

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

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

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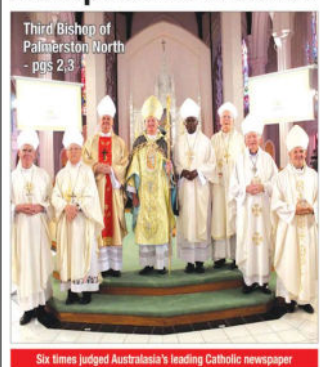
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NZ bishops update
consistent ethic
of life document

Bishops' 2023
general election
statement

Bishop Adams ordained



Six Times Judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

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)



To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 14 Oct 2023

Parish Youth Group

Sat 21 Oct 2023

Legion of Mary

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 14 Oct 2023

Samoan Community

Sat 21 Oct 2023

Telesia & May



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 8th OCT 23 ~

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

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of His teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

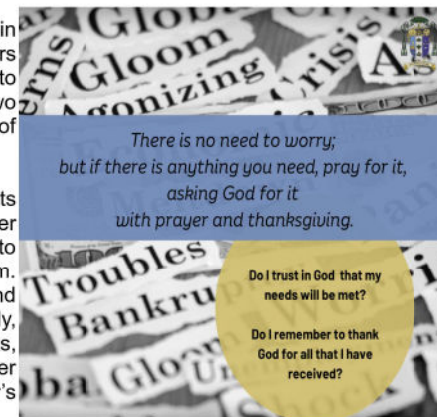
After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5: 1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12: 1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways – through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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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.

Pa Peter is away in Rotorua at the National Assembly of Diocesan Priests from 9th - 13th October 2023: Please note that there are NO MASSES from Tuesday to Friday. There are Liturgies of the Word with Communion on the following dates: Tuesday 10th Oct at 9am, Wednesday 11th Oct at 9am and Friday 13th Oct at 9am. Thanks to Colleen Lewis, one of our Lay Leaders of Liturgy, for leading these for us. Please keep Pa and all our priests and bishops attending the Assembly in your prayers.

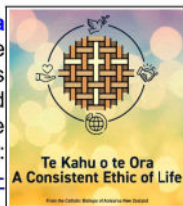


Sunday Lunch at the Spider – Today (8th Oct) from 12pm to 4pm: Free hot lunch, free food parcels, free fresh produce, free clothing and household goods, free kids activities for the whole whanau. Check out the stall provided by Avondale parishioners near the big Avondale Spider in the Avondale Town Centre. All welcome! Evangelising as Catholic Youth to bring all our communities together.

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.

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest NZ Catholic is available from the Church foyer today. Price \$4.00 each. Some headlines for this issue: Bishop John Adams ordained in Palmerston North. General Election Bishops' Statement and Party Policies. Catholic bookstore organised in Christchurch parish. New youth hub opened in Auckland.

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. 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.

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 at 7.30pm, Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

Exploring Sacred Spaces started on 30 September. You can still participate in October. For more information, please see website at <https://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2023/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandinterfaithcouncil>. These are open events with no registration necessary but as the respective hosts are planning to offer a cuppa with their event, it would be great if you could let us know if you are planning to join us.

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.

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Katelyn Rewcastle | Timote Funaki

Teresita Minerva Down

RECENT DEATHS

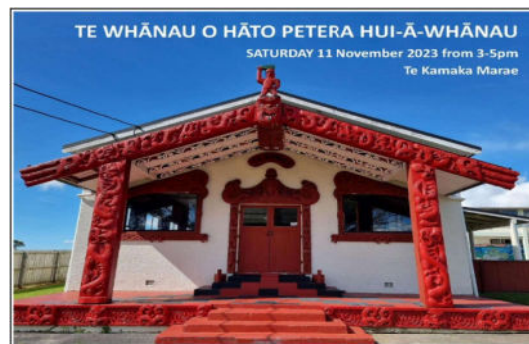
We pray for the loved ones of those who have died recently, especially:

Paul Thomsen | Br. Gerard Mahony fms

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Thomas Jessop



~ TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 15 OCTOBER 2023 ~

Isaiah 25: 6-10 | Ps 23 | Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 | Matthew 22: 1-14

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Joe James	Parish Youth Mass	Teena Roy
Word	1 st : Fotu Hoglund 2 nd : Susan Healy	Parish Youth Mass	1 st : Leena Rebello 2 nd : Don Perera
Holy Communion	Agnes Gruijters Autu Isaia Jacinta James	Fololina A'Costa Teresita M Down Bastiana Joseph Mary	Edmar Oliveira
Choir/Musicians	MDM Youth Choir	Parish Youth Choir	Congregation / Choir (Edwards 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

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

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

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.