

Dates for your Diary: Monday 23 rd – Sunday 29 th October 2023	
Wed, 25 Oct	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 26 Oct	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 26 Oct	Samoa Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Fri, 27 Oct	Tongan Sunday School – Rosary, 6pm – 7pm, Church
Sat, 28 Oct	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iki
Sat, 28 Oct	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Lataki Youth Group **
Sat, 28 Oct	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Group **
Sat, 28 Oct	Sacramental Programme classes, 3pm – 4pm, Meeting Room 2, Fr McGrath Rm & Whare Iki
Sat, 28 Oct	Sacramental Programme sessions for parents, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 28 Oct	Samoa Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 28 Oct	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iki
Sat, 28 Oct	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 29 Oct	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 29 Oct	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 29 Oct	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iki (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 29 Oct	Tongan Sunday School, 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 NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 22nd OCT 23 ~

Readings: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 | Ps 96 | 1Thessalonians 1: 1-5 | Matthew 22: 15-21

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that He take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, He shows Himself to be an enemy of Rome. If He answers with the Herodians, He offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap Him exposes the guile of His questioners. From His first words to them, Jesus shows that He is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to Him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes His response one step further. He asks that His questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

Excerpt from www.loyolapress.com – Sunday Connection – Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Gospel of Mark
with Kieran Fenn fms

The Gospel of Mark is a gospel of pace.
In this gospel Jesus is active. Jesus shows us that his leadership is not about greatness but about service. Jesus, the Son of God, leads us from darkness to light. He never gives up on failing disciples. The Cross is essential but is not the end.

In these two sessions, we are preparing ourselves for the new Church Year in which we will be journeying through Gospel of Mark. This is the shortest and oldest of the four gospels.

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 Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms
Mondays, 13 & 20 November 2023, 7-8.30pm (ZOOM)
Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated.
For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

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Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 28 Oct 2023
Lataki Youth Group

Sat 4 Nov 2023
Samoa Community

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 28 Oct 2023
Divine Mercy Group

Sat 4 Nov 2023
Tongan Community

Parish Priest:	Pa Peter Tipene	Parish Office:
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Website:	www.avondalecatholic.org.nz	School Office:
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale	Phone: (09) 828 5599
School Principal:	Kathryn Hira	
Email:	principal@stmarysavondale.school.nz	
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 ~

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest issue of the NZ Catholic is available from the Church foyer. Price is \$4. Some headlines for this issue: NZ bishops react to papal exhortation on ecology. University debate on science and miracles. The modern dating scene for single Catholics in NZ. Are our Sunday Masses too long?

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Auckland Diocese is now accepting applications for scholarship for 2024 – **The Ruth Miller Scholarship** is available towards a Bachelor Degree or Graduate Diploma in Theology. The **Jubilee Bursary** is offered for theological and religious education studies. These programmes are offered at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Enrolment for 2024 is ongoing. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/scholarships. To enrol, go to <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply>

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore: All men are invited to a meeting on **Wed 25 Oct at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna**. There will be a video presentation on: 'Catholic Masculinity' followed by a discussion on what Joshua 2024 will be like. We value your input and look forward to your presence. There will be time for a cuppa and shared conversation following. For more information, please contact Russell 022 0345678.

Awareness Living: The Power of Thought to Nourish Life. Saturday 28 October 9.30am – 1pm facilitated by Katrina Brill rsj. Registrations by 24th October 2023.

Requiem Mass for ALL SOULS: All are welcome to attend a **Mass for the Faithfully Departed – All Souls, 7pm Thursday 2 November 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham St.** The Book of Remembrance will be available to sign in the front of the Cathedral by Our Lady's Chapel for the month of November. Please feel free to write down the names of your loved ones who have died. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car park on Durham Lane (\$3). Parking with a discounted rate (\$4.50) is available at the Hobson Street (Farmers) car park using the ParkMate App only. Please download the App, register your details and be sure to use the code: STPATS to access this discount.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd November 2023, 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 veneration of St. Faustina's relic. All welcome.

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.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region – The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry – www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant: We are seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to share the work of marriage preparation. The role involves liaison with Marriage Educator couples, administration, preparation of course material, and some hosting at courses. This is a part time roles of 16 hours per week, with occasional evening and weekend work. For full details and requirements, please visit the Diocesan website: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

~ Special Announcements ~

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Conner Halangahu & Kolokesa Tuliakiono, married here at St. Mary's on Saturday 21st October 2023.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Apoline D'Souza | Waka Wolfram-Funaki |
Ematisi Tahifote | Tonila Tahifote | Percyis Muliaga

RECENT DEATHS

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

Our beloved Parish Matriarch, Mary Healey, died peacefully at home on Thursday 19th October 2023 at the grand age of 103. Her funeral will take place here at St. Mary's later this week.

Sr. Marie Twomey OP
Peter Cole

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Betty Coutinho | Fr. Walter Gomes



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/gaude

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.

~ THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 29 OCTOBER 2023 ~

Exodus 22: 20-26 | Ps 18 | 1Thessalonians 1: 5-10 | Matthew 22: 34-40

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Meleane Tu'ima	Cynthia Paul
Word	1 st : Rachel Suesue 2 nd : Mark Simento	1 st : Loutoa Tu'ima 2 nd : Soanetai Tu'ima	1 st : Raisa Mathias 2 nd : Sifo Gisa
Holy Communion	Maselina Suisala Otessa Ale Paula Betham	Beatrice Ngurinzira Sr. Amalia MC Sr. Josie MC	Mariquinha Colaco
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir	Maori Community	Congregation / 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