

Dates for your Diary: Monday 25th – Sunday 31st March 2024

Wed, 27 Mar	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 28 Mar	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper, 7.30pm
Fri, 29 Mar	The Passion Reading & Veneration of the Cross, 3.00pm
Sat, 30 Mar	** Church Cleaning, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Group **
Sat, 30 Mar	** Church Flowers, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Group **
Sat, 30 Mar	Easter Vigil – Mass of the Resurrection, 7.30pm
Sun, 31 Mar	Easter Sunday Mass, 9.00am ONLY

HOW are we a Synodal Church in Mission?

Join a regional session in early April to participate in this phase of the journey. For more information and to register.

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Acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

AM I READY TO GLORIFY HIM?

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

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

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

Gospel Reflection

Time for Hope | Te Wā mō te Tūmanako



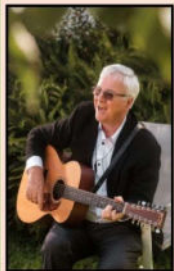
The act of anointing, or pouring oil on someone's head, is a traditional act of compassion and affection. The value of the ointment emphasises the love that the woman feels for Jesus. This was obviously an object of high value, and she certainly wouldn't have used it to anoint someone unless they were very dear to her. The people with Jesus when this happened didn't know that his Passion was coming; Jesus tells them that she anointed his body for burial, but this wouldn't have made much sense to them at that time.

The act of anointing ties back to the theme of preparation from the first week of Lent, as the woman is unknowingly helping Jesus to prepare for his death. Jesus knows that he is about to enter his Passion, and he shows appreciation for the kindness that the woman showed to him, saying, "She has done what she could." Perhaps this woman's act of love gave Jesus hope and reminded him of the reason for the suffering that he was about to face.

The Gospel reading itself fulfils what Jesus says: "Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." This story can be found before the accounts of the Passion of Christ in the Gospels of John, Mark, and Matthew. The woman's act of love reminds us that there are many ways to love and honour God, and that the path we take is our choice. We are also reminded of the power of our actions. What we do can touch the lives of others and create a legacy of love for years to come.

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

An Afternoon Concert with Chris Skinner sm



Chris is happy to provide a concert for us at Mary MacKillop Centre once again. He will sing many of his well-loved songs for our enjoyment. Come along for a feast of uplifting musical entertainment. You won't be disappointed!

Date: Sunday 7 April @2pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

Suggested Koha: \$10

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

NZ Catholic \$4

The national Catholic newspaper March 24 - April 6, 2024 • No. 887

Pilgrimage endures despite conflict 10 Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians 4

Hosanna!

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

Thank You

To Our Volunteers Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 30 Mar 2024

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sat 6 Apr 2024

Friends of the Parish

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 30 Mar 2024

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sat 6 Apr 2024

Tongan Community

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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 ~

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/liturg-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.

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore: An invitation to all men to the next Joshua meeting. **Wednesday 27 March 2024, 7.15pm start** with cuppa followed by meeting at 7.30pm, Parish Hall at St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. **Guest speaker:** Dr. Ethan Breinhorst. **Topic:** Mens' Health. Dr Ethan's talk will focus on how men can look after their health and live productive lives. For more information (or directions to St Thomas More) contact **Russell 022 034 5678**.

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>

NZ CATHOLIC: The latest issue of NZ Catholic is available from the Church foyer. Price \$4 each. Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin Diocese eyes self-insurance as premiums soar; Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians; Pilgrimage endures despite Holy Land turmoil.

Concert with Fr. Chris Skinner SM: Mary MacKillop Chapel on Sunday 7 April 2024 at 2.00pm. Suggested Koha \$10.00

Holy Week Schedule
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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:

Cheryl Kitt | Pauliasi Longopoa | Maleta Funaki jnr
Kahu Funaki | Jahzara Mailangi | Margaret Fitzpatrick
Olivia Jessop | Michelle Jessop

RECENT DEATHS

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

Brendan Barry

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Clive Squire | Agopito Yumui | Tony Glenn

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people



SAFE CHURCH – SAFE GUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Tania Starr and you can contact her via email: safeguardingrep@avondalecatholic.org.nz. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800 114 662. You may also contact the Police 111.

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**.

~ EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday 31st March 2024 ~

Readings: Acts 10: 34, 27-43 | Ps 118 | Colossians 3: 1-4 | John 20: 1-9

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 9.00am ONLY	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator				
Word		Pa Peter will choose the Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Choir/Musicians for this Mass.		
Holy Communion	No Mass		No Mass	No Mass
Choir/Musicians				

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