



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

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 20th Oct 2024

Readings: Isaiah 53: 10-11 | Ps 33 | Hebrews 4: 14-16 | Mark 10: 35-45

Gospel Reflection

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: “*Go and invite everyone to the banquet*” (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: “While the world sets before us the various “banquets” of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others. This fullness of life, which is Christ’s gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord’s command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with His Word and with His Body and Blood”.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, James and John initially fell for the ways of the world alluded to by the Pope. The two brothers seek their personal glory. Jesus tells them; “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised.” What is this baptism for Jesus if not to be immersed in our humanity from birth to His passion and death, when He will give His life for the many? Jesus the Bridegroom teaches them, and us, something paradoxical that St Francis of Assisi captured beautifully in his famous prayer: that it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, in dying to self for others that we are born into eternal life! It is the paradox of true love.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptised to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality and our Eucharistic banquet, where Jesus gives His life for us and gives us the grace to do the same for others. Let us pray for the great universal mission of the baptised and support it concretely through our financial offerings dedicated entirely to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the pontifical work that helps young Churches. Let us stand firm in the affirmation of our faith, which has as its model the Servant and High Priest Jesus, who gives His life anew today in the banquet of His Eucharist.

Let’s go and invite everyone to the banquet of the Eucharist, to the wedding feast of the Lamb, to the banquet of true food, the bread of eternal life: this is our universal mission, *ad gentes*, to all peoples.



~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

MISSION SUNDAY - 20th October 2024: There will be a special second collection TODAY at all three Masses for Mission Sunday. This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.

Columban Calendars 2025: To those who took Columban Calendars home last Sunday without paying the \$12 cost, please ensure you pay by cash to Pa after Mass, or use the donation device in the Church foyer, or drop your payment into the Parish Office during office hours. Thanks. Pa Peter.

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

Let's map Auckland City in prayer. Join Christians from throughout Auckland in praying for all people of the diocese. It is simple, it is free, it is powerful. Take a walk and prayer mapping your walk with the app. Do it as an individual, or do it with friends. Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a year of prayer. Here is a practical way to participate.

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study: Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 15 November 2024.**

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting enrolments for First Semester 2025 from now to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new micro-credential on Managing Church Organisations. Register now via email: admin@ctc.ac.nz



A SPECTACULAR CONCERT
ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, REMUERA, AUCKLAND
7PM SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

Hosted by
James Ioelu
Bass Baritone,
with special guest
Edward Laurenson
Operatic Baritone,
and musician friends

*Uplifting classical songs from shows,
opera, instrumental pieces and
traditional Christmas music*

Buy tickets on
trybooking.com
Prices \$60 to \$95
Includes intermission refreshments

A SPECTACULAR CONCERT – 7pm, Sat 16th Nov 24: Join us at St. Michael's Catholic Church for a memorable evening. Hosted by James Ioelu, Bass Baritone, with special guest Edward Laurenson, Operatic Baritone, and musician friends. Uplifting classical songs from shows, opera, instrumental pieces and traditional Christmas music. Prices \$60 to \$95, includes intermission refreshments. Buy tickets at trybooking.com. Proceeds to support the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation.

Join the Auckland Young Catholic groups going to The Send, Saturday 23 November! Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well as worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at: <https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students: If you are a fourth or fifth year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese, you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close: 15 Nov 24. Email: scholarships@cda.org.nz



~ Special Announcements ~

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

Congratulations to the following 30 children receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass today:

Denis, Maria Grace, Joanne, Lawrina, Delvin, Gemmagalani-Susana, William, Mo'unga, Billy, Macy, Florence, Braxton, Sarai, Iman, Vanya, Leuaina, Pila, Angel, Tanisha, Aaliyah, Hailey, Jaron, Asher, Brodie, Upumalie, Cairo, Crenshaw, Mariann, Markus and Soimavi.

May the power of the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage you to live more fully the Gospel call to discipleship and may the Eucharist enrich and transform you more and more in the living Body and Blood of Christ.

BIRTHDAYS

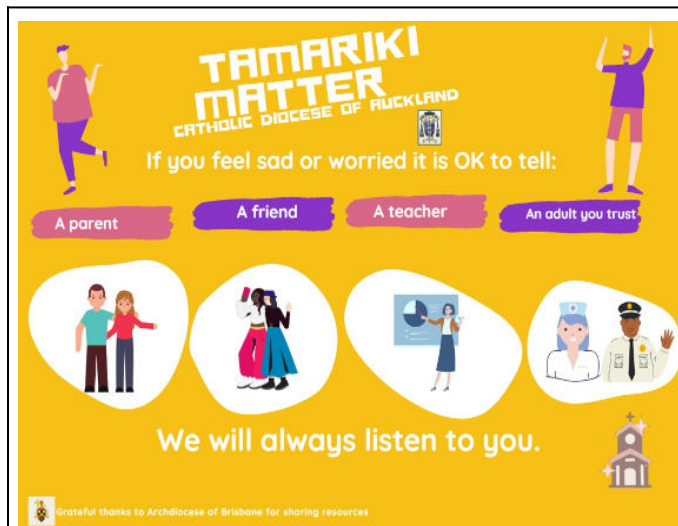
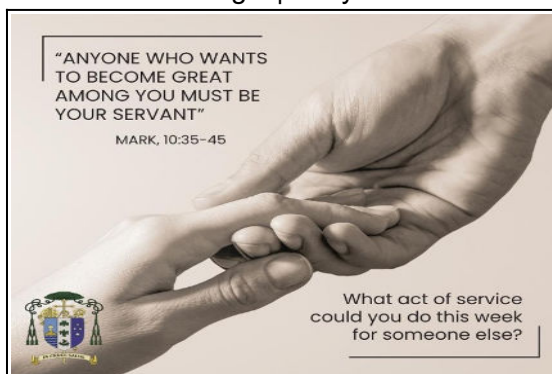
Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently, especially:

Suzani Emiliyanus | Percyis Muliaga
Waka Wolfram-Funaki | 'Ematisi Tahifote

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

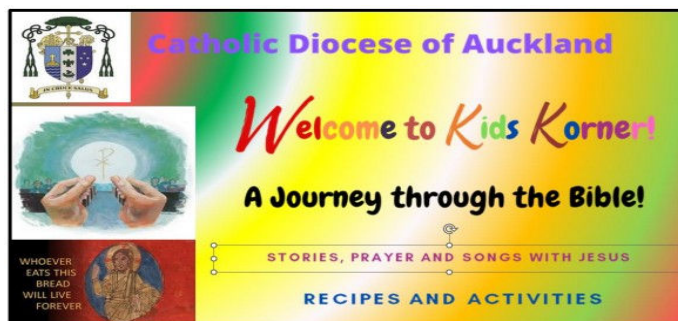
We pray for our dearly departed, whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Roman Segui | Betty Coutinho



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.



Click on above image to view activities or <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Celebrating-Twenty-Ninth-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 27th October 2024


Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 | Ps 126 | Hebrews 5: 1-6 | Mark 10: 46-525

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Kapitania Funaki	Auva'a Family	Wilfrid Rodrigues
Word	1 st : Malia Funaki 2 nd : Joe James	1 st : Auva'a Family 2 nd : Auva'a Family	1 st : Mike Vinkenvleugel 2 nd : Ruth Xavier
Holy Communion	Otessa Ale Paula Betham Carla Carmody Tevita Funaki Maselina Suisala	Sr. Cherubina MC Malia Tu'ima 'Otolata Tu'ima Leotisia Tu'ima Kefilini Tu'ima	Succurine Rodrigues
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Filipino Choir)	Samoan 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

<i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 21st – 27th Oct 2024</i>	
Wed, 23 Oct	CHURCH: Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 24 Oct	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 24 Oct	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm
Sat, 26 Oct	** Church Cleaning Roster: Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 26 Oct	** Church Flowers Roster: May and family, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 26 Oct	WHARE ITI: Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am
Sat, 26 Oct	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 3pm - 5pm
Sat, 26 Oct	TE WHAU ITI: Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 26 Oct	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm
Sun, 27 Oct	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm
Sun, 27 Oct	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm

<u>MASS SCHEDULE 2024</u>
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)



Jubilee Bursary

For Theological and Religious Education

APPLICATIONS INVITED

for Semester 1, 2025

Applications close Thursday, 21 November 2024/

Applicants must be Catholic and making a contribution to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese

The Bursary is a contribution towards Tertiary Study for Theology and RE courses at Degree or Post Grad Level

For information and an application pack please contact:

Michelle Jarvis
michellej@cda.org.nz
 Auckland Catholic Diocese



To Our Volunteers

Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 26 Oct 2024
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sat 2 Nov 2024
Friends of the Parish

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 26 Oct 2024
May & family

Sat 2 Nov 2024
Tongan Community

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

Parish Priest:	Pa Peter Tipene
Email:	ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz
Parish Secretary:	Gwendoline Jessop
Email:	office@avondalecatholic.org.nz
Website:	www.avondalecatholic.org.nz
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale
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

Parish Office:	
Phone:	(09) 828 9309
Tue – Fri:	9.15am – 3.30pm
Monday:	Closed
School Office:	
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