

Dates for your Diary: Monday 6th – Sunday 12th November 2023

Wed, 8 Nov	Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 9 Nov	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 9 Nov	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 11 Nov	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti
Sat, 11 Nov	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Group **
Sat, 11 Nov	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Friendly Flower Group **
Sat, 11 Nov	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 11 Nov	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 11 Nov	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 12 Nov	Tongan Community monthly meeting, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 12 Nov	Mother Mary Prayer Group (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*

~ **THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** ~ 5th NOVEMBER 23 ~

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

Gospel Reflection

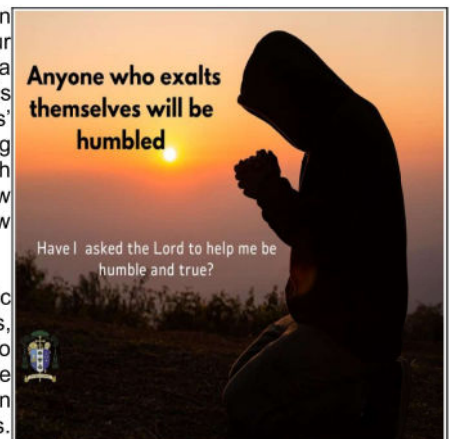
Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son". Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs His words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing His teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.



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

NZCatholic

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Young people told about navigating today's cultural crisis 10

Social housing challenges under the new government 20

New bishop for Hamilton Diocese



Bishop-elect
Richard Laurens
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Thank You

To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 11 Nov 2023

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sat 18 Nov 2023

Friends of the Parish

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 11 Nov 2023

Friendly Flower Group

Sat 18 Nov 2023

Samoan Community

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
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Tue – Fri: 9.15am – 3.30pm

Monday: Closed

School Office:

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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 ~

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."*

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.



World Day of the Poor 2023: Join us in making a difference: Sunday 19 November 2023 marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4: 7). **Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment:** Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. **Get Involved!** Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world.

Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! **Caritas website:** <https://www.caritas.org.nz> | **Caritas Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/caritasaotearoa> **Caritas Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/@caritasaotearoa>

You are warmly welcomed to join us for our final Auckland Divine Renovation event for the year. We will be watching the recorded session of **Revival and Renewal – Watch Party**. This promises to be excellent with speakers including Fr James Mallon, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Bishop Andrew Cozzens. 6Pm at 30 New Street, Ponsonby, Monday 6th November 2023. Dinner provided. Please register at <https://divinerenovation.org/events>. For more information, please contact Cheryl Surrey on Cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org or Stephenf@cda.org.nz

Marriage & Family: Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2-6 hours a week to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course. We are especially looking for married couples who are fluent in English and either Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

Advent Retreat: Saturday 2nd December 2023, 8am – 2pm, St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr. Robert Loretz. Join us as we interpret the deeper mysteries of the incarnation using the 'Four Senses of Sacred Scripture'. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. For more information, visit <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/advent-retreat>

Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland – Seeking part-time Chef: Our much-loved, long-standing chef is retiring, so we are seeking a part-time chef for 30 hours per week over 5 days (Sunday to Thursday non-negotiable), commencing early February 2024. Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, working within budgets, as well as 1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required term-time only (32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Wednesday 15th November 2023

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Sean Percy Membrere
Lagi Fonoti
Moy Tham
Siaosi Tu'ima
Janet Jensen

RECENT DEATHS

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

Gustav Wolfgramm
Faleula Pouhila



Gospel for kidz

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Thirty-First-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

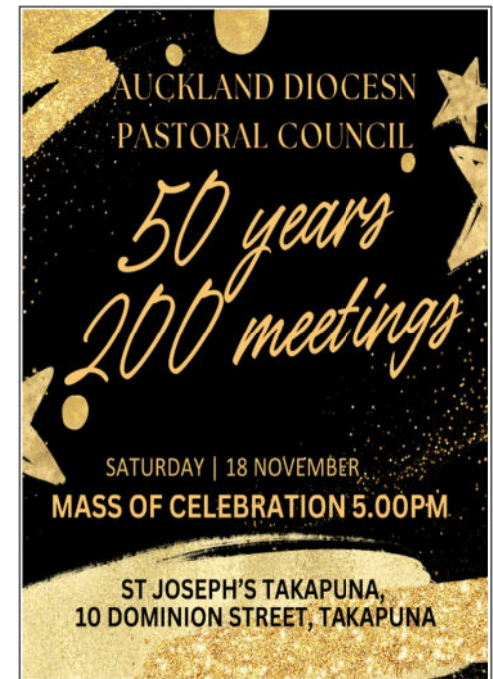
Thirty First SUNDAY of OT
Exploring our Faith with Children
Parihaka -the story of passive movement in New Zealand, November 5th 1881.
Celebrating our November Saints

~ THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 12th NOV 2023 ~

Wisdom 6: 12-16 | Ps 63 | 1Thessalonians 4: 13-18 | Matthew 25: 1-13

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Malia Funaki	Maleta Fononga	Marisa Peiris
Word	1 st : Mafi Funaki-Tahifote 2 nd : Maninoa Funaki	1 st : Kisina Halangahu 2 nd : Rosalyn Fononga	1 st : Ruth Xavier 2 nd : To be confirmed
Holy Communion	Autu Isaia Jacinta James Colleen Lewis	'Otolata Tu'ima Leotisia Tu'ima Kefilini Tu'ima	Succrine 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



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.