

Dates for your Diary: Monday 20th – Sunday 26th November 2023

Wed, 22 Nov	Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 23 Nov	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 23 Nov	Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 25 Nov	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iri
Sat, 25 Nov	** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Tongan Community **
Sat, 25 Nov	** Church Flowers 9.30am – 12.00pm: Telesia & May **
Sat, 25 Nov	Sacramental Programme – REHEARSAL, 3pm – 4pm, Church
Sat, 25 Nov	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 25 Nov	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iri
Sat, 25 Nov	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 26 Nov	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Sun, 26 Nov	Confirmation & First Holy Communion, 10.30am Mass, Church (Sacramental Programme)
Sun, 26 Nov	Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 26 Nov	Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm

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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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 19th NOV 23 ~

Readings: Prov 31: 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 | Ps 128 | 1Thessalonians 5: 1-6 | Matthew 25: 14-30

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Well done good and faithful servant



Am I using my gifts in the service of the kingdom?

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE NEW ZEALAND

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023

- Wellington City
- Gather at Civic Square from 1pm.
- Marching to Parliament at 2pm.

www.marchforlife.nz

NZCatholic \$4

The national Catholic newspaper Nov. 19 - Dec. 3, 2023 • No. 674

Archbishop Martin receives the pallium in Wellington 3

The Catholic dating scene from the perspective of men 10

"We ask the Lord for peace"

Pope Francis marks the feast of All Souls pg 17

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

Thank You

To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 25 Nov 2023
Tongan Community

Sat 2 Dec 2023
To be confirmed

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 25 Nov 2023
Telesia & May

Sat 2 Dec 2023
Tongan Community

Parish Priest: Pa Peter Tipene
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Parish Office:
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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."*



World Day of the Poor 2023: Join us in making a difference: **TODAY 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>



Celebrate a fantastic year of youth ministry at our end-of-year **Celebration Mass – 2 December, 4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**. This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. We are excited to celebrate the many ways they have served in 2023. At this Mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards. These awards recognise young people who have made an outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the Mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community as we mark the conclusion of an amazing year of ministry.

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>

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. Every year we deliver more mess, more fun, and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have then #bestsummerever, then go to <https://www.lifeteen.nz> to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelb@cda.org.nz for queries.

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, eg: a couple would pay \$80 per night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. To purchase a book of details of hosts, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest issue of the NZ Catholic is available from the Church foyer. \$4 each.

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those with Birthdays at this time:

Dominic Avito
Clairlene Muller
Elaine Colaco

RECENT DEATHS

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

Matija McGowan

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Benedicta Miranda | Rennie D'Mello | Josephine Tipene
Fr. Walter Gomes | Amorin Peixoto



Gospel for kidz

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ThirtyThird-SUNDAYof-OT.pdf>

ThirtyThird SUNDAYof OT
Exploring our Faith with Children
World Day of the Poor 19th November
White Ribbon Day (for the Elimination of Violence against Women), 25 November
Celebrating our November Saints

You are invited to ACN's...

WITNESSES OF FAITH 2023 EVENING

The Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is honoured to be bringing to Auckland in November 2023 three very special guests from the Middle East and Nigeria as part of our 'Witnesses of Faith Tour' across Australia and New Zealand.

The first guest is the Melkite Catholic Patriarch, **His Beatitude Joseph Absi**; Second, **Sister Majella Dogonya**, a Dominican Sister from Nigeria; third, **Mr Xavier Stephen Bialis**, ACN's head of projects for Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

Each of them comes to share their own stories of Christian suffering and persecution and we know of course that the situations in both the Middle East and Nigeria are very difficult ones.

Entry to the evening is free but we will be seeking donations for specific projects of Aid to the Church in Need in the Middle East and Nigeria.

The event has been welcomed into the Diocese of Auckland by Bishop Stephen Lowe, who will be in attendance. The evening will involve prayer, reflection and testimony, and will conclude with a simple supper.

All are welcome!

Thursday 30 November 7.00-9.00pm
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland, New Zealand

SPECIAL NOTE: This visit of the Patriarch is the first major trip His Beatitude will make at the start of a one-year commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the full Communion with the Church of Rome, in 1924.

Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

For more information and to register, please visit www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses or email info@aidtochurch.org or phone 0800 242 322.

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.

~ CHRIST THE KING: 26th NOVEMBER 2023 ~

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	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Susan Healy	Sacramental Programme Candidates for Confirmation & First Holy Communion	Hiruni Peiris
Word	1 st : Joe James 2 nd : Fotu Hoglund		1 st : Leena Rebello 2 nd : Don Perera
Holy Communion	Tevita Funaki Agnes Grijters Autu Isaia Jacinta James Colleen Lewis	Ausage Lata Faasavalu Leavai Lagi Lilo Beatrice Ngurinzira Sr. Amalia MC	Wilfrid Rodrigues
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Filipino Choir)	Tongan Children's Choir	Congregation / Choir (Colaco 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