

**Dates for your Diary: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

<b>Mon, 30 Oct</b>	Friendly Choir, 6.30pm – 8pm, Church
<b>Wed, 1 Nov</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY – Mass at 9.00am only</b>
<b>Thu, 2 Nov</b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY – Mass at 9.00am only</b>
<b>Thu, 2 Nov</b>	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
<b>Thu, 2 Nov</b>	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	<b>** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Samoan Community **</b>
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	<b>** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Tongan Community **</b>
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
<b>Sat, 4 Nov</b>	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
<b>Sun, 5 Nov</b>	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
<b>Sun, 5 Nov</b>	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
<b>Sun, 5 Nov</b>	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
<b>Sun, 5 Nov</b>	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

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*Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono*

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

**~ THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 29<sup>th</sup> OCT 23 ~**

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

## Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick Him into saying something that might get Him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22: 22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

### JESUS REPLIED:

**"YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD  
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND  
ALL YOUR MIND.**

**A SECOND IS EQUALLY  
IMPORTANT: LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF."**

**MATTHEW 22: 37-39**

## 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.



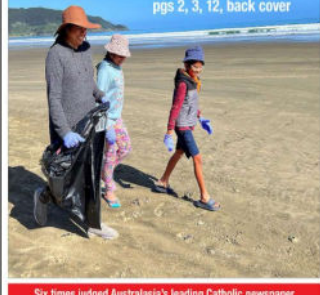
The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms  
Mondays, 13 & 20 November 2023, 7-8.30pm (ZOOM)  
Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated.  
For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

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### Church Cleaning Roster

**Sat 4 Nov 2023**

Samoan Community

**Sat 11 Nov 2023**

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

### Flower Arrangement Roster

**Sat 4 Nov 2023**

Tongan Community

**Sat 11 Nov 2023**

Friendly Flower Group

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**Monday: Closed**

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Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarised in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

Excerpt from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) – Sunday Connection – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



## ~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

**Blessing of the Suzanne Aubert Icon:** On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October we celebrated the life, spirituality, and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. Today we are blessing the Suzanne Aubert Icon. It will serve as a reminder for us to continue to pray for her beatification. The next step in the journey is the recognition of a first miracle which would result in Pope Francis awarding her the title "Blessed", the penultimate step on the path to her being declared "Saint". She continues to be known as Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert, a woman of outstanding Christian virtue."



### 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 Māori 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.



**All Saints Day:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – 9.00am Mass only

**All Souls Day:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 – 9.00am Mass only

**Basket of Remembrance for November:** A Basket will remain in front of the Altar for the month of November, into which names of deceased loved ones you wish to have remembered can be placed in the basket at any time. All those named in the basket will be especially remembered at all our Parish Masses. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

**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.

**End of Year College Masses & Farewell to Year 13 students:** St Dominic's College – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am – School Hall | Liston College – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11.30am – School Auditorium | Marcellin College – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 11.30am – School Auditorium.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Kathryn Hira | Louise Cheeseborough | Georgina & Elizabeth Katoa | Julie Bagby | Tamati Angell | Alberta Angell

### RECENT DEATHS

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

Rex Willcox  
Colin Harris

Siava (Java) Sinisa – died as a result of a motorcycle accident. His family service will take place here at St. Mary's on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, 7pm – 11pm. His funeral will also be held at St. Mary's on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 10.00am

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Frank Jaskiewicz | Tarun Asthana | Luke Tipene



## Gospel for kidz

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## ~ THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 5<sup>th</sup> NOV 2023 ~

Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10 | Ps 131 | 1Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13 | Matthew 23: 1-12

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Mara Fatunu'u	Amanda Bucumi	Hiruni Peiris
Word	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kapitania Funaki 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kalolaine Funaki	1 <sup>st</sup> : David Faalau-Solia 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sesonai Camaitoga	1 <sup>st</sup> : Leena Rebello 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Don Perera
Holy Communion	Liston Colaco Tevita Funaki Agnes Gruijters	Sr. Damielene MC Sr. Lucy Agnes MC Malia Tu'ima	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](mailto:office@avondalecatholic.org.nz)

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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](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz) or call Gerry on 021 02247442.