



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

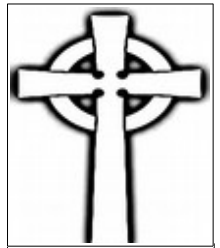
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 16th September 2018

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



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; Ps 114:1-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

CHAPTER FOUR: LOVE IN MARRIAGE

Joy and beauty

130. On the other hand, joy also grows through pain and sorrow. In the words of Saint Augustine, “the greater the danger in battle the greater is the joy of victory”. 131 After suffering and struggling together, spouses are able to experience that it was worth it, because they achieved some good, learned something as a couple, or came to appreciate what they have. Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort.

Marrying for love

131. I would like to say to young people that none of this is jeopardized when their love finds expression in marriage. Their union encounters in this institution the means to ensure that their love truly will endure and grow. Naturally, love is much more than an outward consent or a contract, yet it is nonetheless true that choosing to give marriage a visible form in society by undertaking certain commitments shows how important it is. It manifests the seriousness of each person’s identification with the other and their firm decision to leave adolescent individualism behind and to belong to one another. Marriage is a means of expressing that we have truly left the security of the home in which we grew up in order to build other strong ties and to take on a new responsibility for another person. This is much more meaningful than a mere spontaneous association for mutual gratification, which would turn marriage into a purely private affair.... **to be continued.....**

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Parish Office Hours:

Tue – Fri: 11am – 2pm

Weekends: CLOSED

Mondays: CLOSED

Account Number for pledge giving: 02-0100-0120958-04

Account Number for SMACC Building Fund: 02-0108-0339938-04

St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 2134 Great North Rd, PO Box 19207, Avondale, Auckland 1746

Parish News & Notices...

We welcome new registered parishioners in our Parish

Sherin Kavumkal Thomas and Family
Helen Ereñeta and Family
Hanan Malku and Emad Malku
Tyleranne Armstrong
Janice D'Souza and Family
Derina Kaluwila and Family
Erwin Igarta and Family

Fit for Mission 2018

"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others." *Pope Francis Laudato Si #95*

What is our parish/ community doing to protect the environment? What are we doing in our homes?

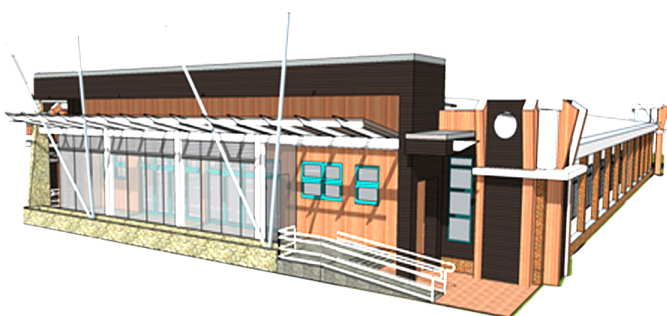
The presentation of the **The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award** has been moved to Sunday, 7th October during the 8:30 am mass.

For the Sick in Our Parish... We pray for our loved ones who are sick especially Sioli Lemeki, Filisita Fuiava, Fr. Tony Brown, Fr. Arobati Rikare, Linda Cole, Gina Moore, Helena Kafoa, Andres Navera, Seletute Tuima, Margarita Erceg, Rosa Maria Santos, Nina Imperial & John Edwards

Thank You for Supporting Caring Sunday, 2018 It is with much gratitude that we thank you and your parishioners for generously supporting the Caring Sunday Appeal for the Catholic Caring Foundation. Thank you for your gift of \$619.00 towards the work of the Foundation to care for families and communities throughout the Auckland diocese. We appreciate you placing our news in your parish newsletters, collecting donations on our behalf for Caring Sunday, remembering us in your prayers, and displaying our newsletters so that your parishioners can see where their donations are meeting the needs of our community. All these caring acts of support, mean a great deal to the Foundation, and to the over 50 community organisations to whom we are able to give grants. We simply could not help our community in this way without your support.

Emergency Grants: Help for your parishioners in need A further reminder that the Foundation can work with your parish to give an emergency grant for families and individuals experiencing immediate hardship. Emergency grants can be actioned quickly with funds of up to \$1,500 paid into your parish account to allow for disbursement to those in need. If you would like more information about this emergency fund, please contact Tofa Pereira on 09 360 3045 ortofap@caringfoundation.org.nz.

St. Mary's Avondale Community Centre **SMACC**



SMACC Fundraising Bake Sale, Sausage Sizzle & Plant Stall

Next Sunday 23rd September 2018 - immediately following 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Come meet the team and welcome the Season of Spring with a selection of plants to choose from while you enjoy a delicious treat or two!

'Celebrating Communities'

Notices from around the Auckland Diocese and beyond...

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Leader Faith Formation Team The Parish & Pastoral Services Group seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Leader Faith Formation Team to promote, encourage and support faith formation in the Diocese and to lead and guide the Faith Formation Team. This is a full time position of 40 hours a week. You will need to be committed to the ministry of the Catholic Church with an understanding of its teachings and structures; have appreciation of the cultural diversity of the Diocese; understanding of the Bi-cultural commitment of the Diocese; an excellent communicator; willingness to work flexible hours including some Saturdays and Sundays. A Masters qualification in Theology or Religious Education is desired. Significant theological formation is essential, if a degree is not held.

Mission Support Officer The Parish & Pastoral Services Group seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Mission Support Officer to promote, encourage and support mission in the Diocese. This is a full time position of 40 hours a week. You will need to be committed to the ministry of the Catholic Church with an understanding of its teachings and structures; have appreciation of the cultural diversity of the Diocese; understanding of the Bi-cultural commitment of the Diocese; an excellent communicator; willingness to work flexible hours including some Saturdays and Sundays. A qualification in Theology, Religious Education or Pastoral Theology is desired. Some theological formation is essential, if a degree is not held.

To view the full position descriptions for the above roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Quicklinks and staff vacancies.

MAX18NZ – a National Catholic Event for Men, 28-30 September 2018, Kings College, Auckland. Great line up of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed. Details available at www.max18nz.info or by email enquiry@max18nz.info or phone Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378.

The Annual Mass for Pope Francis on his Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph on **Thursday 4 October at 12.15 pm**. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and celebratory cake in Liston Hall. Be sure to sign the greeting card. Normal weekday Wilson car parking rates apply.

G.I.F.T. OPEN DAY Bishop Pat's Apostolate for Intellectually Disabled Christians (Growth in Faith Together) is holding an Open Day on Friday 28th September from 10.30am to 4.30pm at 28a Telford Ave, Balmoral, Phone 620 9524. Please come and visit during the day.

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart College, 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes on Sunday October 7th at 7pm Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited.

24hr Silent Retreat 23 – 24 November 2018 Commencing at 7pm Friday until 7pm Saturday. A Residential retreat at Saint Francis Retreat Centre. Cost \$115. Please register your interest by contacting 09 625 6651 or emailing admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

2019 Silent Retreat: Light and Shade, led by Laurence Freeman OSB Director, The World Community for Christian Meditation. January 13th – 16th, 2019 at the University of Waikato, Hamilton. For more information visit www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz or write to NZCCM retreat, 12 Everest St, Wellington 6035.

Contemplative Care: Healthcare and Meditation, a Meditation Seminar, with New Zealand healthcare professionals and Laurence Freeman OSB January 17 & 18, 2019 at the Clinical Education Centre, Auckland City Hospital. For more information visit www.meditatio.org.nz

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND –5-7 October at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington. BOOK NOW! – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary

Tue, 18 Sept	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Thu, 20 Sept	PPC Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Fri, 21 Sept	Parish Social Justice Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Sat, 22 Sept	Church Cleaning Roster: Friends of the Parish
Sun, 30 Sept	African Mass, 3 pm

For our dearly departed who died on 17th - 23rd September

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

Claude Herbert Smith, Elizabeth Rosanna Pearce, Peter James Duke, Rex James Cubitt, Genevieve Gonsalves, George Alexander Joseph Sutich, Paul Christopher Wayne Cunningham, James Marshall, Peter Cassidy, Doreen Mavis Eccles, Boris Posa, Edward Joseph Williams, David John Burgess, George Tira Wipa, Nerina Cettina, Yvonne Geard, Henrietta Schaumkell, Benjamin Stehlin, John Mannix, Gwendoline Mary Rose, John O'brien, James Alfred Keene, Vivian Eva Pearl Blake, Margaret Carpenter, William Valerian O'scanlan, June Henrietta Cunningham, Taleni Lilo, Mary Isobel Barker, Joseph William Stowers

Salesian Provincial Visitation



Fr Will Matthews SDB, the Salesian Provincial of Australia-Pacific will be making the canonical visitation of the salesian community of Massey/ Avondale next week. Fr Will will reach on Saturday 22nd and leave on Thursday 27th September. During his stay in Auckland, he will celebrate mass for us and we will have the possibility to interact with him. Kindly keep him and the Salesians of Auckland in your prayers.

Coming Sunday, Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Ps 53:3-6, 8; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Harriet Miranda	Joseph Katoa	Samoan Children	Regina Tu'u
Word	1 st Ronald D'Silva 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Malia Funaki 2 nd Joe James	Samoan Children	1 st Selina Tu'u 2 nd Lita Tu'u
Holy Communion	V Coelho, R Miranda	T Funaki, A Gruijters, A Isaia, M Jaskiewicz, H Laverty, K Muliaga, E Swann	Sr Cherubina, L Muliaga, E Oliviea, B Ngurinzira, O Tuima, F Poughila, M Talataina	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

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm

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