

<i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024</i>	
Wed, 7 Feb	Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Fr McGrath Room
Thu, 8 Feb	Samoa Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Thu, 8 Feb	Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 10 Feb	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti
Sat, 10 Feb	<b>** Church Cleaning 11.30am – 2.00pm:</b> MDM Youth Group **
Sat, 10 Feb	<b>** Church Flowers 11.30am – 2.00pm:</b> JAE Trio **
Sat, 10 Feb	Samoa Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sat, 10 Feb	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 10 Feb	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 11 Feb	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 11 Feb	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom)
Sun, 11 Feb	Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Whare Iti
Sun, 11 Feb	Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 11 Feb	Mother Mary Prayer meeting (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*

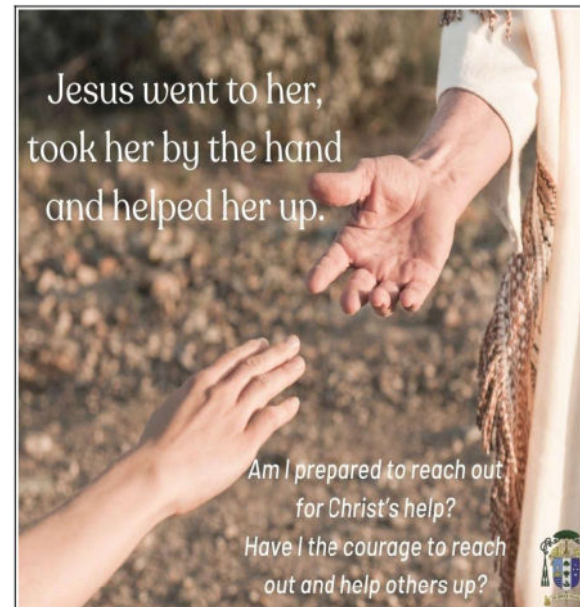
*Goal / Whainga*

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

## ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 4 February 2024 ~

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 | Ps 147 | 1Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1: 29-39

### Gospel Reflection



Jesus went to her,  
took her by the hand  
and helped her up.

Am I prepared to reach out  
for Christ's help?  
Have I the courage to reach  
out and help others up?

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and His disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to Him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew His identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for Him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples – they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to His disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed Himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found Him, He told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in His prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for His guidance and direction in our lives.

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

Auckland Catholic Singles  
30s & 40s  
Meet up  
@  
**LANTERN FESTIVAL**  
MANUKAU SPORTS BOWL  
24 FEBRUARY 6PM  
Te Irirangi Drive,  
Manukau City Centre,  
Auckland  
Email RSVP to get meeting location  
akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

**NZCatholic** \$4  
The national Catholic newspaper Jan. 28 - Feb. 10, 2024 • No. 617

2024 Clergy appointments for six NZ dioceses 2 Fr Mahir's journey – husband, father, priest 10

**Vale Cardinal Tom**

Cardinal Thomas Stafford Williams, ONZ, 1930-2023, pgs 3,7,8

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

**Thank You**  
To Our Volunteers

**Church Cleaning Roster**

**Sat 10 Feb 2024**  
MDM Youth Group

**Sat 17 Feb 2024**  
Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Hoglund Family, L Rebello, N Dsouza, A Mothibe

**Flower Arrangement Roster**

**Sat 10 Feb 2024**  
JAE Trio

**Sat 17 Feb 2024**  
No Flowers during Lent

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<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Gwendoline Jessop	<b>Tue – Fri:</b> 9.15am – 3.30pm
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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.avondalecatholic.org.nz">www.avondalecatholic.org.nz</a>	<b>School Office:</b>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale">www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale</a>	<b>Phone:</b> (09) 828 5599
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<b>Pledge Giving Account Number:</b> 02-0108-0706996-000		
<b>Mass Offering Account Number:</b> 02-0108-0706996-001		
<b>SMACC Building Fund Account Number:</b> 02-0108-0706996-004		



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

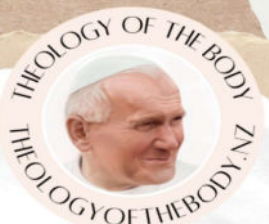
**The St. Mary's Parish Education Grant** was started over 20 years ago to provide financial assistance to those students in our local St. Mary's School and schools overseas, whose families are struggling to meet the costs of their children's educational needs. **We are constantly in need of new donors.** Are you able to assist with a monthly contribution of just \$10? Yes, just \$10 a month can help to make a huge life changing difference in a student's life. If you would like to be a part of this important work, you can set up an Automatic Payment to the Parish Bank Account 02-0108-0706996-000 through your bank. Please include the following details – **Reference:** Educ Grant | **Code:** (your phone number) | **Particulars:** (your surname and initials). This may also be set up through internet banking. Automatic Payment forms are also available in the Church foyer. All donations qualify for the usual tax deduction claim, and receipts are generated at the end of the Financial Year. If you would like to know more about this Special Outreach or would like more information, please feel free to contact any of the following: **Tony Rea:** [tonirea@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonirea@xtra.co.nz) | **Sumit Luis:** [sumit.luis@gmail.com](mailto:sumit.luis@gmail.com) | **Joe James:** [joejamesnz@yahoo.com](mailto:joejamesnz@yahoo.com)

**Palms for Ash Wednesday ashes:** We request those who had palms blessed last year on Palm Sunday to please bring them and place them in the basket kept in the Church foyer. They will be burnt to make ashes for the Ash Wednesday celebrations.

**YEAR OF PRAYER:** Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer> and will be updated regularly, particularly as resources become available through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:** Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and His people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."

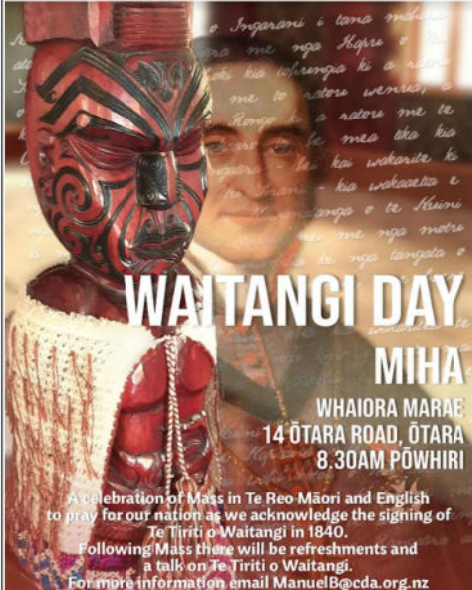
Past, present members of the **Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations**, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod's call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February, Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. RSVP [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) by 5<sup>th</sup> February.



**Men and Women and the Mystery of Love**  
(Based on JP II's Love and Responsibility)  
Young Adult Book Study  
7 x WEDNESDAY evenings 6.30-9pm  
Starting 7th February  
Hillsborough, Auckland

**Register at**  
[theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

**Theology of the Body BEGINNERS Course**  
"Human Love in the Divine Plan"  
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March  
Mission Bay, Auckland  
Open to all adults



**WAITANGI DAY MIHA**

WHAIOA MARAE  
14 ŌTARA ROAD, ŌTARA  
8.30AM PŌWHIRI

A celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.  
Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi.  
For more information email [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

## ~ Special Announcements ~

### RECENT DEATHS

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

Kazimierz Kalinowski  
Rebecca Morath  
Otto Frank Nelson

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ron Larsen  
John Walker  
Margaret Schipper  
Poumau Lino (Jack) Passi  
Arnaud Mayall  
Thomas Moynihan  
John Tuagalu  
Pa Mick Ryan mhm  
Emmanuelle Tovia

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

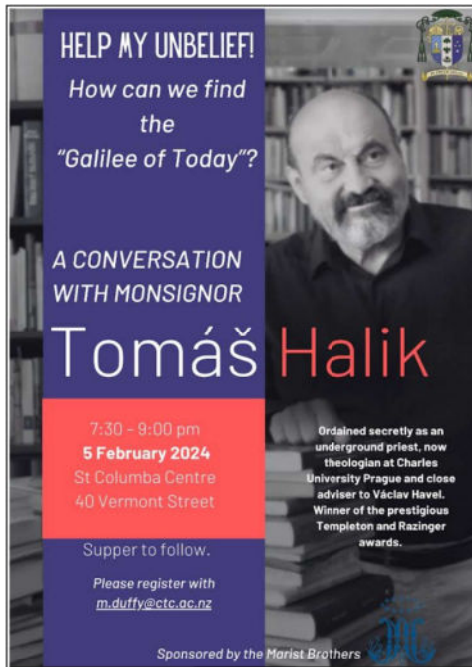


## ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: 11 February 2024 ~

*Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46 | 1Corinthians 10: 31-11:1 | Mark: 1: 40-45*

	Sunday, 8.30am Mass	Sunday, 10.30am Mass	Sunday, 6.00pm Mass
<b>Commentator</b>	Rachel Suesue	Apriljoy Avito	Marisa Peiris
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : Keith Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mark Simento	1 <sup>st</sup> : Loutoa Tu'ima 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Meleane Tu'ima	1 <sup>st</sup> : Cynthia Paul 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Hiruni Peiris
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala Otesa Ale Paula Betham Liston Colaco	Bastiana Joseph Mary Beatrice Ngurinzira Sr. Amalia MC Sr. Josie MC Sr. Damielene MC	Edmar Oliveira
<b>Choir/Musicians</b>	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](mailto:office@avondalecatholic.org.nz)



**HELP MY UNBELIEF!**  
How can we find the "Galilee of Today"?

**A CONVERSATION WITH MONSIGNOR Tomáš Halík**

7:30 - 8:00 pm  
**5 February 2024**  
St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont Street

Ordained secretly as an underground priest, now theologian at Charles University Prague and close adviser to Václav Havel. Winner of the prestigious Templeton and Razing awards.

Supper to follow.  
Please register with [m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz)

Sponsored by the Marist Brothers

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