

Dates for your Diary: Monday 2 nd – Sunday 8 th October 2023	
Wed, 4 Oct	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 5 Oct	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 5 Oct	Friendly Choir practice, 6.30pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 5 Oct	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 7 Oct	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 10.00am, Whare Iti
Sat, 7 Oct	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Samoan Sunday School **
Sat, 7 Oct	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Friendly Flower Group **
Sat, 7 Oct	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iti
Sat, 7 Oct	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 7 Oct	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 7 Oct	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 7 Oct	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 8 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 8 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 8 Oct	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 8 Oct	Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 8 Oct	Mother Mary Prayer Meeting (Tongan Community), 4pm – 5pm, 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 1st OCT 23 ~

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

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Celebration Sunday, 1 October 2023, is celebrated in parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The theme of 'United in compassionate love – Kua kotahi i roto i te Pūaroa', has been chosen for this year's Celebration Sunday. 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.

This year the Sisters of Compassion highlight the 100-Year Anniversary of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. In doing so, they highlighted Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's great love and care of Māori and all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society. Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, let us be encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirmed and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words 'Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all'. The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hōhepa. May you be blessed by Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.

www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday



The Corinthians – who were they?

with Kieran Fenn fms



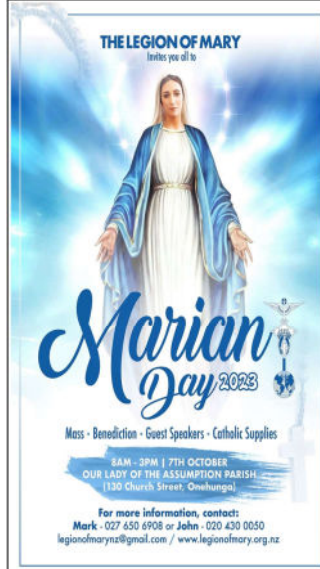
"Love is patient, love is kind..."
This is maybe the most famous quote from one of St Paul's Letters to the Corinthians. Who were the Corinthians and how did Corinth look like in the time of Paul?

Corinth was actually a vibrant city – it was the great cross-road of the ancient world. It was famous for the Corinthian Games, where young people took part in competitions: women were driving war chariots and contested in a 200 metre sprint but also in playing the lyre. The church cut across socio-economic structure and mixed people together. Paul introduced a new Community of Faith where all members were free.

Kieran Fenn fms is a Bible scholar and has spent more than 40 years in Adult Education, teaching Scripture in New Zealand and abroad.



The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms
Monday, 09 October 2023, 7-8.30pm (ZOOM)
Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated.
For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz



Thank You To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 7 Oct 2023

Samoan Sunday School

Sat 14 Oct 2023

Parish Youth Group

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 7 Oct 2023

Friendly Flower Group

Sat 14 Oct 2023

Samoan Community

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
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Parish Office:
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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

Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion
to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to You.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the
Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the
underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of Your
true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

Amen.

~ 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.

The Season of Creation: A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission – In this Season of Creation, we pray "to transform our hearts, lifestyles and public policies to heal our common home." *Pope Francis.*

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

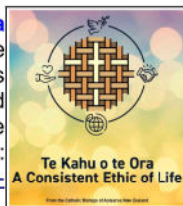
Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th October, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy (sung), Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St. Faustina's relic. All welcome.

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 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

The Sisters of Mercy invite all those pondering religious life to 'Prayer and Meal' Evening. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Chris Skinner. WHEN: Wednesday 4th October 2023. WHERE: Hou Mana Wai – Mercy Well Springs, 104 The Drive, Epsom. TIME: 6.30pm. All are welcome! Contact: 0210360781.

The Catholic bishops have updated and expanded for the 2020s **Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life**; a significant document which inspires the active protection and promotion of all life. Bishop Steve Lowe, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President and Bishop of Auckland, says the revised and expanded version of Te Kahu o te Ora "reminds us that all life is a gift of God." It can be downloaded from the NZCBC website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>



Family Life Catholic Gifts: We are in the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary and here at Family Life Catholic Gifts, we would like to celebrate this wonderful and necessary devotion, with a great sale – 20% OFF ALL ROSARIES. Our Rosaries are brought in from various countries including Italy, Portugal, Brazil and the United Kingdom. The sale will run from 1st - 14th October, which encompasses two Marian feast days – the Holy Rosary, October 7th and the 106th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima on October 13th. Visit us at our shop – 569 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, or online at www.catholicgifts.co.nz. Proceeds from shop sales support the very important work of Family Life International in promoting Life, Faith and Family.

9 November – The **Pompallier Diocesan Centre**, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the Diocese... and a mystery to many. On the **9th November from 4pm – 7.30pm** you are invited to an **Open Home** at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchase liturgical resources and more.

Evangelion and the Hamilton Diocese is bringing over Cy Kellett, international speaker from the USA on 2nd - 7th October to give a number of talks on a range of interesting topics across the Auckland and Hamilton Dioceses. For tickets, please visit: www.evangelion.co.nz/events. *EVANGELION: An apostolate on a mission to bring renowned Catholic speakers to Aotearoa to share their faith and set the NZ Church on fire with passion and zeal. Our vision is to evangelise our great nation by equipping people to go out and spread the Good News, with the knowledge they have gained.*

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Fotu Hoglund | Seletute Tu'ima | Viliani Tu'ima |
Melesiu Katoa | Sesoni Siokivaha

RECENT DEATHS

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

Peter Healey | Patu Hohepa | Leo Lui

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Thomas Smith



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

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika



GAUDETE


ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese.

3pm - 6pm Saturday, 25th November 2023
Sir Woolf Fisher Arena
(770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104)

For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha | Free Parking Available

Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal



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Have any questions?
Contact: (09) 360 3061 | liturgycentre@cda.org.nz
or visit our webpage: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/gaudeite

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 1 OCTOBER 2023 ~

Isaiah 5: 1-7 | Ps 80 | Philippians 4: 6-9 | Matthew 21: 33-43

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	Patricia Leavai	Hiruni Peiris
Word	1 st : Maninoa Funaki 2 nd : Malia Funaki	1 st : Kisina Halangahu 2 nd : Rosalyn Fononga	1 st : Cynthia Paul 2 nd : Raia Mathias
Holy Communion	Paula Betham Liston Colaco Tevita Funaki	Sr. Damielene MC Malia Tu'ima Otolata Tu'ima	Succurine Rodrigues
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Esther Tu'u)	Samoan Community Choir	Friendly Choir

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