

Dates for your Diary: Monday 25th September – Sunday 1st October 2023

Wed, 27 Sep	Lataki Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 28 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 28 Sep	Friendly Choir practice, 6.30pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 28 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 30 Sep	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 10.00am, Whare Iti
Sat, 30 Sep	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: B Joseph Mary, Hoglund Family, N Dsouza, A Mothibe **
Sat, 30 Sep	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Tongan Community **
Sat, 30 Sep	Samoan Sunday School Po Siva, 10am – 3pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 30 Sep	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iti
Sat, 30 Sep	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 30 Sep	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 30 Sep	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 30 Sep	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 1 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 1 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 1 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iti (M Tapuoa)
Sun, 1 Oct	Tongan Community Monthly Meeting, 12pm – 2pm, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 24th SEP 23 ~

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

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where He is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow Him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offence to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. This is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, He offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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

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For more information, contact:
Mark - 027 450 6908 or John - 020 430 0050
legionofmarynz@gmail.com / www.legionofmary.org.nz

Thank You
To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 30 Sep 2023

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

Sat 7 Oct 2023

Samoan Sunday School

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 30 Sep 2023

Tongan Community

Sat 7 Oct 2023

Friendly Flower Group

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
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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 ~

Children's Liturgy: Please note there is no Children's Liturgy during the School Holidays. Children's Liturgy resumes on Sunday 15th October at the 10.30am Mass.

Anointing Mass – Saturday 30th September 2023 at 9.00am: This Mass is especially for those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing – Healing for your life and faith journey! Morning tea will be served afterwards, compliments of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul group.



"SAVALI OLE FILEMU" – Saturday 30th September 2023: Makalita Edwards at 84 years of age is standing up, calling for action by leading a PEACE MARCH along Ponsonby Road where many Pacific families encountered the trauma of the DAWN RAIDS. Sharing her testimony for the first time, she is prompted to encourage her generation to share their story. The peace march is to bring healing to the community, rising above the DAWN RAIDS and requesting a pathway to residency for the people. We will gather at 8am at the top of Franklin Road, Ponsonby and walk to Western Park at 10am. Bring a photo of your loved one if they have passed away so they will be remembered. Wear black and white (black symbolising the past and white for the healing). For more information please contact: Mesepa Edwards – Mobile: 0221582511.

The Season of Creation: A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission – In this Season of Creation, we pray "that we grow as people, to harmonise our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life." *Pope Francis.*

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest issue of NZ Catholic is available from the Church foyer. Price \$4 each. Some headlines for this issue: Joy as Sr Marie Ange of Jesus makes final Carmelite profession. Bishops urge politicians to focus on issues not trivia ahead of election. Care and consolation at Mass for Loss of a Child. Church's penal law provides protection for people.

Celebration Sunday, 1 October 2023, is celebrated in parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. While we wait and pray for Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and the world. www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday

YOUR VOTE COUNTS



**AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL ELECTION 14 OCTOBER 2023**



"The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland has put together this leaflet to consider some election issues in the light of our faith. The Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching point to a care and concern for our neighbours especially the poor and vulnerable. This is what should inform our vote."
— Bishop Steve Lowe

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th October, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy (sung), Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St. Faustina's relic. All welcome.

Make a conscious voting decision this General Election by being informed in the light of faith through the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. Please refer to the leaflet 'Your Vote Counts' issued by Bishop Lowe and the Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more information.

Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod Assembly starting in Rome on 4 October, has invited all the faithful to participate in **prayer for the Synod from today Sunday 24 September with Prayers for Intercession.** A Vatican News article about Cardinal Grech's letters to the bishops asking for everyone to join in the prayers is here: www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html

~ Special Announcements ~

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Desiree Tepania and Daniel Manners who were married here at St. Mary's yesterday.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Rachael Fatialofa | Regina Tovia | Amata (Sefo) Avito |
Fa'asavalu Leavai | Rose Simento

RECENT DEATHS

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

Pat Clayson (Colleen Lewis' sister in-law)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Telesia Fonoti | Frank D'Souza | Billy Fiu | Kodhamd

SUNDAY 01 OCT 2023

compassion
te pūaroa

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

United in compassionate love - Kua kotahi i roto i te Pūaroa

'Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all'
'Kia haere rawa kore ana tātou, koia, ka manaakihia te katoa'
Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 1 OCTOBER 2023 ~

Ezekiel 18: 25-28 | Ps 25 | Philippians 2: 1-11 | Matthew 21: 28-32

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Kapitania Funaki	Maleta Fononga	Sifo Gisa
Word	1 st : Kalolaine Funaki 2 nd : Mara Fatunu'u	1 st : David Faalau-Solia 2 nd : Sesoni Camaitoga	1 st : Celine George 2 nd : Demelza Colaco
Holy Communion	Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala Otessa Ale	Beatrice Nguinzira Sr Amalia MC Sr Josie MC	Edmar Oliveira
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Joe James)	Tongan Community Choir	Congregation / Choir (Jeffery Nathan)

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