

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

O Come, O come, Emmanuel  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That doth in exile homeless mourn  
Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high  
with healing for our hearts draw  
nigh:  
Do thou the mists of night dispel and  
death's foreboding darkness quell.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.  
A world that needs thee ransoming  
And save thy Servants who confess  
with humbled hearts their  
faithlessness.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come,  
From thy bright heav'nly throne,  
Come take possession of our souls,  
and make them all thy own.

Thou who are called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak an understand.

O guide our minds  
with thy blessed light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength,  
which never decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace into us bring;  
and through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father  
know,  
Through thee the eternal Son,  
And thee, the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his coequal Son;  
The same to thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry  
longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule  
in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Alma Redemptorist - Choir  
*Kind mother of the Redeemer, the open  
gateway to heaven and star of the sea.  
Help your fallen people who strive to  
rise again: we pray you, who bore your  
holy son by a miracle of nature, a virgin  
first and last, who receive God's  
greeting from the mouth of Gabriel,  
have mercy on sinners.*  
(English Translation)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

O come, divine Messiah;  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

*Dear Saviour, haste!  
Come, come to earth. dispel the night  
and show your face, and bid us hail the  
dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in  
silence waits the day when hope shall  
sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

O Christ, whom nations sign for ,  
Whom priest and prophet long  
foretold,  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long lost fold.

*Dear Saviour, haste!  
Come, come to earth. dispel the night  
and show your face, and bid us hail the  
dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in  
silence waits the day when hope shall  
sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

You come in peace and meekness  
And lowly will your cradle be;  
All clothed in human weakness  
Shall we your Godhead see.

**Family Prayers for Advent**

**What to do?**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

**1st Week Prayer:** Stir up your might  
we beg You Lord, and come, so that we  
may escape through Your protection  
and be saved by Your help from the  
dangers that threaten us because of our  
sins. Who lives and reigns forever and  
ever. Amen

**1st Week Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that  
you have the strength to escape the  
tribulations that are imminent..."

**First Candle and Week 1  
of Advent**

**Monday:** "O Wisdom, you come forth  
from the mouth of the Most High. You  
fill the universe and hold all things  
together in a strong yet gentle manner.  
O come to teach us the way of truth."

**Tuesday:** "O Adonai and leader of  
Israel, you appeared to Moses in a  
burning bush and you gave him the  
Law on Sinai. O come and save us with  
your mighty power."

**Wednesday:** "O stock of Jesse, you  
stand as a signal for the nations; kings  
fall silent before you whom the peoples  
acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do  
not delay."

**Thursday:** "O key of David and sceptre  
of Israel, what you open no one else can  
close again; what you close no one can  
open. O come to lead the captive from  
prison; free those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death."

**Friday:** "O Rising Sun, you are the  
splendour of eternal light and the sun  
of justice. O come and enlighten those  
who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
of death."

**Saturday:** "O King whom all the  
people's desire, you are the  
cornerstone which makes all one. O  
come and save man whom you made  
from clay."

**Sunday:** "O Emmanuel, you are our  
king and judge, the One whom the  
peoples await and their Saviour. O  
come and save us, Lord, our God."

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017



**First Reading. Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8;**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19;**

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

**Gospel. Mark 13:33-37;**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

*"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on." ~ St Padre Pio*

This day you have received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.  
You have been fully initiated into  
the Roman Catholic Church.  
A seal has been placed on your  
soul that can never be removed.  
You are forever marked as a  
follower of Christ.  
You must now make a choice.  
When it becomes hard to practice the faith,  
when you feel too busy to go to Mass,  
when someone asks you to  
do something wrong,  
when you do not want to follow  
the ways of the Church,  
when you are worried what people think,  
when you doubt that God is there,  
what will you do?  
May you choose Christ in these moments,  
as you did today at your Confirmation.  
May you call upon the gifts  
of the Holy Spirit  
that were poured out on you today,  
throughout your journey of faith.  
Be bold, be faithful, be Catholic.

# Venerable Antonietta Meo

## Nennolina



**N**ennolina has never asked herself why, she only asked herself how to suffer her pain. Her silence amazes, she doesn't moan, just prays, invokes. The ones who live in communion with God engross with him. Best-loved child, teach us how to suffer! Lily of God, burning lamp, child of Jesus, teach us how to kiss Jesus!



**Date of birth:** December 15, 1930  
**Birthplace:** Rome  
**Died:** 3 July, 1937  
**Age:** 6½

“Dear baby Jesus, you are holy, you are good. Help me, grant me your grace and give me back my leg. If you don't want to, then may your will be done.”

**1930**  
 Antonietta Meo, affectionately called “Nennolina”, was blessed in being born to a prosperous and virtuous family of Rome on December 15.



She wrote to Jesus, telling him that she considered the loss of her leg to be a sacrifice to him so that others would repent their sins.



She told her parents and her older sister, Margherita, that she offered all of her pain and suffering to Jesus.

**1933**  
 At the age of 3, she attended kindergarten, where the nuns described her as being in “perpetual motion.”

**1936**  
 Eventually the correct diagnosis was made, cancer of the bone. Her left leg was amputated.

The night of Christmas, she receives her First Holy Communion with great fervor, and a few months later she receives Confirmation.

**1937**  
 The amputation of her leg had not stopped the tumor that had spread to the head, hand, foot, throat, and mouth.

Both the pain of the illness and the treatments that tried to heal her were very strong. Nennolina died on July 3, at the age of 6½.

**1935**  
 She enrolled in Catholic Action, in the group for the littlest ones.

She begins to go to elementary school with a prosthesis that bothers her greatly. However, she offers it all to Jesus: “May each step that I take be a little word of love”.



**2007**  
 Pope Benedict XVI gave approval for the process to begin naming Nennolina a saint. He praised her heroic virtues.

She was not yet five years old when a swelling was noticed on her left knee. It was thought at first that she injured the area in a fall.

She also began to write “poems”, addressing them to her parents, her sister, Jesus and the Virgin Mary, which were later published in a book.

Source: www.nennolina.org

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### NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE:

**St Mary's College Christmas Concert:** Sunday, 3 December at 7 pm. In the Catherine Macauley Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary's Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind Carol singing Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free). Carmel Carroll [carmelcarroll53@gmail.com](mailto:carmelcarroll53@gmail.com)

**Choral Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:36-38 At the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph 7.30 pm, Friday, 8 December. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Hobson Street & Durham Lane.

**March for Life:** On December 9th, at 2pm from the Civic Square in Wellington, Kiwis will March for Life to the Parliament in the spirit of love and support for our hurting community. We say “Life is worth it, you are not alone, we care!” Join us. This celebration of Life is fully Endorsed by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference. We are a people of hope! We are a people of love. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matt 25:40 [www.marchforlifenz.org.nz](http://www.marchforlifenz.org.nz)

**Mass for Life:** You and your families are invited to a special Mass for Life at St. Anne's Catholic Parish, Emmett St, Wellington at 7:30pm celebrated by Monsignor Burns. Come and pray on this feast of the Immaculate Conception for the unborn, pregnant mothers and for a new culture of respect for life from conception to natural death. We also pray for the success of the National March for Life the following day. Further information on this or the march for Life, contact Clare on 04 237 8343 or Michael on 021 825 955

**Christmas on the Field at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. What an amazing opportunity to showcase and Celebrate the God given talents that many of our Parishioners, Family and Friends have! Bring your friends and family, bring a blanket, Share a meal, Sing-along! Free Entry, Pre-Ticket sales for a wonderful hot cooked meal will be available shortly. For more information, please contact Amata on 0211822485

**Marcellin College's 60th Jubilee:** is coming up next year - 23-25 March 2018. Registrations now open at [www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz).

**Extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan** planned for 29 April - 19 May 2018. For full brochure and itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel P: 09 237 0013 or toll free: 0800 785 386. E: [tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz](mailto:tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz). Enquiries also to Mir Pilgrimages on 0274 219 064.

## This SUNDAY

# Sacrament of Confirmation

We have Bishop Patrick Dunn celebrating the

**Confirmation Morning Tea** after the 9:30am Mass  
 All Parishioners are invited and **please bring a plate.**  
**Reminder: NO Catechism Classes TODAY!**

*Please remember in your prayers all those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

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| <b>Ella Pillai</b>  | <b>Sebastian Bright</b>   | <b>Nikita Boyle</b>      | <b>Jeydin Ale</b>      |
| <b>Ethan Pillai</b> | <b>Joachim Hatsaw</b>     | <b>Blaise Boyle</b>      | <b>Eugenie Loretz</b>  |
| <b>Lisa Pillai</b>  | <b>Nico Ball - Orozco</b> | <b>Rourke Boyle</b>      | <b>Beatrice Loretz</b> |
| <b>Dylan Lim</b>    | <b>Seth Tantungco</b>     | <b>Kaia Downie</b>       | <b>Ruben Nixon</b>     |
| <b>Sariah Fyhn</b>  | <b>Sway Tantungco</b>     | <b>Peter Tagiilima</b>   |                        |
| <b>Tulsi Boyle</b>  | <b>Sage Tantungco</b>     | <b>John Paul Kaufman</b> |                        |
| <b>Lexi Fyhn</b>    | <b>Miriam Kaufman</b>     | <b>Jizelle Ale</b>       |                        |

### NEXT SUNDAY : 10 December 2017

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr B)**  
 Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8;

#### LITURGY ROSTER

**Readers:** R. Hall, J. Savea  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier  
**Offertory:** Savea Family  
**Special Ministers:** M. Tupai

#### CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

#### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Stowers - Suerbmani Family

#### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**8 Dec:** Paddy Boyle, Eileen Moody, Edna Headland

#### PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,308.50
Priests	\$ 654.20
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 1,962.70</b>

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

There will be a simple Mass this **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.**

#### ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

at Holy Family  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm**

#### ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAY

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**11am-1pm**  
 Concludes with fish 'n' Chips,  
 @ 12:30pm

#### CHARITY THIS CHRISTMAS

St Vincent de Paul  
 Here's a way you can help families during this Christmas season  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/vinniesdailybread>

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY, DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
 8am: Traditional Mass  
 9:30am: English Mass  
 11pm: Carols Service  
 12am: Midnight Mass

**MONDAY, DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
 8am: Sung Latin Mass  
 10am: English Christmas Mass

#### PARISH HALL

**Reminder:** If you have borrowed tea towels, hand towels and plates from the Hall, can you please return them. Thanks.