



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

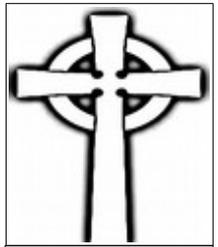
Avondale Parish Bulletin –9th February 2020

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



Fifth Week Ordinary Time, Year A

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

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

The Elderly

192. Saint John Paul II asked us to be attentive to the role of the elderly in our families, because there are cultures which, “especially in the wake of disordered industrial and urban development, have both in the past and in the present set the elderly aside in unacceptable ways”. The elderly help us to appreciate “the continuity of the generations”, by their “charism of bridging the gap”. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and “many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents”. Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are. “Attention to the elderly makes the difference in a society. Does a society show concern for the elderly? Does it make room for the elderly? Such a society will move forward if it respects the wisdom of the elderly”.

193. The lack of historical memory is a serious shortcoming in our society. A mentality that can only say, “Then was then, now is now”, is ultimately immature. Knowing and judging past events is the only way to build a meaningful future. Memory is necessary for growth: “Recall the former days” (*Heb 10:32*). Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighbourhood and their country. Our contemporary experience of being orphans as a result of cultural discontinuity, up-rootedness and the collapse of the certainties that shape our lives, challenges us to make our families places where children can sink roots in the rich soil of a collective history.

(to be continued)

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Weekends: CLOSED

Mondays: CLOSED

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

Happy Birthday & Happy Holidays Fr. James.

Fr. James will be on holidays from Friday, 14th February to 31st March. While on holidays he will celebrate his birthday with family and friends on Tuesday, 25th February. We shall accompany him with our prayers.

Thank you!! We thank the **Parish Divine Mercy Group** for marking the car park on Waitangi Day. All car users are requested observe basic parking rules and keep free reserved areas like the mobility pass parking space. Each lane of the car park is designed for parking three cars. We do find that the middle space is left vacant many a time. Kindly use the car park with discretion to give space to all those who come to church.

Samoan Sunday School will begin on Sun, 16 February. Classes are from 8:30 to 10 am in the hall. Samoan children of any age are welcome to join the Sunday school. For more info, please contact Amata on 021 182 2485.

Face-lift to the church surroundings: Plans are underway to beautify the area facing the Great North Road. The wall along the Great North Road is not a retaining wall. The weight of the soil has already made cracks on the wall. The Finance Committee has made it a priority to remove the soil, create a slop and pave the slop with bricks from the 'Buy a Brick' Project. This level of slop will be in line with the earth work being undertaken around the grotto.

Working Bees on coming Saturday, 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.

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.

The Feb. 9-22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Filipino-Kiwis made papal knight and dame. 250 years since first Mass in NZ waters. Three bishops bless West Coast memorial. Wellington Compassion Sister awarded QSM.

Coronavirus & Liturgy

With New Zealand health officials saying that it is highly likely that the Wuhan Coronavirus will arrive in our country, every institution and gathering place needs to take appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of all people. This affects our celebrations of the Mass and other parish gatherings, and especially the reception of Holy Communion. Should outbreaks of the virus be recorded in New Zealand, up to date information and clear procedures will be implemented, but at this time it is sufficient to remind parishioners that:

- The reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus in communion from the chalice as well as in the host, while a more complete sign of communion, is not necessary in order to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace, since each form alone is the complete reality of Jesus Christ. Therefore it is not essential that parishioners receive from the chalice, especially when the threat to health is great.

- While communion on the tongue is approved, the possibility of passing infection between parishioners using this method is greatly increased.

- Many parishioners will be aware of their own vulnerability of health, or perhaps have had contact with family who have recently returned from parts of the world where the virus is present. Therefore they may wish to restrict bodily contact during the Sign of Peace or at other times. In these circumstances the greeting of peace can be exchanged by speaking the words "peace be with you" or similar.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will already be practicing standard health precautions, washing hands, using alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and ensuring that the chalice purificator is used appropriately.

While it is not necessary at this stage to impose uniform practices this will be done if necessary. At this time all parishioners are asked to take precautions to ensure their own good health and the safety of others. Parishes will be asked to take extra cautions if these are deemed necessary.

National Liturgy Office

30 January 2020

How do you use absolute and clear commands in your family conversations?

Do you give just and direct points to make a change?

Are you the one that gives light to all in your home

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden

- Mat 5:14

"You are the Light of the World," says the Lord.

New to the Parish?

Have been worshipping here for many years?

Have you registered as a Parishioner?

We encourage all our friends who are new to our parish to meet our priests and **REGISTER** to be members of our parish family. We are delighted to welcome new parishioners and let us all grow in faith together. Parishioners who leave the parish or have changed address and contact details may notify the parish. It will help us to update our data base.

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING on Thursday 5 March, 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 13 March, 2020 at 3.00 pm. A limited number of place in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 13 March, 2020 at 3.00 pm.

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.

Date: Saturday 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
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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.

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



'Celebrating Communities'

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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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

Sat, 15 Feb	Church Cleaning: Mother of Divine Mercy Youth
Sat, 15 Feb	Flower arrangements: Samoan Community
Sat, 15 Feb	Parish Working Bees, after 9 am Mass
Mon, 17 Feb	Life-Teen Core Team Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Tue, 18 Feb	SMACC Committee Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Thu, 20 Feb	Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting, Presbytery, 7 pm
Sat, 22 Feb	Parish Youth “Messy Games”, Church Playing Fields, 9:30 am
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, 7 Mar	Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Michael, Vodafone Event Centre, 11:00 am

For our dearly departed who died (9 February to 15 February)

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

Marija Dominkovich, Phillip Gordon Ker, John Tuagalu, Tracey Ann McGrath, Charles Michael Heremaia, Leonard Grundy, John Frederick Rivers, Emanuel Tovia, Helen Wulf, Mary Mcchrysal, Theodorus Yahya Tjenggara, Violet Belford Thomsen, Peter Henry Mclean, Mary Tearoa Ngariki Benedito, Nora Berwick, Beatrice Mary Butler, Francisco Adap, Sr. Mary Agnes Crawley, Harry Armer, Sarah Hackshaw, Su’a Teofilo Fatialofa, Marjorie Blackman, Angelko Gugich, Bernhardt Aloysius Thomsen, Benjamin William Rawhiti, Olga Aline Hamvai, Mary Eliz Greatbatch.

Coming Sunday: Sixth Week Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecus.15:15-20; Ps 118; Cor.2:6-10; Matt. 5:

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Eric Bonamis	Mark Simento	Youth	Raisa Mathias
Word	1 st Don Perera 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Keith Simento 2 nd Rachel Suesue	1 st Youth 2 nd Youth	1 st Teena Roy 2 nd C.Imperial
Holy Communion	A.Bonamis E.D’Mello	P.Betham, M.Child, M.Funaki, A.Isaia, C.Lewis, M.Suisala, E.Swann	T.Down, K.Joseph, B.Joseph, E.Oliveira B.Ngurinzira, Sr.Therese, Sr.Maria	V.Jessop 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)