



## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9-15 September Social Justice Week

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; Ps 145:7-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

## AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

### CHAPTER FOUR: LOVE IN MARRIAGE

#### Joy and beauty

128. The aesthetic experience of love is expressed in that “gaze” which contemplates other persons as ends in themselves, even if they are infirm, elderly or physically unattractive. A look of appreciation has enormous importance, and to begrudge it is usually hurtful. How many things do spouses and children sometimes do in order to be noticed! Much hurt and many problems result when we stop looking at one another. This lies behind the complaints and grievances we often hear in families: “My husband does not look at me; he acts as if I were invisible”. “Please look at me when I am talking to you!”. “My wife no longer looks at me, she only has eyes for our children”. “In my own home nobody cares about me; they do not even see me; it is as if I did not exist”. Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being.

129. The joy of this contemplative love needs to be cultivated. Since we were made for love, we know that there is no greater joy than that of sharing good things: “Give, take, and treat yourself well” (Sir 14:16). The most intense joys in life arise when we are able to elicit joy in others, as a foretaste of heaven. We can think of the lovely scene in the film *Babette’s Feast*, when the generous cook receives a grateful hug and praise: “Ah, how you will delight the angels!” It is a joy and a great consolation to bring delight to others, to see them enjoying themselves. This joy, the fruit of fraternal love, is not that of the vain and selfcentred, but of lovers who delight in the good of those whom they love, who give freely to them and thus bear good fruit.

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## Parish News & Notices...

We welcome new member to our Parish family through the sacrament of baptism, **Erwin Jacob Igarta**



### Fit for Mission 2018

How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome

the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection or betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom." "But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live out our baptismal calling to become missionary disciples and accept the life-giving words of Christ, even when they are difficult." *Pope Francis, August 2018.*

### 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

### Anointing of the sick

Together with the St. Vincent de Paul Society our Parish is happy to invite all faithful, especially the elderly, the sick and their families, to join us celebrate the Holy Mass on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9 am. During the mass we shall have the Anointing of the sick.

We request families and friends to make arrangements to bring those who wish to receive the sacraments. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the foyer.

All are welcome.

**Cleaning roster:** We would like more families and groups to volunteer cleaning of the church. If people or families would like to be added to the cleaning roster please email the office. If families on the current roster are unable to come and need their names removed please e-mail the office. Last date for informing is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award

We thank all those who submitted their applications. It will be scrutinized by a Committee. Applicants will be called for an interview and a final winner will be selected. The award will be presented to the winner on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September during the 8:30 am mass.

**The Sept. 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships.

### Parish Justice and Peace Committee

- Encourage awareness of and action on behalf of justice issues in parishes;
- Assist parishes in reflection on justice issues, Catholic social teaching, and in using resources and information provided by the Commission and its Committees, and Caritas;
- Bring justice issues identified in parishes to the Commission.

**We encourage parishioners to take part and be members of our Parish Justice and Peace Committee. We request interested party to contact the parish office.**

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

**You are invited to a day of Prayer and Quiet Reflection** on the 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Saint Francis Retreat Centre, **50 Hillsborough Rd Mt Roskill**. The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm. The cost for the day is \$30pp including lunch. Please ring 09 625 6651 to make a booking or email: [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz). **Time Out Day** – 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Holy Cross Parish Henderson (2 Lavelle Road, Henderson)** will be having an **International Food Fair** on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 (Sat) 12pm in the Parish Hall, as part of its Feast Day celebration (in conjunction with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14 Sept). Do come and join us for this joyous occasion! For more info., contact: Holy Cross Parish Office 838 1558.

**Holy Cross Seminary** invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross Mass. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, **16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby**, at 5.00 pm on Monday 17 September. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Cullinane.

**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](http://www.max18nz.info) or by email [enquiry@max18nz.info](mailto:enquiry@max18nz.info) or phone Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378

**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.

**LIFEFEST 2018:** Attention young people and youth groups! A one day hands-on event providing young people, *13 to 19 years*, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm. Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: cheap accommodation available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: [clare.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.fli@xtra.co.nz) txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.

**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](mailto:david.christinesloan@gmail.com).

**Destined for Greatness Building a Culture of Life** Come join us as we learn about the great gift of life and how we can build a new culture of life in our communities on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1:30 pm, St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion Street, Takapuna. With **Fr Shenan J. Boquet: The Dignity of the Human Person** and **Dr Brian Clowes, PhD: The Spiritual Battle**. For more information contact Grace Espinosa 021 2011727 (CFC-FFL) or Michael Loretz 021 825955 (FLI). A collection will be taken to help defray expenses.

**The Audiology section at the University of Auckland** is running sessions for Master of Audiology students at Tamaki Campus. We need a number of children between 3 ½ & 5 years of age for our 1<sup>st</sup> year Audiology students to test during the period from 12<sup>th</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> October. All children will receive a comprehensive hearing assessment by a student audiologist under the supervision of a qualified, experienced audiologist. Appointments will be 1 hour & you will receive the test results at the end of the appointment. To make an appointment, please phone the clinics on 923 9909

## *Dates for your Diary*

<b>Tue, 11 Sept</b>	<b>Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>
<b>Fri, 14 Sept</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>
<b>Sat, 15 Sept</b>	<b>Church Cleaning Toilet: Q Colaco, B JosephMary, J Katoa</b>
<b>Sat, 15 Sept</b>	<b>Mass with the Anointing of the Sick (Courtesy – St Vincent de Paul Society), 9 am</b>
<b>Tue, 18 Sept</b>	<b>SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm</b>

### *For our dearly departed who died on 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September*

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

Eliza Jane Heron, Thomas Charles Bunbury, George William Crummett, Angela Bernadette Gegan, Adrienne Ruth Bolder, Mary Neville, Audrey Joan Miles, Anthony Guilfoyle, Ivan George Marinovich, Ruta Iutita Thomsen, Unasa Charles Lawrence Schwenke, Leandro Teodli Shiel, Giovanni John Russo, Edward Joseph Von Dinklage, Thomas Mcleod, Joseph Otto Rasch, Ida Mary Boyle, Hendrikus Arnoldus Johannes Bernards, Annie Agatha Mareko Savelio, Martin James Kennelly, Neseotolio Etuale Atiga

### **GETTING MARRIED.....**

The couples come together in the Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen their love in the presence of the Priest and the community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. Christ enriches and strengthens them by a special sacrament. It is a beautiful gift that they offer to each other in love and fidelity.

We encourage people who are called to married life, consider making it a Church marriage. Before you go ahead with booking of the hall for reception and all other plannings, contact a Priest of your choice to help you with the preparations for marriage. You need to contact him at least five months in advance.

## **Coming Sunday, 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**

	<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>	Don Perera	Lise Marie Schmidt	Susan Moa	Raisa Mathias
<b>Word</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cynthia Paul 2 <sup>nd</sup> N Fernandes	1 <sup>st</sup> Keith Simento 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rachel Simento	1 <sup>st</sup> Tony Rea 2 <sup>nd</sup> Angela Paila	1 <sup>st</sup> Lester Colaco 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leena Rebello
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Ak Bonamis, H D'Souza	MT Ale, C Benedito, M Child, L Colaco, J James, C Lewis, M Suisala	F A'Costa, V Aherne, Sr Lily Anthony, T Bojorquez, F Cole, TM Down, Sr Maria Chiara	V Jessop

### **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)