



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –23rdFebruary 2020

Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whaingā

To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono



Seventh Week Ordinary Time, Year A

Readings: Levit. 19:1-2;17-18;Ps 103; Cor.3:16-23;Matt. 5:38-48

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

A big heart

196.In addition to the small circle of the couple and their children, there is the larger family, which cannot be overlooked. Indeed, “the love between husband and wife and, in a derivative and broader way, the love between members of the same family – between parents and children, brothers and sisters and relatives and members of the household – is given life and sustenance by an unceasing inner dynamism leading the family to ever deeper and more intense communion, which is the foundation and soul of the community of marriage and the family”. Friends and other families are part of this larger family, as well as communities of families who support one another in their difficulties, their social commitments and their faith.

197.This larger family should provide love and support to teenage mothers, children without parents, single mothers left to raise children, persons with disabilities needing particular affection and closeness, young people struggling with addiction, the unmarried, separated or widowed who are alone, and the elderly and infirm who lack the support of their children. It should also embrace “even those who have made shipwreck of their lives”. This wider family can help make up for the shortcomings of parents, detect and report possible situations in which children suffer violence and even abuse, and provide wholesome love and family stability in cases when parents prove incapable of this.

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

We welcome new member
to our Parish family

**Mohith Samuel and Rebecca Vergis and
Family
Tinu JudePudusseri and Rocily Deepthi
Thomas**

through change of residence and
registration in our Parish

Palms for Ash Wednesday ashes: We request those who have got the palms blessed last year on Palm Sunday to bring them and deposit them in the basket kept in the foyer. They will be burnt to make ashes for Ash Wednesday celebrations.

Ash Wednesday on 26 February it is a day of Fast and Abstinence there will be Masses at 9am and 7pm.

Our parish is arranging for bus/es to ferry parishioners to the Ordination of Fr. Michael as Bishop. Please register your seat with 10/- down payment and the fee of 10/- is non refundable. The last date to register with the payment is Sunday, 1 March. Please contact Maria Tapusoa at 0274730166 for more info.

The Feb. 23 – March 7 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Change of venue for bishop ordination. NZ take on Pope's Amazon document. Coronavirus crisis prompts prayers. Pro-life groups pan abortion select committee process.

The Parish would like to Thank the working Bee Volunteers last Saturday 15 February your hard work is greatly appreciated.

We thank Janet Lopes and Soane Tai Tuima for agreeing to serve the Parish community on the Parish Finance Committee and **Tania Starr** for accepting to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Thank you for your generosity in serving the Parish.

The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is available for the annual visit to each of our Parishioners houses. Please enter your details in the foyer on the sheet provided.

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

Pope Francis has announced that Fr Michael Gielen will be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Auckland Diocese. The venue for this ordination is the Vodafone Events Centre, South Auckland. With a seating capacity of



almost 3000 our hope is that as many people as possible will take up the opportunity to join this celebration. Bishop Pat invites all the people of the diocese to join him to fill the Vodafone Event Centre as we gather as one Diocesan family to support Michael Gielen in this celebration of faith.

Fr. Michael will visit us today, 23 February to invite us personally to his Ordination, to mix with us and to celebrate Holy Mass at 6 pm.

All are welcome as parish family to get to know him and to assure him of our support and prayers.

Date of Episcopal Ordination: Sat 7 March
Time: 11.00 am (not 11.30 am)
Venue: Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Wiri
Entrance through Gates 2 and 3.

How do you react with someone who is

insulting

cruel

violent

*"You shall not bear hatred,
Take no revenge,
Cherish no grudge."* Lev. 19:14-18

You shall react with

Pardon

Forgiveness

Love

Parish Centennial Celebrations Committee Meeting



**Saturday, 29th February at 2:00 pm
in the Presbytery**

The members are two representatives from all Standing Committees of the Parish Pastoral Council, Groups & Associations, Faith Movements, Ethnic Communities, Youth, St. Dominic Savio Children's Club, Alter Servers and any interested parishioners. Leaders are requested to see that their group is represented.

News from the Parish School

Happy New Year everyone! The 2020 school year has got off to a fantastic start with all students happy and well settled into their learning. At our beginning of the school year Mass our student leaders for 2020 were announced and blessed by Father. CONGRATULATIONS to Paris (Head Girl), Isaiah (Head Boy), Anastasia, Ezra, Serenity, Aaron, Kevin and Viliami. We are very proud of you and the leadership you all show.



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. Thank you for your generous support.

Catholic College Open Days

St. Dominic's Catholic College, Tuesday 24th March at 6.30pm.

Marcellin College, Thursday 27th February. Open evening at 4pm-7pm

St Mary's College Thursday 5 March. Commencing 2.30pm & 6.30pm in the Gymnasium

Baradene College, Thu 5 March, 6.30 p.m

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'

Together Shine in the Mission of Christ

is the theme for this 3rd Year of Preparations for the Parish Centennial (2021)

Dates for your Diary

Sun,23 Feb	Altars Meeting, Church, 3pm
Wed, 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Masses at 9 am & 7 pm
Fri, 28 Feb	Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse and Violence
Fri, 28 Feb	Finance Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Sat, 29 Feb	Church Cleaning:Samoan Sunday School
Sat, 29 Feb	Parish Centennial Celebrations Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 2 pm
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

For our dearly departed who died on 23rd February- 29th February

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Mary Alio O'Scanlan, Rosa Eileen Hutchins, Annie Caroline Greenbank, Lenan Skelton, Dominic Bernard Smith, Lillian Alice Horan, Tilio Guy Francois La Rosa, Elisabeth Maria Gruijters, Edward Frank Gallagher, Barry Daniel O'sullivan, Jean Millerchen, Roko Bartulovich, Alfred Patrick Hinksman, Marija Bartulovich, Leslie Mary Turner, Walter Robert Graham, Evangeline Rouse Parnell



Happy Birthday to our Senior Parishioners in the month of March

**1st Patsy Loreno 15th Judith Thomsen
30th Maurice Laverty**

Coming Sunday: First Week of Lent

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

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Cynthia Paul	Mara Fatunu'u	Vika Lemeki	Leena Rebello
Word	1 st Ronald D'Silva 2 nd Don Perera	1 st Jane Benedito 2 nd Telesia Fatialofa	1 st Calah Fonoti 2 nd Sefa Halanqahu	1 st Raisa Mathias 2 nd D.Colaco
Holy Communion	A.Bonamis V. Coelho	C.Benedito, L.Colaco, M.Funaki, T.Funaki, J.Peauvasa, M.Sherwood, E.Swann	F.Acosta, T.Bojorquez, B.Joseph, A.Lata, L.Lilo, F.Pouhila, Sr. Agnelle	Q.Colaco V.Jessop 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)