



## *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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 10 Nov 2024**

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

### *Gospel Reflection*



The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions — two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for His disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus Himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as He gives His life for us on the cross.

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

**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.

**Calendars for next year - 2025:** The following calendars (limited stock) for next year 2025 are now available from the Church foyer after Mass... **Columban Calendar @ \$12.00 each | CPC Daily Mass Calendar @ \$5.00 each | Divine Mercy Wall Calendar @ \$15.00 each | Divine Mercy Pocket Calendar @ \$10.00 each.** 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>

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, AVONDALE**  
**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TIMETABLE**

**Sunday 22nd December 2024**  
Masses at: 8.30am | 10.30am | 6.00pm

**Monday 23rd December 2024**  
No Mass or Liturgy

**Tuesday 24th December 2024 (Christmas Eve)**  
Carol singing from 11.30pm  
Midnight Christmas Mass at: 12.00am

**Wednesday 25th December 2024 - The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
Christmas Day Mass at 9.00am ONLY

**Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th December 2024**  
Mass at: 9.00am

**Sunday 29th December 2024**  
Masses at: 8.30am | 10.30am (No 6pm Mass)

**Monday 30th December 2024**  
No Mass or Liturgy

**Tuesday 31st December 2024 - Feast of the Holy Family**  
Mass at 9.00am ONLY

**Wednesday 1st January 2025 - Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Mass at 9.00am only

**Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th January 2025**  
Mass at: 9.00am

**Sunday 5th January 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Masses at: 8.30am | 10.30am (No 6pm Mass)

**Monday 6th January 2025**  
No Mass or Liturgy

Mass Timetable resumes as usual from the 7th January 2025

**Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th January 2025**  
Mass at: 9.00am

**Sunday 12th January 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord**  
Masses at: 8.30am | 10.30am | 6.00pm

### “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.

**Please help bring Christmas Cheer to families in need:** This Christmas, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is working to provide Christmas packs for the families we support, and we need your help. We are seeking donations of children's Christmas presents (we prefer if you don't wrap them as it makes it easier for us to work out who best to give them to) and non-perishable food items to create special packs that will bring joy to families living in our housing this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at our main office (30 Windrush Close, Mangere) during office hours (Mon – Thu, 9am – 5pm and on Fri from 9am – 4pm). We welcome your support in any way you can give. If you wish to support us, please deliver your donation by Thu 5 Dec or if you wish to support Monte Cecilia directly with a financial donation, you can do so via our website.

## ~ Special Announcements ~

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrate Birthdays this week, especially:

Janet Hemmingsen-Jensen (RIP) | Jasmine Martin  
 Jasmine Martin | Srimathie De Zoysa | John Sherwood  
 Dominic Avito | Noel Smith | Louisa Stott | Tom Lewis (RIP)

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Annie & Agnelo DeSouza who celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary last week.

### RECENT DEATHS

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

Adele Robertson | Antonio Geronimo Snr

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

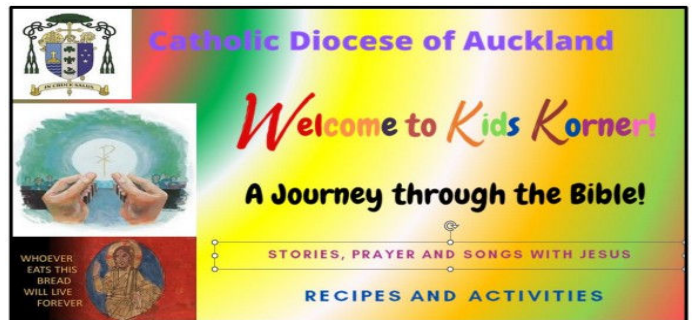
We pray for our dearly departed, whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Shaloke Kaunds | Matija McGowan



### 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.



Click on above image to view activities or <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Celebrating-Thirty-Second-SUNDAY-of-1.pdf>

## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3 | Ps 16 | Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 | Mark 13: 24-32

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
<b>Commentator</b>	MDM Youth	Parish Youth Mass	Cynthia Paul
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : MDM Youth 2 <sup>nd</sup> : MDM Youth	Parish Youth Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> : Don Perera 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Leena Rebello
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Paula Betham Carla Carmody Tevita Funaki Jacinta James Jarrod Peauvasa	Fololina A'Costa Bastiana Joseph Mary Fisi'italia Pouhila Sr. Damielene MC Sr. Vincy MC	Lourdes Noronha
<b>Choir/Musicians</b>	MDM Youth Choir	Parish Youth 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)

<i>Dates for your Diary: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024</i>	
Wed, 13 Nov	CHURCH: Parish Youth Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 14 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 14 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm
Fri, 15 Nov	CHURCH: Tongan Community Mass, 7pm
Sat, 16 Nov	** Church Cleaning Roster: MDM Youth Group, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 16 Nov	** Church Flowers Roster: Samoan Community, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 16 Nov	WHARE ITI: Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am
Sat, 16 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 16 Nov	TE WHAU ITI: Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 16 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Sunday School, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 16 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm
Sun, 17 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Parish Youth Group session, 12pm – 3pm

<u>MASS SCHEDULE 2024</u>
<b>Sunday:</b> 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm
<b>Monday:</b> No 9.00am Mass and no Liturgy of the Word
<b>Tuesday – Saturday:</b> Mass: 9.00am <b>Daily Rosary:</b> Tue – Sat, 8.20am   Sun, 7.45am
<b>Friday Adoration (after 9.00am Mass):</b> 9.30am – 10.30am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> Saturday after 9am Mass (other times by appointment)

**ST LUKE**  
**HOW DO WE THINK OF HIM AS AN AUTHOR?**

At the example of the Gospel according to Luke, we will look at the different stages of formation of the Gospels.  
The Lukan Gospel is often called the “Marian Gospel” - what is the reason for this?

**Fr Kevin Waldie SM**  
Fr Kevin Waldie is originally from Timaru, and he is a Bible Scholar and Lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College.

**Monday, 25 November 2024, 7-8.30pm per ZOOM**  
Fee: Koha / Donation  
For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Thank You**

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

**Sat 16 Nov 2024**  
MDM Youth Group

**Sat 23 Nov 2024**  
Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Hoglund Family, L Rebello

**Flower Arrangement Roster**

**Sat 16 Nov 2024**  
Samoan Community

**Sat 23 Nov 2024**  
May & family

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

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Pa Peter Tipene	<b>Parish Office:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz">ppriest@avondalecatholic.org.nz</a>	<b>Phone:</b> (09) 828 9309
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Gwendoline Jessop	<b>Tue – Fri:</b> 9.30am – 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>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale">www.facebook.com/stmarysavondale</a>	<b>Phone:</b> (09) 828 5599
<b>School Principal:</b>	Kathryn Hira	
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:principal@stmarysavondale.school.nz">principal@stmarysavondale.school.nz</a>	
<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>		