



## *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*

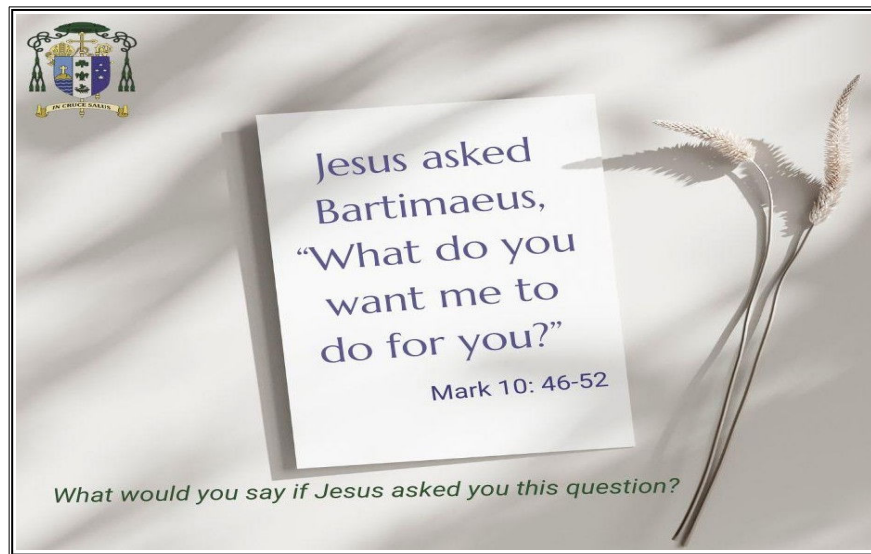
*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga*

*Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*

## **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024**

*Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 | Ps 126 | Hebrews 5: 1-6 | Mark 10: 46-52*

### *Gospel Reflection*



Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizeable crowd that accompanies Him as He journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded Him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to Him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus' sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus' faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after His rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before He enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith – "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus' words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show Himself to be the Messiah through His suffering and death.

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

**End of Year Masses for St. Dominic's College & Liston College:** St. Dominic's College End of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at the St. Dominic's School Gymnasium at 11.30am **There will be 9am Mass here at Avondale as usual.** Liston College End of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at Liston College Gymnasium at 9.30am. **There will be no 9am Mass here at Avondale that morning.**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 24:** Mass at 9am only – The School will lead the Feast Day Celebration. Please note there will be no Adoration after Mass.

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 24:** There will be Mass at 9am only.

**Columban Calendars 2025:** \$12 each – Available from the Church foyer after Mass. You can either give your cash (exact amount) to Pa, or hand into the Parish Office (during office hours). Thank you.

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

**"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..." Proverbs 27:17:** All men are invited to **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting**. This great bunch of God-fearing guys meet monthly in both Glenfield (last Wed of the month) and Pakuranga (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month) for fellowship, and to pray, grow and worship together. Upcoming meetings: **Wed 30 October, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start** at St. Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact Russell (022) 0345678 for more information. **Mon 11 November, 7pm for 7.30pm start** at St. Mark's Church Hall, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Contact Mike (021) 2809285 for more information.



is the month when we especially remember all those who have died. A basket will be left in the front of the Altar throughout November for you to place the names of all those who you wish to have remembered at every Mass offered here at Avondale.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy (sung), Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St. Faustina's relic. All welcome!

**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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz)

## ~ Special Announcements ~

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently, especially:

Susana Fiu | Kathryn Hira | Louise Cheeseborough  
 Melesete Telesia Lafaele (75) | Tonila Tahifote  
 Georgina Katoa | Elizabeth Katoa | Julie Bagby

### RECENT DEATHS

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

Esekia Aukusitino | Brian d'Angona | Del Smith

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Satini Tariu | Gustav Wolfgramm | Frank Jaskiewicz  
 Tarun Asthana

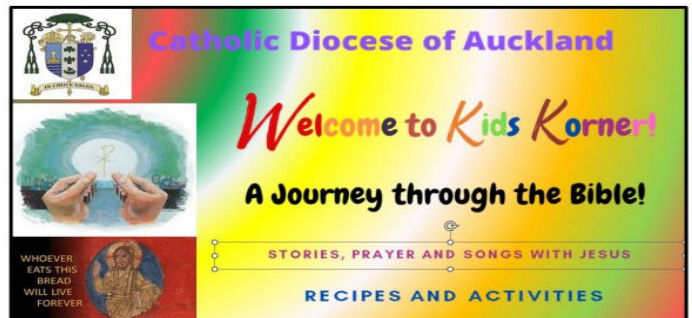
### THANK YOU

to all those who contributed in making our Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass last Sunday, a Beautiful Celebration. Bishop Steve was delighted to be with us and commented on the vitality and enthusiasm of the congregation. A huge Thank You to our Tongan Community who led the music and singing. To the Flowers team and Church cleaners, Altar servers and Sacristan – Thank You. For the delicious cupcakes, chocolate cake, and all the other treats that were well received by everyone – Thank You. To Gwen, Tania, Edmar, Sr. Vincy, Sr. Josie, Sr. Cherubina, Sr. Damielene for all your hard work and organisation – You are all much appreciated. Finally, to our Tamariki who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist – Congratulations and may the power of the Holy Spirit continue to guide you and bless you all in your journey of faith!  
 Blessings, Pa xx



### 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.



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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 | Ps 18 | Hebrews 7: 23-28 | Mark 12: 28-34

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Fotu Hoggund	Tania Starr	Amy Silver
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : Joseph Katoa 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ivory-Joan Peauvasa	1 <sup>st</sup> : To be confirmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Soanetai Tu'ima	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jude Xavier 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Demelza Colaco
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Otessa Ale Paula Betham Carla Carmody Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala	Fololina A'Costa Ausage Lata Fa'asavalu Leavai Lagi Lilo Fisi'italia Pouhila	Mariquinha Colaco
<b>Choir/Musicians</b>	Congregation / Choir (Joe James)	Tongan Community Choir	Congregation / Choir (Jeffery Nathan)

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)

**Dates for your Diary: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

Wed, 30 Oct	<b>CHURCH:</b> Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 31 Oct	<b>MEETING ROOM 1:</b> Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 31 Oct	<b>FR. McGRATH ROOM:</b> Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>** Church Cleaning Roster:</b> Friends of the Parish, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>** Church Flowers Roster:</b> Tongan Community, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>WHARE ITI:</b> Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>MEETING ROOM 1:</b> Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>TE WHAU ITI:</b> Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>FR. McGRATH ROOM:</b> Tongan Sunday School, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 2 Nov	<b>FR. McGRATH ROOM:</b> Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm
Sun, 3 Nov	<b>FR. McGRATH ROOM:</b> Tongan Community monthly meeting, 12pm – 2pm

**MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

**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)



**NGA  
TAPUWAE  
JUBILEE HIKOI  
2025**



**Online Information**  
**Evening Wednesday 20th**  
**November 7pm - 8pm**

**Registrations are open for Ngā**  
**Tapuwae 10th to 12th January**  
**2025**

*Please register at link above or contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)*






**To Our Volunteers**  
**Church Cleaning Roster**

**Sat 2 Nov 2024**

Friends of the Parish

**Sat 9 Nov 2024**

Tongan Community

**Flower Arrangement Roster**

**Sat 2 Nov 2024**

Tongan Community

**Sat 9 Nov 2024**

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~ 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: 02-0108-0706996-000</b> <b>Mass Offering Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-001</b> <b>SMACC Building Fund Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-004</b>		