



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –22nd 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



Fourth Week of Lent

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

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

Proclaiming the Gospel of the family today

201. The Synod Fathers also “highlighted the fact that evangelization needs unambiguously to denounce cultural, social, political and economic factors – such as the excessive importance given to market logic – that prevent authentic family life and lead to discrimination, poverty, exclusion, and violence. Consequently, dialogue and cooperation need to be fostered with societal structures and encouragement given to lay people who are involved, as Christians, in the cultural and socio-political fields”.

202. “The main contribution to the pastoral care of families is offered by the parish, which is the family of families, where small communities, ecclesial movements and associations live in harmony”.

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

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.

Message From Bishop Pat. During this time of anxiety and uncertainty concerning COVID – 19, we need to take the virus seriously without panicking. We also need to be sensitive to the many in our community who are now deeply concerned about their jobs and finances. This calls us to both put trust in our loving God, and take appropriate measures to prevent the spread of the virus. The Diocese is constantly consulting with authorities and discerning best practice. Updates are available on the front page of the Diocesan website which will change regularly. The website also contains a number of resources and links <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/resources/> for prayer and reflection including access to the daily readings, daily reflections and online Mass. At this time let us pray, look out for each other and our neighbours and be mindful of God's presence. *Slide and j-peg also provided.*

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

"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 9:45 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.

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.**

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

Arise! Shine!

For your light has come! - Isaiah 60:1



What would be a good image of light to use to depict that Jesus is the Light of our Way?

Holy Cross Parish Henderson is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Administrator for 35 hours per week, negotiable. We are seeking a talented person able to ensure effective Parish communications by managing and maintaining the parish website, Social Media platforms, directory, rosters, calendar and the Parish database. Applicants should have excellent computing skills in the Windows environment including Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and WordPress (website) and Social Media including Facebook, excellent communication skills – both written and oral, strong interpersonal skills. Commitment to providing a quality of service and capability to prioritise competing time demands.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit and a clean NZ Police vetting. Please send a covering letter and your CV to secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz. Applications close on 31st March 2020.”

Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz. LENT SERIES: Journey of the Cross with ANNE WARREN chf & CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm, 27 Mar & 3 Apr. \$15 each. Incl. morning tea.

Our Lenten Series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence.

See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

Postponement. The *Takirua 2020: Shaping the Mission* conference planned for Wellington from 24 to 26 April has had to be postponed till later this year because of uncertainties caused by the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

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.

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

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 23rd March - 29th March

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Linda Kahui, Bryan Percival O'connor, Agnes Anne Guthrie, William Caulfield, Phyllis Jean Kydd, Mary Patricia Herries, Sarah Elizabeth Dunn, Marija Mazljak, Clifton Stafford Humphries, Cicely Murtaghia Kenrick, Christina Zambucka, Ernest Gada, Edward Stephen Mason, Frances Elizabeth Keary, Mate Bartulovich, Denis Gerald Fitzpatrick, Patrick Sheehan

GETTING MARRIED.....

The couples come together in the Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen their love in the presence of the Priest and the community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. Christ enriches and strengthens them by a special sacrament. It is a beautiful gift that they offer to each other in love and fidelity.

We encourage people who are called to married life, consider making it a Church marriage. Before you go ahead with booking of the hall for reception and all other plannings, contact a Priest of your choice to help you with the preparations for marriage. You need to contact him at least five months in advance.

Coming Sunday: Fifth Week of Lent

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator		Keith Simento	Taia Tuima	Leena Rebello
Word	1 st Cynthia Paul	1 st Mark Simento 2 nd Rachel Suesue	1 st Faalili Logovii 2 nd Esther Muliaga	1 st Demelza Colaco 2 nd Celine George
Holy Communion	Aa Bonamis, R Miranda	P Betham, M Child, M Funaki, T Funaki, A Isaia, C Lewis, M Suisala	F Leavai, K Muliaga, Sr Therese Agnes, Sr Maria Chiara, M Talataina, T Tatafu, M Tuima	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)