



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Stn 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 :**  
 And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:  
 David Pullan, Michelle Toxopeus, Trevor Davis, Lesley Peace, Ignatius Giborees, Winn Pollard, John Joyce ...  
 Please also pray for Robert Shearman and all sick parishioners and friends, and those recently bereaved.  
 May they be comforted through prayer, care and visits.

 **Baptism – Confirmation – Holy Communion:**  
 Klaus Meyer - 5pm Mass  
 Celebrating Confirmation - Thelma Meyer.

### THIS SUNDAY

**HOLY HOUR— Evening Prayer at 5pm**  
 This Sunday at 5pm

### ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE

We join with the Papakura Anglican and Methodist parishes at 7pm this Sunday 3rd December, here at St Mary's. Supper in the Ryder Room afterwards.

### During the week:

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

### St Mary's Catholic Primary School Leavers Mass

This Thursday 7th December at 6pm

### Holy Trinity Catholic Primary

A group of children will be Baptised here this Thursday 7th December at 10am.

### 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.

**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 \$3000est.

### 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

### CHRISTMAS MASSES & RELATED CELEBRATIONS 2017/2018

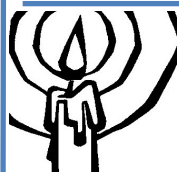
#### RITE II RECONCILIATION

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December— Here at St Mary's 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—Pukekohe  
 Thursday 14th December—Manurewa

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 5.00pm Mass  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Mass  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Carols  
 7.00pm Vigil Family Mass- In the Garden  
 10.00pm Carols  
 11.00pm Mass of the Night  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Mass of the Day  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 5.00pm Mass  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 9.00am Mass  
 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>; 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>; 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January  
 5.00pm Mass & 9.00am Mass  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jan/28<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.00pm, 8.30am & 10.30am Mass.

**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.



### Liturgy

Today is the first day of the Church's New Year - We have just come out of a long period of Ordinary Time and today is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the New Year. Today we light the first Advent candle. It announces that Christ is coming and we must prepare. To help us sense that this is a new season in the church year, we will sing different parts of the Mass; the Kyrie and Mass settings will be the Chants from the Roman Missal and the Creation Mass. Though we usually sing a hymn at the end of Mass and although popular this hymn is not recommended in the Liturgy documents.

During Advent we will sing a post-communion hymn which will also function as the Dismissal hymn as the priest will begin the procession from the church during this hymn.

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PAKAKURA

office@stmaryspapakura.school.nz  
 Website: [www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz](http://www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz)

### Enrolment queries:

David Tennent, Principal Ph. (09) 298 4450  
[davidt@stmaryspapakura.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Simbang Gabi sa Papakura 2017

Nine Days of Novena Mass for Christmas here at St Mary's From (15<sup>th</sup>—to be confirmed) to 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm. Confirmation of times available next week.



### St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all who have supported by donating gifts, these are due back at the very latest by THIS Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, no later as there is much to organise before distribution. Blessings and our most grateful thanks. St Vincent de Paul.



### Knitting Group:

Thank you to all the lovely ladies who have been part of our knitting group this year. As always these ladies have been so productive and have made beautiful rugs, cardigans, jumpers and hats. This year we've given the knitting to local resthomes, plunket and Papakura Maternity Hospital, so we have relly served our local community well. Many many thanks to everyone who has contributed. Thank you to St Vincent de Paul for their generous financial donations for wool. We are certainly very appreciative of this support. If anyone is clearing out over the holiday season we would love to have any donations.

### Counties Catholic Men's Fellowship

An invitation is extended to all men of the Parish (together with wives) to our final get -together for the year. The venue is St. Patrick's Pukekohe, on **Wednesday 6th December**, we will commence with Mass at 7pm. This will be followed by a meal, for further enquiries please ring Tim Reynolds 027 2436211



### New to the Parish Welcome

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



### Scripture of the day

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	85	96	103	145	1	80
<b>Reading</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 25:6-10	Isaiah 26:1-6	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12	Isaiah 30:19-26
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 8:5-11	Luke 10:21-24	Matthew 15:29-37	Matthew 7:21:24-27	Luke 1:26-38	Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8

Bequests: Have you remembered St Mary's in your Will.

### 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](mailto:stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com)  
 Like us on Facebook: St Marys Catholic Youth



### 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](mailto:efitz21@outlook.com)

### Parish Pilgrimage Fundraiser

The **Car Boot Sale** that was scheduled for this Sunday has been **postponed** to 2018.

### Time Out Day @ St Francis Retreat Centre

9.30am - 1.30pm **Wednesday 13 December 2017**  
 Everyone is invited to attend our final day of reflection for the year. A light lunch will be provided, and we ask that you bring a gold coin donation towards cost. If you have never been before do come and check us out and enjoy our beautiful surroundings and know afresh God's Blessing. Please contact 09 625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre to book your place. St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd Mt Roskill

**NZ Catholic** available today for \$4. Some headlines: Ablaze conference inspires Christchurch. Mobile life centre on road in NZ. Destiny Church challenge for Catholics. Farewell to Dame Sr Pauline Engel.

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

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

### Latest Marist Messenger

Available in the foyer today for \$5

Immaculate Conception BVM



 <b>Next Week: 10th December 2017</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11   2Peter 3:8-14   Mark 1:1-8			
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Tanya Rowe Dana Cardoso	Ray McKellar Dale Pio	Ana Silva David Tennent
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Helen Miller David Miller Bruce Williams Mercylou Tejada Jeannette Cobbald	Gary Biggelaar Philomena McKellar Achini De Silva Sirini De Silva Volunteer	Katherine Wilson Yolande McLeod Ethan Nikolao Fritz Roebeck Malama Prendergast Maurea Perez-Varea Renee Smart
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Peatriz Louis Katelyn	Joelei Sheshan Zachary	Oliver Patrick Sidney


**Hearing Loop T**  
 - a feature of 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).

**For the church garden:**  
 We are looking for a preloved garden bench seat in good condition that would be suitable to put beside Our Lady out in the garden for those who wish to sit and spend time there. Please contact parish office.  
  
**Do you have a tree with unwanted fruit?**  
**Community Fruit Harvesting** - will pick and donate to people in need. If you have a fruit tree, or can pick fruit, make jam/preserves - please contact pickfruit@xtra.co.nz or 0212289020. www.pickfruit.co.nz





**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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**Pastoral Associate:** Rosanne Wills Ph 299 6056 weekdays or 021 0738236   **Parish Office:** Marie Bridge Ph 299 6056  
**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 ...**

**Advent Week One (December 3<sup>rd</sup> Is 63:16b-17,19b, 64:2-7; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37)**

"Prophets are not fortune-tellers, much as we secretly crave to know what's going to happen – or to think that we could see into the future. Isaiah is a prophet and his gift to us is not a prediction but a reminder – an urgent one – to be really, fully present. He is someone who has experienced God and can't get God out of his mind – although, like any God-believer, at times he would like to be free of God. Isaiah deals with this by asking this searching question of God: 'why do you let us wander from your ways and let our hearts harden?'

We won't get final answers to this kind of question, but just asking helps powerfully to clarify the human dilemma. If God is God – good, loving, caring for us – why do we go off-track so easily, so ruthlessly and so often? Why Syria? Why human trafficking? Why political prisoners and torture? Why off-shore tax havens? For that matter, why the hardening divisions associated with American and European politics? As Advent begins, this is a good question to keep fresh and to keep our waiting increasingly, not decreasingly, conscious. 'Advent' means that something is coming and, good or bad, is heading straight for us.


Isaiah yearns for a time when we would be 'mindful of you in our ways,' rather than constantly forgetting that 'we are the clay and you the potter.' So perhaps the answer to the human failure to be humane is not in God but in us and especially in our forgetfulness.

So, today and throughout this season, Jesus has one word for us: watch. It means make an effort to see, take heed, look both ways, be alert at all times. Watchfulness is an ancient virtue. It does not mean packing in more words, plans, reports, meetings and projections. If we are watchful these will be mercifully reduced and our decision-making and collaboration greatly enhanced. To watch means simultaneously keeping focused and expanding our field of awareness. If this balancing act is lost, we become either distracted or obsessive. Then everything falls apart.


So the answer to Isaiah's question is not an answer, but a response. The response is a change in behaviour, a practice... The sign that we are watching is what Paul, in today's second reading, observes with spontaneous gratitude: 'giving thanks that we do not lack any spiritual gift.' It's really and presently all given if we can but see it." Laurence Freeman OSB: *Advent Reflection* 2017.

Today marks the beginning of another Church year. We do this with the lighting of the Advent Cross and our ecumenical service in the evening. We also read from Mark's Gospel, the earliest written Gospel, today being the Markan apocalypse. As Fr Laurence in his reflection notes it is a time to watch afresh.

**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 5pm (Jan 2018)  
**Samoan Mass** 3rd Sunday 12noon

**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)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8**  
**Psalm 80**  
**I Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Mark 13:33-37**

*Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "Be watchful! Be alert!  
 You do not know  
 when the time will come."*