



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Avondale Parish Bulletin –8th March 2020

Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whainganga

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



Second Week of Lent

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

AMORIS LAETITIA (The Joy of Love)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on Love in the Family

Proclaiming the Gospel of the family today

200. The Synod Fathers emphasized that Christian families, by the grace of the sacrament of matrimony, are the principal agents of the family apostolate, above all through “their joy-filled witness as domestic churches”.²²⁵ Consequently, “it is important that people experience the Gospel of the family as a joy that ‘fills hearts and lives’, because in Christ we have been ‘set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness’ (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 1). As in the parable of the sower (cf. *Mt* 13:3-9), we are called to help sow seeds; the rest is God’s work. Nor must we forget that, in her teaching on the family, the Church is a sign of contradiction”.²²⁶ Married couples are grateful that their pastors uphold the high ideal of a love that is strong, solid, enduring and capable of sustaining them through whatever trials they may have to face. The Church wishes, with humility and compassion, to reach out to families and “to help each family to discover the best way to overcome any obstacles it encounters”.

**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.**

Candlelight Vigil praying for healing, mercy, and life. Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil on Sunday 15 March at 7:30pm outside the local abortion centre, AMAC. This is a meaningful way to pray for an end to abortion, remember those who have died, those who have been wounded by abortion, and to be a sign of hope. The vigil is part of the 40 Days for Life prayer effort. All welcome. For more information phone Michelle 027 526 1199 or visitfli.org.nz/40daysforlife

NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Married priests issue still up for discussion. Cathedral meals help Hamilton's needy. Burying Alleluia for Lent. Tips for Music Ministers.

Prayer for healing and miracles. Everyone is invited to a Healing Service with Father John Rea SM on Saturday March 21st, 9.30am -12 ish at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Praise and worship and teaching followed by prayer for healing. Note: This service does not include mass. Info: Deidre Broome 09 4108899.

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



A Public Lecture on 'Governance and Abuse in the Church' celebrating St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical Ut Unum Sint May 1995, promoting Christian Unity. A talk not to be missed by a female renowned international speaker, an expert in Canon Law, Dr. Myriam Wijlens. On 11th March 2020, 7:00PM at the St Columba Centre, Ponsonby.

Samoan Mass All Samoans are invited to attend the mass every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12 noon in our Parish. First mass for this year will be on coming Sunday 15th March 2020. Let us all strengthen our faith together as a community.

Married Couples: Revitalize and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the non-residential **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** 16-17 May at INZIDE Offices Takapuna **BOOK NOW!** – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

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. This is led by Fr. Michael Payyapilly VC from Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India and now based in Melbourne, Australia.

News from the Parish School

TV STARS!

Earlier this year our year 5/6 students had the opportunity to participate in the Wave Warriors Surf Programme at Piha Beach. Check out our awesome tamariki in this SkyNews item about the Surf Warriors programme.



<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/lockerroom/2020/02/28/1056133/kids-whove-never-seen-the-sea-learn-to-surf>

Social Justice Retreat 9.30am-4pm
Saturday 14 March 2020 Vaughan Park Long Bay led by Rangi Davis. Theme: Hohouronga: A path to renewal. \$20 including lunch. Remaining places are limited so please contact Peter Garrickpeterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 asap so as to secure your place.

Caring Foundation Annual Grants- The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on 10th of April, 2020. For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz .

Job Vacancy:

Grounds-person for St Francis Retreat Centre. 20-30 hours per week. For details email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Telephone: (09) 6256651.

Interfaith Service. Sunday, March 15th 2pm-3.30pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Auckland Inter-faith Council is bringing members of the Inter-faith network together to remember those whose lives were lost one year ago in the mosques of Christchurch. Let us be inspired to work together and pray for peace, looking forward with hope as we build a harmonious society. All are welcome at this service which will include prayer, live song, readings & time for quiet reflection.

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. For details, please contact 02041026838.

St. Patrick's Day High Tea at the Cathedral Celebrating 179 Years of the Cathedral (1841 – 2020). 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, St Patrick's Square, 43 Wyndham Street—cash preferred. Tickets are strictly limited so be in quick so you aren't disappointed.

Voluntary Position Needed

Natural Fertility Educator- some funding is available for the training starting in May 2020.

Marriage Educators- Training course starts April 2020. Find out more about this voluntary roles contact Gerry on 09- 3603025 or 021-02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz.

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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Dates for your Diary

Tue, 10 Mar	Liturgy Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Thu, 12 Mar	SMACC Meeting, Presbytery, 7pm
Sun, 15 Mar	Samoan Mass, Church, 12pm
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	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 8th March - 14th March

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have recently died as well as those with anniversaries during this time. Kathleen Early, William Fraser, Samuel William Barnes, Iosefa Opetaiia-Tui, Hurinui Owen Stewart, Bruce Joseph Curran, Stephen Fulton Paterson, Colin Henry Raumoia Whittaker, Gladys Mary Jones, Russell John Palensky, Ann Isobella Te Whata, Melanie Regina Jones, Tupe Tuapo, Florrie Stehlen, Cecilia Bridget Shaw, Desmond Francis Johnson, Taulapapa Afiifi Leota, Manatu Uate, Harold Mortimer Davies, Mariana Taumuafono, Mary Ann Kelly, Patrick Joseph Neville, Annie Cecelia O'brien, Judith Theresa Thomsen, Margaret Susan De Burren, George O'connor, Tafokitau Havea, Nikola Letica

Coming Sunday: Third Week of Lent

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

	Saturday, 6 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Sunday, 6 pm
Commentator	Eric Bonamis	Susan Healy	Youth	Celine George
Word	1 st R D'Silva 2 nd Cynthia Paul	1 st Fotu Hogleund 2 nd Malia Funaki	1 st Youth 2 nd Youth	1 st C. Imperial 2 nd Teena Roy
Holy Communion	L. Bonamis E. D'Mello	P. Betham, M. Child, M. Funaki, T. Funaki, A. Isaia, C. Lewis, M. Suisala	T. Bojorquez, F. Cole, T. Down, B. Joseph, B. Ngurinzira, E. Oliveira Sr. Agnelle,	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)