



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –1st March 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



First Week of Lent, Year A

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7;Ps 50;Romans 5:12-19;Matthew 4:1-11

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

198. Finally, we cannot forget that this larger family includes fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law and all the relatives of the couple. One particularly delicate aspect of love is learning not to view these relatives as somehow competitors, threats or intruders. The conjugal union demands respect for their traditions and customs, an effort to understand their language and to refrain from criticism, caring for them and cherishing them while maintaining the legitimate privacy and independence of the couple. Being willing to do so is also an exquisite expression of generous love for one's spouse.

Some Pastoral Perspectives

199. The dialogue that took place during the Synod raised the need for new pastoral methods. I will attempt to mention some of these in a very general way. Different communities will have to devise more practical and effective initiatives that respect both the Church's teaching and local problems and needs. Without claiming to present a pastoral plan for the family, I would now like to reflect on some more significant pastoral challenges. *(to be continued)*

**Together Shine in the Mission of Christ
is the theme for this 3rd Year (2020) of Preparations
for the Parish Centennial (2021)**

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Tue – Fri: 11am – 2pm

Weekends: CLOSED

Mondays: CLOSED

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

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St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 2134 Great North Rd, Avondale, Auckland 0600



We welcome new member

Songata Ana Soakai Langi

**to our
Parish family
through the Sacrament of
Baptism**

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy
Communion – a Special Announcement**

We shall have Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (no Mass) from Tuesday, 3 March to Friday, 6 March as Fr. Mathew will be away attending a Clergy Formation Programme on Change Management and Fr. James is still on home-leave. Masses will resume in the evening on Friday, 6 March.

There will be no Confession on Saturday, 7 March as we go for the ordination of the Bishop Elect. However, a priest will be available for confession after the evening Mass on Friday.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6 March 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.

Gifts for the Poor: We encourage all families in this season of Lent to prepare and share a special gift pack of non-perishable food pack for our less fortunate brothers and sisters and deposit them in the 'Gifts for the needy' box kept at the front of the Church.

Care for creation and our surroundings
The season of Lent is the time of spiritual preparation for Easter. We do prayers, penance to repent for our sins and other sacrifices such as fasting to cleanse ourselves. As we go through that process let us not forget to also do something to God's creations and care for our surroundings. It is also our responsibility to keep our surroundings clean and pleasant as this is a reflection of ourselves and that of our parish.

DRCNZ – The Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand (DRCNZ) is organizing a Lenten Retreat led by Fr Michael Payyapilly VC for 2 evenings, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March – 7 to 9.00p.m. at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka.

**You are all invited to Bishop-elect
Michael Gielen's ordination**

Bishop Pat invites all us to join him to fill the Vodafone Event Centre as we gather as one Diocesan family to support Fr. Michael Gielen who will ordained Bishop.



Our parish is arranging for buses to ferry parishioners to the Ordination of Fr. Michael as Bishop. Please register your seat with 5/- payment which is non refundable. Today is the last date to register with the payment.

Please contact Maria Tapusoa at 0274730166 for more info.

Buses will leave from our main car park on Saturday, 7 March at 9:30 am. Those booked their seats may consider taking water and light refreshments as we may leave from the Event Centre only after 1 pm.

Entrance through Gates 2 and 3



*Create
— in me —
A
Clean
Heart
O GOD
- Ps. 51*

Have you created a personal desert deep within you? Or is it secretly hidden away?
Is it sacredly kept within the solitude of the heart?
— In The Solitude of the Divine Heart of God —



Our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of **Myrtle Kathleen Conway** who died on 14 February 2020. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The St Mary's Education Grant

helps children in need (both here in Avondale and overseas) to meet their educational expenses. In selecting the recipient child the only criterion is the need for money for Education. The St Mary's Education Grant raises funds through small, regular contributions of \$5 or more a month and it will certainly change some child's life forever.. We are looking for new donors to join us, contributing small amounts regularly. The money goes through the Church accounts, so all donations are eligible for Income Tax Receipts at the end of the financial year.

Contact Joe James 09 8281577.

The Parish office is open from Tuesday-Friday, 11 am - 2 pm.

Kindly make all arrangements including collecting keys, making photocopies, requesting readings of Sunday Masses and so on during office hours. We are happy to serve during these times. Please do not send your children to the office with errands. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all 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.

Caritas Lenten appeal 2020

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are inserted today at the newsletter. Kindly use them to make your weekly Lenten contributions. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2020 will be sent receipts for the 2019/2020 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2020/2021 tax year.

Catholic College Open Days

Baradene College, Thursday, 5 March, 6:30 pm
St. Mary's College Thursday, 5 March, 6:30 pm
St.Dominic's Catholic College Tuesday, 24 March 6:30pm

Deadline of submission for notices for the newsletter is Wednesday during office hours. All notices submitted after Wednesday will be included in the newsletter for the following week. Send your stories to: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz

Car Parking: Each lane of our car park is designed for parking three cars. We have been noticing that the middle space is left vacant many a time. Since there is a shortage of parking space, kindly use the car park with discretion to allow space to all those who come to church.

Job Vacancies

Equip is a Charitable Mental Health Trust are looking for people who thrive on the challenges of this sector and the rewards that it brings. We currently have a number of vacancies on our website <http://www.equip.net.nz/vacancies>

Grounds-person for St Francis Retreat Centre. 20-30 hours per week position depending on the successful applicant's availability. For a full job description and application form: email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Telephone: (09) 6256651 Write: 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042. Applications close 20 March 2020.

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

Sun, 1 Mar	Rite of Election, Cathedral, 1:30 pm
Fri, 6 Mar	Stations of the Cross followed by the Holy Mass 6:30pm
Sat, 7 Mar	Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Michael, Vodafone Event Centre, 11:00 am
Sun , 8 Mar	Thanksgiving Mass of the new Bishop Michael, Cathedral, 11 am
Tue, 10 Mar	Liturgy Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Thu, 12 Mar	SMACC Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Thu, 19 Mar	PPC Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Fri, 27 Mar	12 hours for the Lord - Adoration after 9 am Mass up to 10 pm
Fri, 27 Mar	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
April 1 - 3	Parish Lenten Retreat, Church, 7 – 9 pm

For our dearly departed who died on 1st March - 7th March

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Imre Konya, Elizabeth Mary Adolph, James Craig, Edith Jane Lyons, Ilija Pavlovich, Joe Foketi Jnr Tuitavuki (Baby), Gail Margaret Wilton, Taufisiahi Riggs, Muriel Pearl Kirkham, Mary Agnes Widdows, Stephen Richard James Cotton, Violet Mary French, Roza Brkan, Marie May Blowers, Maud Edith Casey, Thelma Vera Wells, Irene Alison Mclean, Rebecca Reynolds, Anne Josephine Dragicevich, Tiroa Francis Connal, Thomas Colin Leach, Eileen Alice Temple, Eileen Mary Curran, Mary Coleman, Elsie Alma Brown, Saitala Ah Van, Eliza Rounds, Lewis Kenneth John Baker

Coming Sunday: Second Week of Lent

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Ps 33; Timothy 1; 8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	School	Mafi Funaki-Tahifote	Sala Perez	Raisa Mathias
Word	School	1 st Kalolaine Funaki 2 nd Joseph Katoa	1 st April Joy Avito 2 nd David Faalau-Solia	1 st Teena Roy 2 nd Celine George
Holy Communion	R.Miranda L.D'souza	L.Colaco, W.Hawtrey, A.Isaia, M.Jaskiewicz, H.laverty, J.Peauvasa, M.Suisala	F.Lakalaka, H.Lakalaka, M.Talataina, O.Tuima, L.Tuima, K.Tuima, M.Vai	Q.Colaco N. Imperial P.Nair

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Saturday: Mass: 9.00am

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

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

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)