



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 17 Nov 2024

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

Gospel Reflection

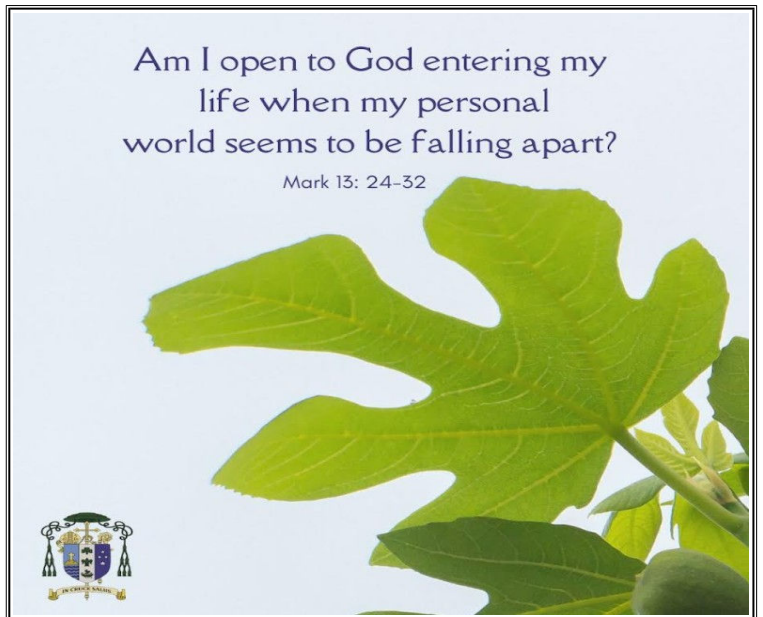
This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to His disciples as He prepares them for His passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that He saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, His teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct His disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering His disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn His disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

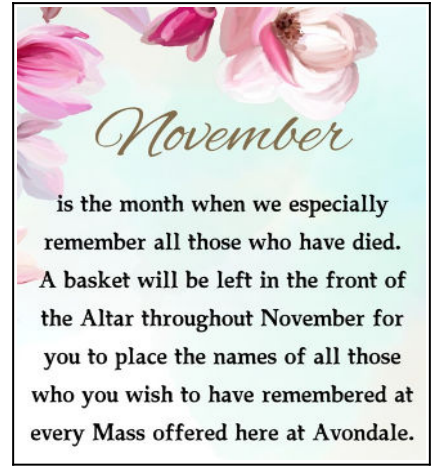


~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

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, has begun. 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 | Divine Mercy Wall Calendar @ \$15.00 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)
Mass at 9.00am
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 6.00pm 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 6.00pm 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



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.

Interested in studying Theology?

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of courses and qualifications, all available via distance learning. We offer courses in Biblical Studies, Chaplaincy, Christian Thought and History, and Pastoral Studies/Ministry. For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology or phone 0800 808098 or 03 4798639. You can also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/theologyotago.

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrate Birthdays this week, especially:

Gloria Fononga | Clairlene Muller

RECENT DEATHS

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

Joy Kempster | Fr. Peter Gray

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

Rosalinda Santiago | Rennie D'Mello | Linda Escalera

Josephine Tipene | Fr. Walter Gomes



Wake and Pray

Tuesday mornings in Advent
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December

Meditation
6.15-6.45am
on Zoom

contact Dianna Fouhy:
dfouhy@cda.org.nz



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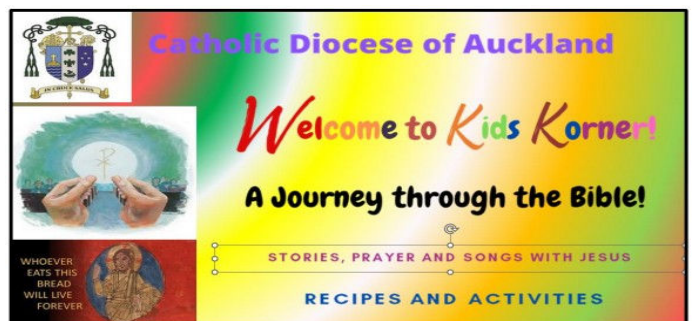
Parents and Caregivers

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. 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-33rd-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ 24th NOVEMBER 2024

Readings: Daniel 7: 13-14 | Ps 93 | Revelations 1: 5-8 | John 18: 33-37

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Ronald D'Silva	Viliani Tu'ima	Wilfrid Rodrigues
Word	1 st : Mara Fatunu'u 2 nd : Kalolaine Funaki	1 st : Apriljoy Avito 2 nd : Selsoni Camaitoga	1 st : Mike Vinkenvleugel 2 nd : Ruth Xavier
Holy Communion	Otessa Ale Paula Betham Carla Carmody Tevita Funaki Maselina Suisala	Fa'asavalu Leavai Lagi Lilo Fisi'italia Pouhila Sr. Josie MC (roster change) Kefilini Tu'ima	Succurine Rodrigues
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Filipino Choir)	Tongan 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

Dates for your Diary: Monday 18th – Sunday 24th November 2024

Thu, 21 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 6pm – 8pm
Thu, 21 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 7pm – 9pm
Sat, 23 Nov	** Church Cleaning Roster: Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Høglund Family, L Rebello, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 23 Nov	** Church Flowers Roster: May & family, 9.30am – 12.00pm **
Sat, 23 Nov	WHARE ITI: Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am
Sat, 23 Nov	MEETING ROOM 1: Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 23 Nov	TE WHAU ITI: Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm
Sat, 23 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm
Sun, 24 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Sunday School, 12pm – 2pm
Sun, 24 Nov	FR. McGRATH ROOM: Tongan Community (Group 4), 4pm – 6pm

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)

Want to Join?

LEGION OF MARY



Next Sunday 24th November 2024 after the 8.30am Mass, members of the Legion of Mary AVONDALE Praesidium called “Mary of the Immaculate Heart” will be hosting Morning Tea in the Church foyer.

This would be a great opportunity for those of you that are interested in joining the Legion of Mary prayer group at our parish, to ask our current members about the types of membership that are available (eg: Active Member / Auxiliary Member) and what’s involved. Our current members that will be available next Sunday at both morning Masses will be wearing their name badges so that they can be easily identified. So don’t be shy... Walk up and say HI!

If you’re interested in joining our Legion of Mary AVONDALE Praesidium, please email your contact details to the Parish Office: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz.



To Our Volunteers
Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 23 Nov 2024

Q Colaco, B Joseph Mary, Høglund Family, L Rebello

Sat 30 Nov 2024

Samoan Sunday School

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 23 Nov 2024

May & family

Sat 30 Nov 2024

Tongan Community

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

Parish Priest:

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Kathryn Hira

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Parish Office:

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Tue – Fri: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Monday: Closed

School Office:

Phone: (09) 828 5599

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