavier
Holy Communion	Jacinta James Colleen Lewis Richard Miranda	Ausage Lata Faasavalu Leavai Lagi Lilo	Wilfrid Rodrigues
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Filipino Choir)	Tongan Children's 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