



## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

*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*



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1Kings 19:4-8; Ps 33:2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

### AMORIS LÆTITIA (The Joy of Love)

### Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

### CHAPTER FOUR: LOVE IN MARRIAGE

#### Lifelong sharing

124. A love that is weak or infirm, incapable of accepting marriage as a challenge to be taken up and fought for, reborn, renewed and reinvented until death, cannot sustain a great commitment. It will succumb to the culture of the ephemeral that prevents a constant process of growth. Yet “promising love for ever is possible when we perceive a plan bigger than our own ideas and undertakings, a plan which sustains us and enables us to surrender our future entirely to the one we love”. If this love is to overcome all trials and remain faithful in the face of everything, it needs the gift of grace to strengthen and elevate it. In the words of Saint Robert Bellarmine, “the fact that one man unites with one woman in an indissoluble bond, and that they remain inseparable despite every kind of difficulty, even when there is no longer hope for children, can only be the sign of a great mystery”.

125. Marriage is likewise a friendship marked by passion, but a passion always directed to an ever more stable and intense union. This is because “marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children” but also that mutual love “might be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature”. This unique friendship between a man and a woman acquires an all-encompassing character only within the conjugal union. Precisely as all-encompassing, this union is also exclusive, faithful and open to new life. It shares everything in constant mutual respect. The Second Vatican Council echoed this by stating that “such a love, bringing together the human and the divine, leads the partners to a free and mutual self-giving, experienced in tenderness and action, and permeating their entire lives”. *to be continued...*

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## Parish News & Notices...

**Church Life Survey** to be held in all churches in our diocese over the weekend of **August 18/19**. It is a nation wide survey organised by the Christian Research Association, and has been run in the same year as the official census to correlate the immediate availability of reports. Reports are automatically produced from the data submitted to the site., and can be accessed immediately by parishes. Apart from demographic questions, the rest of the survey is an attitudinal one. The questions ask you how you feel about belonging to your church and your parish, what you most value; and ask the same questions about your faith. Questions are asked about outreach into the community and your involvement. All of this data leads to great tools for parishes to plan to meet the expressed needs of their congregations.



**Fit for Mission 2018** “A cheerful face and eyes full of joy; these are the signs that we’re following this path of all and nothing, of fullness emptied out.” *Pope Francis Homily April 9, 2018*

**Barbara Wiggs and family** would like to thank everyone for their kindness, prayers and support given at the passing of her husband Albert. Thank you for caring, May God Bless you.

**The Aug. 12 – 25 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: Booties memorial sends strong message. Two young priests ordained. Reflecting on WYD 2008 ten years on. Forums tackle ‘elephant’ issues.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast of New Zealand** is on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass at 9 am and 7 pm.

## Notices from around the Auckland Diocese and beyond...

**Sunday Evening Series with Fr. Linus Clovis:** Fr Linus Clovis, will be continuing his series of talks on “The Natural Law and the Family: rediscovering the writing on our hearts” for the next three Sundays (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August) at the Bugler Centre beside the Church at Holy Family Parish, **94 Taikata Rd Te Atatu Peninsula** at 7pm. All welcome. For more information call Michael on 021 825 955.

### SMACC Donations

Thank you to all those who have been donating to the SMACC fund regularly over the last 18 months either by envelopes in cash or direct credit payments. If you have made a total payment of \$100.00 or more over this period we would like to offer you an opportunity to engrave a brick with text of your choice without further payment. Please fill in a buy a brick form -and in payment section mark " cash envelope number" or "Paid by direct credit". Forms can be scanned and e-mailed, or dropped off at the office or mailed or dropped in the collection basket. This is a one off offer and the closing date is 31st Aug 2018. Please also enter your contact details including email and/or physical address.

**We thank the Samoan Community** for their generous contribution of \$ 10,000.00 towards SMACC Building Fund.

### For the Sick in Our Parish...

We pray for our loved ones who are sick especially Sioeli Lemeki, Mary Farmer, Filisita Fuiava, Fr. Tony Brown, Fr. Arobati Rikare, Linda Cole, Gina Moore, Helena Kafoa, Andres Navera, Seletute Tuima, Margarita Erceg & Rosa Maria Santos.

## PROLIFE FACTS

On 25<sup>th</sup> July Voice for Life displayed 13,285 pairs of baby booties outside Parliament as a public memorial of 13,285 pre-born children lost to abortion last year. Each pair of booties symbolises the life of a preborn New Zealander lost to abortion, as well as the need to reach out to mothers – and fathers – who feel they are not in a position to continue with a pregnancy. Please contact Voice for Life for pregnancy or post-abortion support, at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz/support](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/support).

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE** Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship to be known as the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2019. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Email: [lindam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz). The closing date for applications is 15 October 2018.

**Celebrating God's Love – exploring the Sacred Heart** with Sr Ann Gilroy. Saturday 18 August, 10am-3pm St Columba Centre. Free - BYO lunch. RSVP 15 August [re.team@cda.org.nz](mailto:re.team@cda.org.nz).

**Central Auckland Grief Support** is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 18 Aug 2 pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

**Special Catholic Concert at Bruce Mason Centre** Saturday 18 August at 7pm, a concert called "**Breakthrough**" is being presented at the Bruce Mason Centre, The Promenade, Takapuna, sponsored by the Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal in association with the Good Shepherd Prayer Group. Along with special guest, Fr Christ Skinner and other groups, it features the well-known Fusion Youth Band. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

### **'The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award'**

As you are aware, Wenceslaus Anthony was associated with most of our activities at St Mary's Parish, Avondale. Among them was the ConQuest Boys Club, which he shepherded between 2005 and 2014.

The ConQuest Boys Club imparted Leadership Qualities to Boys between the ages of 8 and 14 years, and revolved around the following 5 virtues: viz., Charity, Faith, Love, Responsibility, and Generosity, with keeping 'Jesus as the Leader'

As a legacy and recognition of the contribution of Wenceslaus Anthony, the ConQuest Boys Club has instituted an Award in his name, under the aegis of a Scheme blessed by our Good Shepherd, Rev Bishop Patrick Dunn. *The Award is 'The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award'*. This is an Annual Award, and will be given once in a calendar year to one of the 8 Parishes of the Western Deanery.

The Club has chosen St Mary's Parish, Avondale as the first recipient. Once covered, the Award will move to another Parish every year, until all the 8 Parishes are covered.

#### **Salient features of the Award and the agreed process is as under:**

1. The Award is open to Catholic Boys as well as Girls, between the ages of 8 and 14 years, and belonging to St Mary's Parish, Avondale
2. The Award carries a Prize of \$500
3. The Awardee will be chosen from Applicants who have displayed 1 or more of the 5 virtues listed above
4. Applicants need to submit to the Parish, a written contribution or by email, stating why they believe they qualify for the Award, describing in a few words (say 80 to 100 words) how they have displayed Leadership Qualities in their experience at School or College or Community using 1 or more of the 5 ConQuest Virtues
5. Contributions are to be sent directly to the Parish Office; with the following subject line: '*The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award*'.

Emails can be sent to [office@avondalecatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@avondalecatholic.org.nz)

6. The Parish Priest or his Assistant Parish Priest may also directly nominate 1 or more Candidates for the award, provided the Candidate meets the stipulated Criteria
7. Applications will be scrutinised by a Committee comprising of Leaders of the ConQuest Boys Club.
8. Three Applications will be shortlisted; Applicants will be called for a chat with the Leaders, and a final Winner selected
9. The Award will be presented to the Winner on Sunday, September 30, 2018 during the 8:30 am Mass. We plan to invite Rev Bishop Pat Dunn (subject to his availability). Please note that 29-September this year is the 61<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Wenceslaus Anthony.
10. The decision of the ConQuest Boys Club Committee will be final and binding.

Please note that Applications are now being received. The closing date is Friday, 31-August-2018.

## *Dates for your Diary*

<b>Tue, 14 Aug</b>	<b>Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>
<b>Wed, 15 Aug</b>	<b>Feast of Assumption – Day of Obligation, Masses at 9 am &amp; 7pm</b>
<b>Thu, 16 Aug</b>	<b>PPC Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>
<b>Sat, 18 Aug</b>	<b>Church Cleaning Roster: Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Tue, 21 Aug</b>	<b>SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>
<b>Thu, 23 Aug</b>	<b>Novena in honour of St Mother Theresa of Calcutta begins (9am Mass)</b>
<b>Fri, 24 Aug</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>

### *For our dearly departed who died on 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August*

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time.

Kathleen Tatton Neale, Ivy Winson, Kathleen Wendin Grey, Timothy Joseph Moynihan, Aidan Thomas Murphy, Tupoufeao Mailangi, William John Mckeouen Conrad, Rodwell Edward Sainty, Gracee Dianne Faifailoa-Fomai (Baby), Alopa Havea, Ruth Gertrude Kirton, Maria Petrenko, Gabrielle Mary Blazer, Talita Tonga Mohenoa, Catherine Buckley, Arthur Leslie Mccarthy, Veavoni Pita Taeloa (Baby), Eileen Noella Punch, Eileen Mary Moynihan, Dieuwerker Raeimakers, Lyn Nathan, Eileen Ross, Lajos Lencse, Paul Micallef, Violet Mary Segedin, James Walsh, Mornington Arthur Brennan & 'Ofa Pau'u Katoa

### **St. Dominic Savio Children's Club**

All children aged 6 and above are invited to this club – entry is free. Every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4.:00 pm at Fr. JMcGrath Rm – we play games, have fun, plan for outings etc. Altar servers of all ages are also invited to join this club. The Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity coordinate the activities.

We welcome assistance from parents /volunteers.

## **Coming Sunday, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ps 33:2-3, 10-15; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58**

	<b>Saturday, 6 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, 6 pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Ronald D'Silva	Malia Funaki	Tony Rea	Lester Colaco
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Celine George 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Miranda	1 <sup>st</sup> Lise Marie Schmidt 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joseph Katoa	1 <sup>st</sup> Alngela Paila 2 <sup>nd</sup> Susan Moa	1 <sup>st</sup> Leena Rebello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Raisa Mathias
<b>Holy Communion</b>	E D'Mello, K Mahinder	MT Ale, C Benedito, L Colaco, A Gruijters, J James, C Lewis, M Suisala	F A'Costa, V Aherne, Sr Lily Anthony, T Bojorquez, F Cole, T Down, B Ngurinzira	M Colaco

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** Mass: 8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

**Saturday:** Rosary & Novena: 5.30 pm; Vigil Mass: 6 pm

**Monday – Saturday:** Mass: 9.00am

**Wednesday:** Rosary & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6.30pm, Mass: 7.00pm

**Daily Rosary:** Mon – Sat, 8.25am; Sun, 7.45am

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Mass: 7 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: after 9 am Mass, (other times by appointment)