

**Dates for your Diary: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Thu, 25 Apr	ANZAC DAY – Mass at 9.00am
Thu, 25 Apr	Samoan Community, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1
Thu, 25 Apr	Tongan Community, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 27 Apr	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti
Sat, 27 Apr	** Church Cleaning, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Hoglund Family, L Rebello, N Dsouza, A Mothibe **
Sat, 27 Apr	** Church Flowers, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Samoan Community **
Sat, 27 Apr	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1
Sat, 27 Apr	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 27 Apr	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 28 Apr	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1
Sun, 28 Apr	Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 28 Apr	Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm, 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 / Whaingā*

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

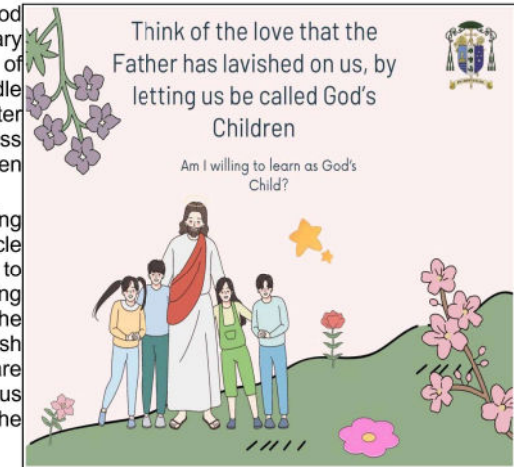
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Readings: Acts 4: 8-12 | Ps 118 | 1John 3: 1-2 | John 10: 11-18

**Gospel Reflection**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when He declares Himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.



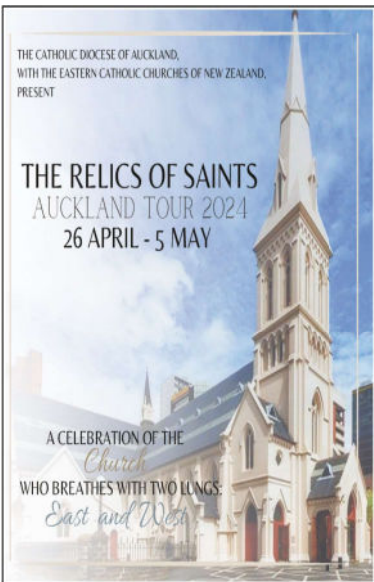
In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes His relationship with His followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices Himself for the sake of His sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when He describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when He lays down His life is rooted in the unity that He shares with His Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom He shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Excerpt from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) – Sunday Connection – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 21 April 2024



**Thank You**

**To Our Volunteers Church Cleaning Roster**

**Sat 27 Apr 2024**  
Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Hoglund Family, L Rebello, N Dsouza, A Mothibe

**Sat 5 May 2024**  
Samoan Sunday School

**Flower Arrangement Roster**

**Sat 27 Apr 2024**  
Telesia & May

**Sat 5 May 2024**  
Tongan Community

~ Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join the volunteer rosters above. ~

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<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Gwendoline Jessop	<b>Tue – Fri:</b> 9.15am – 3.30pm
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:office@avondalecatholic.org.nz">office@avondalecatholic.org.nz</a>	<b>Monday:</b> Closed
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.avondalecatholic.org.nz">www.avondalecatholic.org.nz</a>	<b>School Office:</b>
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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 ~

**Pledge Giving Envelopes – SEMINARY COLLECTION – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024:**

Please remember that a second collection will be taken at all Masses next Sunday for Vocation Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. If you are not enrolled in our Parish Pledge Giving, you are most welcome to donate at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate> or scan the QR Code here which will direct you to the appeal website. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.



**ANZAC DAY – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** There will be Mass at 9.00am – All are welcome to attend.

**Tax Receipts for the Financial Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** are available in the Church foyer. As per IRD norms, you can get 33.33% of receipted donations as refund back once claimed on the IRD website: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-individuals/individual-tax-credits/tax-credits-for-donations>. If you donate by cash and need a set of pledge envelopes, please email the Parish Office or put your contact details and request in the collection basket. We will arrange to get these to you in the next couple of weeks when the new set of pledge envelopes will be available. Those paying through Bank Direct Credit – please remember to inform us of your contact details by email when the first payment is made.

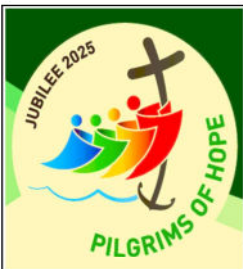


**Safeguarding Information Pamphlet:** Have you seen this little pamphlet available in the Church foyer? Pick one up to learn more about Safeguarding, or check out: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/> for further information.

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

**Towards October 2024:** Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

**JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore:** An invitation of all men to the next Joshua meeting. **Meeting date/time:** Wed 24 April 2024, 7.15pm start with cuppa/fellowship followed by meeting at 7.30pm. **Venue:** Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. **Guest speaker:** Dr David Legg, Lecturer in Philosophy & Theology at the Catholic Theological College, Auckland. **Topic:** Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition. **For more information contact:** Russell 022 0345678



**Pilgrims of Hope – Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025:** The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope': <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

**The Fifth Gospel Project:** Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words – before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz). For more information on this, check out: <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

**The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart** have a new executive management position available, NZ Services and Property Manager. This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy, with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Further information is available on the ad in Seek, under the heading "Community Services & Development: Management". Applications close 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

~ Special Announcements ~

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently, especially:**

Mohokai Funaki | Apriljoy Avito (21<sup>st</sup> Birthday)

**RECENT DEATHS**

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

Maureen Buckley  
Fr. Chris Brady (former Hospital Chaplain)

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

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

Sam Perez | Sr. Kate Franich rsm | Johan Muller  
Anthony Ah Soon | Archbishop Alipati Lui Mataeliga  
Daverin Ozich

**Let's Talk About... Mary**

In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore *Mary*, missionary disciple.

**8 MAY | 7.30PM**  
Poynton Room, Parnapallier Catholic Centre or zoom  
Register | [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**TAMARIKI MATTER**  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

If you feel sad or worried it is OK to tell:

A parent | A friend | A teacher | An adult you trust

We will always listen to you.

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Readings: Acts: 9: 26-31 | Ps 22 | 1 John 3: 18-24 | John 15: 1-8

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Fotu Høglund	Laina Muliaga	Lauretta Silver
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : Mafi Funaki-Tahifote 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Susan Healy	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kisina Halangahu 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Vika Lemeki	1 <sup>st</sup> : Leena Rebello 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Wilfrid Rodrigues
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala Otessa Ale Paula Betham Tevita Funaki	Sr. Amalia MC Sr. Josie MC Sr. Danielene MC Sr. Hedwina MC Leotisia Tu'ima* (*changed from roster)	Succurine Rodrigues
<b>Choir/Musicians</b>	Congregation / Choir (Filipino Choir)	Samoa 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](mailto:office@avondalecatholic.org.nz)