



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

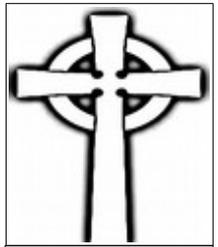
Avondale Parish Bulletin – 2nd February 2020

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



The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

1 Being sons and daughters

There is, however, another side to the coin. As the word of God tells us, “a man leaves his father and his mother” (*Gen 2:24*). This does not always happen, and a marriage is hampered by the failure to make this necessary sacrifice and surrender. Parents must not be abandoned or ignored, but marriage itself demands that they be “left”, so that the new home will be a true hearth, a place of security, hope and future plans, and the couple can truly become “one flesh” (*ibid.*). In some marriages, one spouse keeps secrets from the other, confiding them instead to his or her parents. As a result, the opinions of their parents become more important than the feelings and opinions of their spouse. This situation cannot go on for long, and even if it takes time, both spouses need to make the effort to grow in trust and communication. Marriage challenges husbands and wives to find new ways of being sons and daughters.

“ The elderly

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent” (*Ps 71:9*). This is the plea of the elderly, who fear being forgotten and rejected. Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly.²¹¹ This represents a challenge to families and communities, since “the Church cannot and does not want to conform to a mentality of impatience, and much less of indifference and contempt, towards old age.

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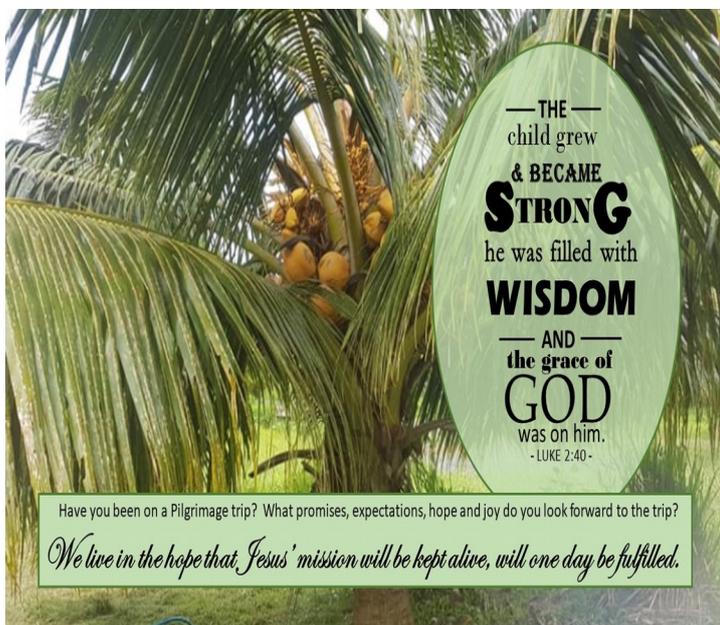
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Working Bees on February 15 after the 9am Mass, for the cleaning the Church, the Hall, the presbytery, gardens and the surroundings. Please bring the required tools for the work you like to do such as brooms, water blaster, lawnmower, spades, hoes and the like. Invite you family and friends to this day of service.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th February, 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

"The Children Seminar "Fortified Tower": The Children Ministry of Holy Cross Parish Henderson is organising a seminar for the children on Sunday 9th February 2020, 10am to 2pm in the Parish Hall BYO lunch. All children age 6-15 years old are welcome to participate and be spiritually nourished.

March for Life-a family-friendly, life affirming awareness march to show our love for vulnerable, unborn babies, their mothers, and the wider impacted whanau. On 1pm Saturday February 29th, gather at Freyberg Square, Auckland CBD. 2pm march to Aotea Square along Queen St.

Lift Up Their Voices and Sing 2020 Join us next month for a day of formation for parish musicians, choirs, cantors, liturgy committees and all with an interest in music in the liturgy. Saturday 15th February 2019 9:15am – 3:15pm. Our Lady of the Assumption

Parish, 97 Galway Street, Onehunga. To register or for more information email marcellesa@cda.org.nz

Ignatian Spirituality for Women. An 8-day silent, individually guided retreat, given by Adriana Janus, Nicola McCarthy and Joy Cowley. 20-29 March 2020 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost: \$675, includes accommodation for 9 nights, all meals and daily spiritual direction. For more info please contact Joy Cowley, joycowley@xtra.co.nz.

Alpha Network Update will be held at the Pompalier Centre on Tuesday 25th February, starting at 6.30pm. This gives us an opportunity to update you with new initiatives and plans from Alpha New Zealand, hear about and question Auckland parishes currently running Alpha courses and chatting with those looking at initiating an Alpha course in the future. We will be introducing a new faith formation program called "Wings" that will become available for "after Alpha". We welcome yourselves and any who are involved or interested in being involved in Alpha in your parishes. There will be lite food and refreshments. Please RSVP by Friday 21st to stephenf@cda.org.nz, or call 021 439 407.

We pray for the Sick in Our Parish Siieli Lemeki, Filisita Fuiava, Linda Cole, Gina Moore, Elisiva Pepa, Margarita Erceg, Rosa Maria Santos.

St Valentine's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Celebration of Marriage and Family Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm. (Wilson parking \$4.00 validate ticket at Cathedral). All welcome All welcome: Engaged, Married, Singles, Families, Children. Contact ph 360-3025, or email Gerry at

Research participants Wanted: Parent-Child Study: We're looking for 70 families (mother, father and their 4-year-old child) to take part in a research study investigating parenting and self-regulation skills. Families will receive a \$20 voucher and go into a draw to win one of five \$150 gift vouchers. If you are interested in participating or want to find out more, please contact Vanessa Nathan 0204190160 or email: vanessa.nathan@auckland.ac.nz

Welcoming/ Hospitality

It is with great joy and open arms that we welcome all parishioners and friends of our parish. Sunday mass is a Eucharistic Celebration, but it is also a gathering of family and friends. It is good to look around and extend our arms to welcome and greet one another. Stop for a moment, introduce yourself, have a chat and listen to the stories people. It is a great feeling to strengthen our faith alongside with gaining new friends as we open ourselves in welcoming the amazing individuals from our parish.

PRO LIFE FACTS

The Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister want to ban people from praying and offering help outside abortion clinics. Kate Cormack of Voice for Life has personal experience from her small group near Hastings Hospital. "Where were you?" asked an angry young girl in her school uniform at the bus stop. "When?" I replied. "Where were you when I was here?" She pointed to the Hospital. Our outreach group was new then, and the Thursday this very young girl had her abortion, no one was there. She wanted someone to have been there. Been there to listen and offer her another way. Her bus came and she had to go. The last thing I said as she left was "I'm sorry." I came to learn that talking to people who were angry, most times it lead to them sharing their personal abortion stories: pain, mistreatment, regret, confusion and trauma. I'd explain we weren't there to judge, just to offer help before and after abortion. The majority encouraged us and wished they'd had that help. For more pro-life information, visit the Voice for Life website at voiceforlife.org.nz.

Con-validation of Marriage

We invite couples who wish to have their civil marriage con-validated, please contact the Parish office

Sacramental Programme 2020

Parents who wish to have their children aged preferably 9 and above for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are requested to contact the parish office for an interview. Remember to bring the Baptism Certificate of the child and the registration fee of \$20. Last day to register is Sunday 9th February. Classes are scheduled to begin on Sat, 15th February 2020 Register today.

The Parish office is now open from Tuesday- Friday, 11 am - 2 pm. Kindly make all arrangements including collecting Hall & McGrath Rm keys, photocopies, for readings of Sunday Masses and any other requests during office hours. We are happy to serve during these times. We want to assure you that the priests are available for your spiritual needs and you are welcome to approach them as the need arises.

Deadline of submission for notices for the newsletter is every Wednesday during office hours. All notices that will be submitted after Wednesday will still be accepted but will be included in the newsletter for the following week.

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



For all those giving for SMACC thank you for your continued support.

If not yet giving, would you consider making a regular payment towards SMACC Fund?

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'Celebrating Communities'

Dates for your Diary

Tue, 4 Feb	St. Mary's Parish Youth Leaders' Meeting, Youth Centre, 6: 30 pm
Sat, 8 Feb	Church Cleaning: Tongan Community
Sat, 8 Feb	Flower arrangements: Friendly Flower Group
Tue, 11 Feb	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Tue, 18 Feb	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Thu, 20 Feb	Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Wed, 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Masses at 9 am & 7 pm
Fri, 28 Feb	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Sat, 7 Mar	Episcopal Ordination of Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Michael, Cathedral, 11:30 am



**Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners
in the month of February**

**20 Kate Kirkham 24 Heather Laverty
28 Sheelagh Harvey**

For our dearly departed who died (2 February to 8 February) We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Clinton Michael Curtis, Wilhelmina Henriette Nieuwenhuys, Moria Anne Collins, Veronica Hedwige Flynn, Geraldine Fowler, Derek Burn, Anne Margaret Hwelett, Mary Dorothy Murray, Paul Neville Bland, Anne Brigid Keene, Charles Rudd, Noel Lazarus John D'Souza, Valerie Margaret Titford, Eric Gleeson, Baptist Pinto, Luigi Mark Giacom, Robert Hooper, Lodewyk Verstegen, Richard Redmond, Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Robert Michael Osborne, Hilda Evelyn Josephine Woddney.

Coming Sunday: Fifth Week Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111:4-9; Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	A.Mathiah	Maria Jose	Patricia Leavai	Leena Rebello
Word	1 st R.D'Silva 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Joseph Katoa 2 nd Ivory Peauvasa	1 st Pat'Oneil Afioga 2 nd Laina Muliaga	1 st Raisa Mathias 2 nd Teena Roy
Holy Communion	V.Coelho L.D'Souza	A.Guijters, W.Hawtrey, A.Isaia,M.Jaskiewicz,H Laverty, J.Peauvasa, M.Sherwood	F.Lakalaka, H.Lakalaka, F.Pouhila, T.Tatafu,M.Tuima, O.Tuima,L.Tuima,	V.Jessop N. Imperial P.Nair

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

Friday Adoration: After 9 am Mass to 10:30 am

1st Friday: Mass: 7 pm

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