



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –15th March 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



Third Week of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2.5-8; John 4:5-42

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

Proclaiming the Gospel of the family today

200. It is not enough to show generic concern for the family in pastoral planning. Enabling families to take up their role as active agents of the family apostolate calls for “an effort at evangelization and catechesis inside the family”.

201. “This effort calls for missionary conversion by everyone in the Church, that is, one that is not content to proclaim a merely theoretical message without connection to people’s real problems”. Pastoral care for families “needs to make it clear that the Gospel of the family responds to the deepest expectations of the human person: a response to each one’s dignity and fulfilment in reciprocity, communion and fruitfulness. This consists not merely in presenting a set of rules, but in proposing values that are clearly needed today, even in the most secularized of countries”

**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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Welcoming/ Hospitality

It is with great joy that we welcome parishioners and friends of our parish with open arms. 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 their stories. 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.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been distributed. 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 free post envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

"24 Hours for the Lord" Our Parish will have 24 hours of Adoration from Friday 27th March after the 9.00 am Mass to 10 pm with Benediction at 8:45 am. A roster is kept in the foyer for families /groups to write their names and hence ensure that there is always people present during the day/night vigil.

Gifts for the Poor: We encourage all the families in the parish to prepare a special gift pack of non-perishable food pack for the poor and deposit them in the 'Gifts for the needy' box kept at the front of the Church.

Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2020, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, (09)3603057, email CatherineR@cda.org.nz

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.

The Parish office is open from Tuesday-Friday, 11 am - 2 pm. Kindly make all arrangements including collecting Hall & McGrath Rm keys, photocopies, readings of Sunday Masses and any other requests during office hours. 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 meet them as the need arises.

People's Choir for Easter Vigil

All people in the parish are invited to join as People of God to prepare for the Easter Vigil Celebrations. We shall sing as one People – young and old, of all ethnic groups, of all association, movements and prayer groups, just to mention a few. Choir practice will be in the Church on Mondays from 6:30 pm and will be led by Dom Leauga.

St. Patrick's Day High Tea at the Cathedral Celebrating 179 Years of the Cathedral (.Join Bishop Patrick at the St Patrick's Day to a High Tea in Liston Hall. 1 pm, Tuesday, 17th March. Tickets are \$35 and are available for sale at The Square Gift Store.

DRCNZ has organized a Lenten Retreat on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th of March-7 to 9pm at Christ the King, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka Auckland.

Smoke free zone: People gather frequently in front of the main entrance of the church (East side) and around the trees and smoke. It is a health hazard and these area are 'smoke free zone'. All those who like to smoke may use the area behind the Grotto.

Parish P.O. Box is now permanently closed. For letters, parcel, etc, kindly use the Parish physical address 2134 Great North Road, Avondale, Auckland 0600.

Western Deanery Lenten Reconciliation

A wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves as family for Easter, to encounter Jesus Christ, experience his mercy and receive forgiveness of sins. Rite II Reconciliation will begin at 7pm in all the churches listed below.

We request all people to come for confession in preparation for Easter on Thursday, 2nd April from 7pm. Visiting priests will be available.

For details of the Retreat visit our website, Facebook page and in the notice board.

Tuesday, 31 March	Glen Eden
Wednesday, 1 April	Massey, Helensville
Thursday, 2 April	Avondale
Friday, 3 April	Huapai
Wednesday, 8 April	Pt. Chevalier



33 Days Spiritual Journey. Consecration to the Divine Mercy on 19 April (Divine Mercy Sunday). Preparation starts 17 March for 33 days until 18 April. \$20 for reading material. Those who previously did the consecration, please prepare for renewal.

News from the Parish School



Last Saturday evening the school joined the Parish for Mass. We do this three times a year and it is lovely to be able to worship as one.

As always Fr Mathew led us in a joyful celebration of our faith. Thank you to the Parish for presenting a beautiful picture of the Holy Family to our new children who were in attendance. Copies of our latest school newsletter are available in the church foyer or online <https://www.saintmarysavondale.com/>

Lenten Retreat

With Fr. Neil Darragh, Jeff & Vanessa Nathan

Together Shine in the Mission of Christ

From 1 April to 3 April, 7 pm – 9 pm

St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church

Outline:

Day 1 – A Great Missionary Call

Day 2 – Encountering Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Day 3 – Go now you are sent forth to serve

Dates for your Diary

Thu, 19 Mar	PPC Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Sun, 22 Mar	Parish Centennial Meeting, Presbytery, 12pm
Sun, 22 Mar	Altar Servers Meeting, Church 3pm
Fri, 27 Mar	24 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 15th March - 22nd March

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Bernard Matthew Connor, Valerine Castelino, Catherine Murphy, Kilisitina Sooaenalelagi Muliaga Vaifale, John Eric Mick Sutich, Thomas Declan Kearns, Barrett Lamph Miller, Amy Margaret Charles, Stephanie Margareta Tuchemsky, Philip John Murtagh, Rupert Mervyn Errey, Jill Mavis Stewart, Marys William Strickland, Glenys Mae Hicks, Robert Bobby Alaiula, Michael Charles Kirkham, Tagia'a Lolesio Tu'u, Michael Radisich, Leslie John Richardson, Joseph Mailangi (Stillborn), Tereza Didovich, Nancy Elizabeth Jones, Maureen Leach, Mary Toolis, Fuatino Teresa Taulapapa Leota

Con-validation of Marriage

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

Coming Sunday: Fourth Week of Lent

Readings: Samuel 16:1, 6-7; Psalm 22; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Arlene Mathiah	Maria Jose	Tony Rea	Teena Roy
Word	1 st Don Perera 2 nd Eric Bonamis	1 st Ivory-Joan Peauvasa 2 nd Joe James	1 st Maleta Fononga 2 nd Rosalyn Fononga	1 st Raisa Mathias 2 nd Leena Rebello
Holy Communion	Ak Bonamis, V Coelho	A Gruijters, W Hawtrey, J James, M Jaskiewicz, H Lavery, M Sherwood, E Swann	F A'Costa, K Joseph, L Muliaga, K Muliaga, O Tuima, L Tuima, M Vai	N Imperial, 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)