



## *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*

## **THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 Nov 2024**

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

### ***Gospel Reflection***

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.



The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** Please note that the 9am Mass on this day will be recorded for Shine TV (Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time).

**Mass Count Returns for November 2024:** Please note that the Annual Mass Count of all adults and children attending Mass during the four Sundays in November, begins this weekend. These Mass count figures are very important. They contribute to pastoral planning, are used to determine our copyright licensing fee, will inform Annual Reports to the Charities Commission, and are required for the Annual Diocesan Report to Rome.

**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: **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.



### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**World Day of the Poor 2024: Let's Make a Difference Together**

On **Sunday, 17 November**, we'll celebrate the **8th annual World Day of the Poor**, a chance for all of us to reflect on how we can stand in solidarity with those in need.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to empowering communities and tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. We work with partners around the world to create real change and help vulnerable communities live with human dignity.

As World Day of the Poor 2024 approaches, we encourage everyone to consider what they can do—big or small—to make a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or action, together we can build a more just and compassionate world.

Find out more about how you can help eliminate poverty on the Caritas website.



**Calling All UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!** Join us this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November for our final student Mass for 2024! Time: 12.10pm | Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland City. Afterwards, there is a delicious free lunch. To find out more about what's going on for Catholic tertiary students in Auckland, please contact Daniel Story at [daniels@cda.org.nz](mailto:daniels@cda.org.nz) and check out <https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/>

**New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA)** is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. **Retreat and Seminar:** 15-16 November 2024, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. **Details and registration:** <https://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/2024-retreat-wellington>. **Accommodation:** There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref: BGRP-21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly. For updates regarding events, please email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

**Catholic Singles 30s & 40s Meet-Up:** Night at the Museum, Tues 12 Nov at 6pm. To book a space for tapas, email: [aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com)

## ~ Special Announcements ~

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrate Birthdays this week, especially:

Tania Starr | Sean Membrere | Lagi Fonoti  
Seletute Tu'ima (RIP) | Moy Tham | Siaosi Tu'ima

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Leena Silvera | Frank Duff



*Advent Retreat*

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
9:00am to 5:30pm

Begin the Christmas season reflecting on the themes of 'Friendship & Virtue' with  
**Dr Robert Loretz**

Let's prepare ourselves for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent



Light lunch & refreshments provided  
Koha on entry

Information & registration @ St Michael's website



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

**Parents and Caregivers**

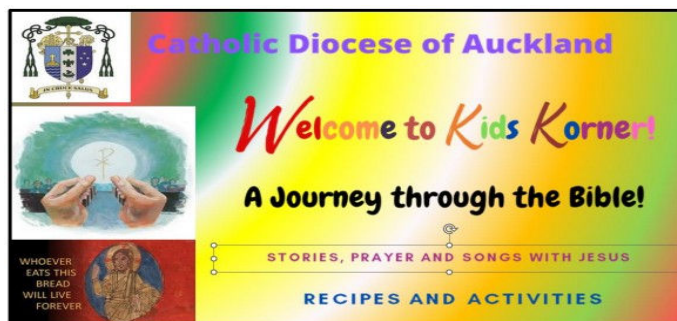
*For the safety and well-being of your tamariki, please supervise them at all times when they are visiting the parish.*



GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE FOR SHARING THEIR RESOURCES

### 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.





Catholic Diocese of Auckland

**Welcome to Kids Kornert**

**A Journey through the Bible!**

STORIES, PRAYER AND SONGS WITH JESUS

RECIPES AND ACTIVITIES

WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER

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

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Readings: 1Kings 17: 10-16 | Ps 146 | Hebrews 9: 24-28 | Mark 12: 38-44

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
<b>Commentator</b>	Keith Simento	Loutoa Tu'ima	Sifo Gisa
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : Mark Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Rachel Suesue	1 <sup>st</sup> : Meleane Tu'ima 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Siaosi Tu'ima	1 <sup>st</sup> : Neha Jaiju 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Raisa Mathias
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Otessa Ale Liston Colaco Tevita Funaki Jarrod Peauvasa Maselina Suisala	Sr. Josie MC Sr. Cherubina MC Malia Tu'ima 'Otolata Tu'ima Leotisia Tu'ima	Edmar de Oliveira
<b>Choir/Musicians</b>	Congregation / Choir (Annemarie Kerridge)	Samoan Community Choir	Friendly Choir

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 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Tue, 5 Nov	CHURCH: Friendly Choir, 6pm – 7pm
Wed, 6 Nov	CHURCH: Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 7 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 7 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm
Sat, 9 Nov	** Church Cleaning Roster: Tongan Community, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 9 Nov	** Church Flowers Roster: JAE Trio, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 9 Nov	WHARE ITI: Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am
Sat, 9 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 9 Nov	TE WHAU ITI: Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 9 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm
Sat, 9 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community – Group 3 meeting, 7pm – 9pm
Sun, 10 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm
Sun, 10 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Mother Mary Prayer Meeting (Tongan Community), 4pm – 5pm

**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)



**Thank You**  
*To Our Volunteers*  
**Church Cleaning Roster**

**Sat 9 Nov 2024**

Tongan Community

**Sat 16 Nov 2024**

MDM Youth Group

**Flower Arrangement Roster**

**Sat 9 Nov 2024**

JAE Trio

**Sat 16 Nov 2024**

Samoan Community

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

**Parish Priest:** Pa Peter Tipene  
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**Tue – Fri:** 9.30am – 3.30pm  
**Monday:** Closed  
**School Office:**  
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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