

| <i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 18th – Sunday 24th March 2024</i> | |
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| Wed, 20 Mar | Lenten Reconciliation, 7pm, Church |
| Thu, 21 Mar | Samoa Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom) |
| Thu, 21 Mar | Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Fri, 22 Mar | Stations of the Cross, 6pm – 7pm, Church |
| Sat, 23 Mar | Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti |
| Sat, 23 Mar | ** Church Cleaning 9.30am – 12.00pm: Samoan Community ** |
| Sat, 23 Mar | Samoa Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1 (classroom) |
| Sat, 23 Mar | Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti |
| Sat, 23 Mar | Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sun, 24 Mar | Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sun, 24 Mar | Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1 (classroom) |
| Sun, 24 Mar | Samoa Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Whare Iti |
| Sun, 24 Mar | Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room |
| Sun, 24 Mar | Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm, Fr McGrath Room |

| <u>MASS SCHEDULE 2023</u> |
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| 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 LENT ~ 17th March 2024 ~

Readings: Jer 31: 31-34 | Ps 51 | Hebrews 5: 7-9 | John 12: 20-33

Gospel Reflection

Time for Sacrifice | Te Wā mō te Whakahere



Jesus speaks about His death

Ritual to Celebrate the Feast of St Joseph.

We invite you to come together to honour St Joseph, our patron and to celebrate how his life continues to be an inspiration for us today.

Date: Tuesday 19 March
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Chapel
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay
Led by: Sisters and Josephite Affiliates and Companions

Light tea will follow in the Meeting Room.

NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper March 10 - 23, 2024 • No. 430

Wgtn priest appointed as rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland 2 P. North Bishop calls for Catholic engagement in public square 5

Belonging in Church?

Mood in the pews explored in survey - pg 3

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

Thank You

To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 23 Mar 2024
Samoan Community

Sat 30 Mar 2024
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 23 Mar 2024
Tu'ima Family (All palms)

Sat 30 Mar 2024
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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| Parish Priest: | Pa Peter Tipene | Parish Office: |
| Email: | ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz | Phone: (09) 828 9309 |
| Parish Secretary: | Gwendoline Jessop | Tue – Fri: 9.15am – 3.30pm |
| Email: | office@avondalecatholic.org.nz | Monday: Closed |
| 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 | | |

With great love comes great sacrifice...

This passage opens with the arrival of some Greeks who had come to worship at the festival happening then. Jesus responds by saying that "Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." He also said that "whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." We should not, therefore, be surprised if we encounter trials and challenges and the need to make sacrifices. Jesus made much greater sacrifices during his lifetime. Whoever loves Jesus will serve him.

The story of the seed dying to self in order to bring new life, parallels Jesus dying on the cross for all people and to bring life to those who choose to follow him. There is a challenge here for God's people to be willing to die to our selfish desires and ambitions and to put God first in all aspects of our lives.

This is a special moment in the history of the world and of God's kingdom. Jesus is about to be sacrificed for the salvation of all mankind. The judgment of the world has begun. Satan, the ruler of the world is being deposed and driven out. God speaks from heaven as he reaches out to the people. But the people who heard it reacted in different ways. Some rationalise it as thunder, others thought it was the voice of an angel. God is present in that moment.

Finally, Jesus states openly what is about to happen – that he will be lifted up (on a cross) and that all people will be drawn to him. There is a great paradox here. This sign (the cross) of failure and rejection becomes the sign of hope, renewal and redemption for humanity.

Excerpt from Caritas Lent Reflection Programme 2024 – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Lenten Rite II Celebrations in the Western Deanery

HENDERSON: Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 7.00pm
AVONDALE: Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 7.00pm
 (BLOCKHOUSE BAY will be combining with us)
GLEN EDEN: Thursday 21 March 2024 at 7.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm, here at St. Mary's, Avondale. All are welcome to attend.

Pledge Giving: Special Collection for the Holy Places – Good Friday 29 March 2024: This collection goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Christendom.

St. Mary's School Newsletter: Check out the latest news from our wonderful School with this link: <https://www.stmarysavondale.school.nz/newsletters>

Liturgical Ministry Workshops: The Liturgy Centre is offering Liturgical Ministry workshops across the Deaneries which will cover training (for new) and refreshers (for existing) **Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at Mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated Deanery, from 1pm – 3pm (with light lunch provided): **14th April:** East (St. Mark's Pakuranga) | **5th May:** South (St. Anne's Manurewa) | **19th May:** North Shore (St. Joseph's Takapuna). Register via the link: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>. Once you have registered online, please let the Parish Office know via email: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz so that your name can be added to the list of those attending the workshop. Once the certificates arrive, they will be checked against our list of names prior to the presentation of certificates at Mass.

Divine Mercy Feast Day at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St. Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace, Sunday 7th April 2024 at 5.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images and artefacts to be blessed. **Free parking at Wilson Parking and street parking is also free on Sunday.**

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss in Christ. Dates: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April, 8am – 6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults aged 20+ are welcome. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.theologyofthebody.nz>

Holy Week Schedule

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
 2134 Great North Road, Avondale, Auckland 0600

Sunday 24th March 2024
PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)
 Mass at: 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Monday 25th March 2024
 7.30pm: Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March 2024
 9.00am: Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March 2024
 No morning Mass

7.30pm: Mass of The Last Supper
 (With foot washing and Veneration at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March 2024
 No morning Mass
 3.00pm: The Passion Reading and Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March 2024
 No morning Mass
 7.30pm: Easter Vigil - Mass of The Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March 2024
 9.00am Mass ONLY
 (There is no Mass at 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm)

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently, especially:

Pat Corbett | Joe Thompson | Thelma Thomsen
 Judith Thomsen | Lester Colaco | Terry Gruijters
 Joanne Wolfgram

RECENT DEATHS

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

Christopher Zambucka | Jenny Huffam

Fuimaono Tuiaasau

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Stephanie Anne Gough | David Fononga | Nathalia Iobo
 Woody Engel



~ PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday): 24th March 2024 ~

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7 | Ps 22 | Philippians 2: 6-11 | Mark 14: 1-15: 47 (Passion)

| | Sunday, 8.30am Mass | Sunday, 10.30am Mass | Sunday, 6.00pm Mass |
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| Commentator | Ivory-Joan Peauvasa | Soanetai Tu'ima | Don Perera |
| Word | 1 st : Joe James 2 nd : Joseph Katoa | 1 st : Tania Starr 2 nd : Mary Siana Tauiliili | 1 st : Sifo Gisa 2 nd : Wilfrid Rodrigues* * Changed from roster |
| Holy Communion | Richard Miranda Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala Olessa Ale Paula Betham | Sr Amalia MC Sr Josie MC Sr Damielene MC Sr Edwina MC Malia Tu'ima | Succurine 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

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people



COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS

(Strictly Confidential)

For any feedback, complaints and concerns.

Your first point of contact for our parish of

St. Mary's Avondale is Tania Starr.

Email: safeguardingrep@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.