

Welcome to St Mary's Parish

Holy Hour: Each first Sunday of the month at 5pm.
Children's Liturgy: 10.30 Sunday (Term time/not run on Public Holiday weekends) for children aged 4-8 years.
Holy Rosary: 8.30am weekdays
Divine Office: Morning Prayer of the Church, Tuesdays 8.10am
Stations of the Cross: 5pm Fridays. Michael 298 9295
The statue of Our Lady is available for families, add your name to the list in the foyer or ph Jean 296 5486
Legion of Mary: Tuesdays 5pm, hall committee room. Celerina 2984080
Medjugorje prayer meetings: Mondays, @ 2/1 Clark Rd, Joseph 298 2297.
Mothers Prayers: 1st & 3rd Mondays 1-3pm – Ryder Rm, Jean Keown 298 4502.
Meditation Groups: Tuesdays 9.40am Fr Ryder Rm. Tuesdays 5pm - 8A Ashdown Place, Bev 298 9943 Thursdays 7.30pm
(St Anne's Manurewa every Monday 5-6pm in the Chapel.)
Music for Mass: Choir practice Wednesdays 7pm, come along or contact Judith ph 268 1884, newcomers welcome.
Playgroup: Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am, hall.
Knitting group: each 2nd & 4th Tuesday – 1- 3 pm Ryder Rm. Jenny 297 7292
English classes: Thursdays, Ryder Rm at 10am—12noon. Parish Office 299 6056
St Vincent de Paul Food Bank Office: Tuesday/Thursday 10-12noon ph 299 6056
St Vincent de Paul Shop: 10-3pm weekdays, 9-12noon Saturdays 275 Great Sth Rd, 296 5052
Catholic Social Services: A professional service available in this parish - Tuesdays 10am- 3-30pm. ph 022 6579789.

We pray for those who have died :
 Pat O'Sullivan, Rosary at the home, 9 Portofino Point, Harbourside, Sunday 7pm,
 Funeral Mass Monday 11am.
 And: Sharon Lesley Grey. Luzminda Grundy.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:
 Hank Kleinsman, Vitale Faleniko Lama, Dawn Talbot ...
 Please also pray for Robert Shearman, Mia Lalla and all sick parishioners and friends, and those recently bereaved.
 May they be comforted through prayer, care and visits.

We welcome through Baptism:
 Klaus Meyer - 5pm Mass
 Zeke Mateo Soriano.

FIRST FRIDAY
 This Friday 1st December - Mass is at **10am**
 Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon

Remembering the Holy Souls During November
 During the month of November we pray especially for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed.
 The remembrance book remains in front of the altar until Thursday this week.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018
Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion
Please enroll before end of this school term as sessions start early next year in February.
 Contact: Marie at the parish office for more information
 Enrollment forms at the doors, place in box provided in foyer.
 Ph 2996056 Email st.marys.papakura@xtra.co.nz

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT "Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



Online Donations:
Acc. 02-0100-0120982-10 REF:BuildFund
 Also, Include your pledge number or contact parish office for receipt.

SECOND COLLECTION - BUILD FUND THIS Sunday - 26th November

GARDEN RAMBLE THANK YOU to the many parishioners and the wider community who helped make this such a successful day. Special thanks to Chris Archibald from Themes by Design who donated all the balloon bouquets for the Garden gates. Jovita Parker and helpers for doing the Devonshire Teas and gate duty. And our garden owners, who without them and their hard work this would not have happened. Your gardens were beautiful and appreciated by all those who visited them. The total monies raised is to be advised.



Singing for Ecumenical Advent Service

The Ecumenical Advent Service will be held at St Mary's at 7pm on Sunday December 3rd.
 Would you like to join the choir?
 Practice 7.30pm this Wednesday 29th November, In the church

Christmas Mass will be celebrated by Father Peter Murphy on 6 December at 2pm at Summerset Retirement Home, Karaka at 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

Altar Servers that are available to serve at the Christmas and New Year Masses this year, can you pls make yourself known to Father Maliu, Father Peter or Dana Cardoso by adding your name to the form in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & RELATED CELEBRATIONS 2017/2018

Sunday 3rd December 2017

7.00pm Ecumenical Advent Service

Friday 15th December 2017 7.30pm Rite II Reconciliation

Saturday 23rd December 2017 5.00pm Mass

Sunday 24th December 2017 9.00am Mass

Sunday 24th December 2017 6.30pm Carols

7.00pm Vigil Family Mass- In the Garden

10.00pm Carols

11.00pm Mass of the Night

Monday 25th December 2017 9.00am Mass of the Day

Sunday 31st December 2017 5.00pm Mass

Monday 1st January 2018 9.00am Mass

6th/7th; 13th/14th; 20th/21st January

5.00pm Mass & 9.00am Mass

27th Jan/28th Jan 5.00pm, 8.30am & 10.30am Mass.

Hospitality

Morning tea after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday is hosted by our Tongan and Filipino brothers and sisters. Thank you.

In two weeks time two different groups host morning tea.

R.C.I.A Christian Initiation of Adults.

Is there any one you know that is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith ?

For information - please contact the parish office. Ph 2996056

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PAKAKURA

office@stmaryspapakura.school.nz
 Website: www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz



Enrolment queries:

David Tennent, Principal Ph. (09) 298 4450
davidt@stmaryspapakura.school.nz **Latest news in foyer.**

Property Manager Position – Our school are looking for a new Property Manager, as our current manager is retiring. We invite anyone interested in applying for this full time position to apply in writing to The Principal, St. Mary's Catholic School, 54 Clark Road, Papakura or email: principal@stmaryspapakura.school.nz The position requires general maintenance of grounds and buildings, provision of routine maintenance tasks, liaising with contractors and dealing with various matters that arise. The ideal candidate should take pride in the appearance of the school, have practical home maintenance skills, be fit and have good people skills. A satisfactory police vetting check is a condition of appointment. If you have any questions about the position, please contact me by email or by phoning 09 298 4450. Starting date in January 2018, by negotiation.



Bishop Patrick Dunn, and the members of the Saint Mother Teresa interfaith committee, invite you to attend an **Interfaith Meeting. This** Sunday, November 26 at 2.30pm, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 260 Richardson Rd. Mt. Roskill. Contact: Arthy Devadoss (022) 3193621— Email: motherteresai@gmail.com

Notice To All Women

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women warmly invites you to our next meeting. Come along, bring a friend.
 We would love to see you there
 This Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm, St Anne's Parish Hall, 126 Russell Rd, Manurewa
 Celebrate the end of year with Mass, followed by a cup of tea and fellowship. Contact Grace on 577 3479 or visit the Dove website, www.dove.org.nz

Advent Vespers and Carol Service

A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 2 December at 7.30 pm.
 All are welcome to share this beautiful tradition as we journey towards Christmastide and prepare the way of the Lord.
 Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection.
 Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).



St Vincent de Paul

You will all notice the Gifting Tree is up. We are doing 70 hampers this year. Please take a tag from tree, buy your gift, attach the tag to present but do not wrap it. Place in plastic bag and return at very latest by Sunday 3rd December, no later as there is much to organise before distribution.
 Blessings and our most grateful thanks. St Vincent de Paul.



New to the Parish

Welcome

Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office ph 299 6056



St Mary's Youth Group

Join us Fridays 7pm - 8:30pm in the Hall - 8yrs and over

'You are the Church of today'



Spiritual Advisor:
 Father Maliu 09 2985134/0272496738
 Co-ordinators: Evangeline, Olivia, Brittany
 email: stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com
 Like us on Facebook: St Marys Catholic Youth

Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard.
 Complete the Synod 2018 survey before **30 November 2017** by visiting

<http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

St Mary's Parish Office Administrator.

We are currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Administrator for 25 hours per week commencing early in 2018.

We are seeking a talented and versatile person to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of our Parish office and to support the Parish Priest.
 This is a varied role and the core responsibilities are:
 Secretarial services, processing parish accounts, maintaining parish records and compiling parish communications.
 Applicants should have excellent administration and communication skills – both written and oral, strong interpersonal skills and sound computing skills in a Windows environment.

Good time management skills and capability to prioritise competing time demands are required for this role.

To view the full position description or to make an enquiry please email Evan Fitzpatrick at efitz21@outlook.com

NZ Catholic available today for **\$4**. Some headlines:
 Making our parishes into oases of mercy. NZ bishops to ask ICEL to look at 1998 translation. Sainly pope's relic in NZ church. Parish place for ashes of loved ones.

2018 Columban Calendar: \$12 in the foyer today.

Divine Mercy Calendar -\$10 large/\$5 small, Joseph ph 2982297

BEACHAVEN GIFTS

In the foyer TODAY, religious items, christmas gifts etc




Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz



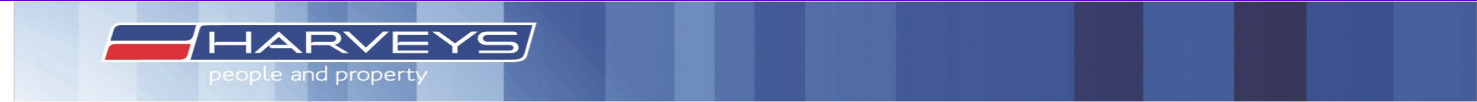
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Scripture of the day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	Cant. Dan 3:1-4, P.172	Cant. Dan 3:1-3 P.173	Cant. Dan 3:4-6 p.173-4	19A	Cant. Dan 3:2-5 p. 174-5	Cant. Dan 3:6-9 p. 175
Reading	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20	Daniel 2:31-45	Daniel 5:1...28	Romans 10:19-18	Daniel 7:2-14	Daniel 7:15-27
Gospel	Luke 21:1-4	Luke 21:5-11	Luke 21:12-19	Matthew 4:18-22	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-36

 Next Week: 3rd December 2017 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8 1Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37			
	5.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
Ministers of the Word	Terry Carroll Caroline Thomas	Jennifer Fyn Timy Mario	Ofu Schmidt Teresa Paasi
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Elizabeth Tugaga Kath Wannell Bryan Wannell Volunteer Volunteer	Graham Reed Warren Smith J. Obeng H Obeng Brian Park	Peter O'Brien Michael Sharp Tea (Tolotea) Sharp Ricardo Gomex John Franks Volunteer
Altar Servers	Peatriz Louis Katelyn	Joelei Punivalu Sheshan Krone Sean Carroll	Alex Divine Guadalupe

 **Hearing Loop T** - available in our church sound system.
A hearing loop (sometimes called an audio induction loop) is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. The hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. Modern hearing aids have this function in place and do not require any adjustments. Other hearing aids may require a manual adjustment to 'T' (telecoil).

A reminder — PARKING FOR MASS ... For safety and consideration of all.
*The concrete area at the (south) main entry to the church will remain a **no parking area** for all weekend Masses.
*The marked carpark at the north end of the church is reserved entirely for those with **mobility cards** only— or contact parish office for parish mobility card.
*For all **others** parking is available at the old New World carpark Wood St, the public carpark opposite New World East Street.
*Please refrain from parking on yellow lines on East and Wellington Streets.
*No Parking in front of priests garages please.
We now have safety officers before Masses who will advise people of the above.



Thinking about selling? I can help you get your home sold!

My family and I enjoy being a part of our parish and the school community. I would like to give something back to the community, when you successfully use my services I will make a donation to the parish. I look forward to being of service to you or anyone you may know.

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Sacramental Programme: Parish Office
Parish Office/Library: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm **Parish Hall Hirage:** Parish Office Ph 299 6056
St Mary's Catholic School: Ph 298 4450 **web site:** www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Welcome to any new parishioners! Please complete the form put in blue box in foyer or hand it in to the parish office, thank you.

Mr/Mrs/Ms Family Name..... First Name.....
Address..... Postcode.....
Phone..... Email.....



St Mary's Catholic Church

~ A listening, praying, servant community ~

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REFLECTION ...

Today's feast is a great celebration. It is the finale of the year. Ironically our gospel from Matthew presents it as a judgment scene, the separation of the sheep from the goats. So is this an event to be feared or to be celebrated, is it the great crunch, the time of rapture, or the reaping of the harvest and an occasion of joy?

There are those among us for whom faith is based on fear. That is sad. It means that they are always on the defensive and that any change or alteration is a chipping away of an image until ultimately there is nothing left. There is that story of the desert monks which John Cassian relates in which this faithful old monk cries out in anguish, "They have taken my God away from me." This was in response to a letter from the bishop condemning the heresy of anthropomorphism, a heresy which imaged God in human form, not unlike pagan deities. A fitting response to that is the prayer of Meister Eckhart, "I pray God to let me go of god."

This dourness has caused many to reject religion; if it is fear-based they don't want a part of it. The end is not the great crunch but the presentation of the kingdom to the Father. It is an occasion of rejoicing with flowers and songs of praise and joy. This is not Armageddon but a glorious finale.

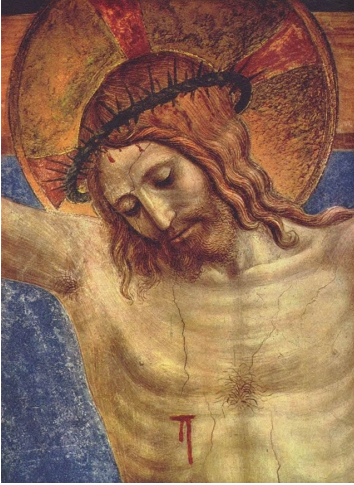
This joyous aspect is brought out in the beautiful preface of the feast. So often the words of the preface are lost among all the other words so this is a chance to reflect upon them:

"You anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, with the oil of gladness as eternal priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king, he claims dominion over all creatures, that he may present to your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. And so, with angels and archangels, with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory..."

The end-times have always provided a fascination with people and the New Testament is no different. There is a distinct difference in the beginning of Jesus' ministry with the preaching of John and the preaching of Jesus. The former is fire and brimstone, the big crunch, the latter the kingdom of love and peace. Not that Jesus doesn't lay it on the line: "I have come not to bring peace but a sword", the division of families, mother against daughter, father against son and so on. That division is the result of putting others in the place of God.

Today we have two descriptions of the end: that of Matthew's and Paul's. They each describe it in their own way: Matthew the judgment scene and Paul the glory of the harvest offered in thanksgiving to the Father. They are both describing the same reality but their descriptions are different for they each reflect the beliefs of their own time and culture. The fire and brimstone preachers excel in arousing fear by describing in minute detail the disastrous effects of sin and decay. And there are such apocalyptic descriptions in the Scriptures. The challenge for our generation is to understand the end as fitting for our age but seeing it in the context of coming to know the mind of Christ.

Peter Murphy



Year of Grace



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am - Children's Liturgy 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30
Tongan Mass 2nd Sunday 5 pm
Samoan Mass 3rd Sunday 12 noon

Clevedon Community 8.15 am
1st Sunday of month
St Andrews Main Rd Clevedon

HOLY HOUR
1st Sunday of month 5.00 pm

RECONCILIATION 9—10am Saturday
Weekday:

Monday to Thursday 9.00 am
Fridays 9.00 am
First Friday of each month—10am
Saturdays 8.30 am
Longford Park Chapel
2nd Tuesday of month, 10.30 am.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Fridays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
(10am—12noon First Friday of month)

CHRIST THE KING

Liturgy of the Word

Ezekiel 34:11,17
Psalms 23
I Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'