

## 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 - resumes 2018  
**English classes:** Thursdays, Ryder Rm at 10am—12noon. Parish Office 299 6056 - resumes 2018  
**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 :**  
 Catherine Mary Schuller, Avis Edmonds - sister to Grace Hellyer and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Megan Jefferies, Charles Sims, Kevin Ross, Florence Loomans, Nora Prince, Maria Hall ...  
 We also pray for Ann Surgenor, Robert Shearman and all sick parishioners and friends, and those recently bereaved. May they be comforted through prayer, care and visits.

**Baptism**  
 During the week a group of children from Holy Trinity Catholic Primary were baptised, along with one parent.  
**This Sunday:**  
 Maxwell Harry Dittmer

**During the week:**  
 End of year **Mass** at Longford Park this Tuesday at 10.30am.

### Morning Mass this Thursday

St Mary's Catholic Primary End of Year Mass  
 This Thursday 14th December  
 In the school hall at 9.15am  
 Prizegiving at 6pm



We celebrated ...  
 Phillip and Jean Soo Choon along with their family received a Papal Blessing for their faithful ministry within our parish over many years.

## 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.

### 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: 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

**THIS Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Here at St Mary's 7.30pm**

Tuesday 12th December—Pukekohe 7pm  
 Thursday 14th December—Manurewa 7.30pm

### Christmas:

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

### New Year:

Sunday 31st 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.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please mark your availability for Christmas Masses on the forms at the doors, thank you.

**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, thank you.

### Hospitality

Join us for morning tea after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday - hosted by our Finance, Pastoral and Liturgy committees.

### PARKING FOR MASS... For the 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 the parish office for a parish mobility card.
- For all **others** parking is available at the old New World carpark Wood St and the public car park opposite New World on East Street.
- Please refrain from parking on **yellow lines** on East and Wellington Streets.
- The area in front of the priest's garages is to be **kept clear at all times** please.
- We now have safety officers before Masses who will direct and advise people of the above.

## 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.



### End of Year Mass

This Thursday 14th December  
 In the school hall at 9.15am

### Prizegiving at 6pm

### Simbang Gabi sa Papakura 2017

Nine Days of Novena Mass for Christmas here at St Mary's  
 From this Friday 15th (at 9pm) to 22nd December at 7pm and 23rd December - time to be advised.

### Papakura Community Dinners

An ecumenical group has been preparing and serving a dinner on Tuesday nights since 2013. The number of volunteers has dwindled and as 2018 begins new helpers will be needed. This could be joining an existing group who prepare the dinners to helping on the night serving and washing dishes. If you can consider a position on the roster it could be part of your New Years resolution.  
 Please phone Rosanne 2996056.



*For I was hungry, and you fed me.* Matthew 25:35-45

### Christmas on the Field

St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale on Saturday 23rd 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, blanket, share a meal, Sing-along! Free Entry, Pre-Ticket sales for a wonderful hot cooked meal. Info. contact Amata on 0211822485.

### Pro-Life Support

"Healing starts the moment you feel heard", writes Marina and Peter Young in their new 38-page booklet "The Unforgotten Babies: the inspiration behind the Buttons Project". Both Peter and Marina write about their experience of abortion and the stories they have received from post-abortive women all over New Zealand who heard about the Buttons Project. "This book is also for those who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy and going through life-changing decision making." If this message speaks to you, Marina would love to send you her small booklet and she and Peter can be contacted through the Buttons Project website: [www.buttonsproject.org](http://www.buttonsproject.org) For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).



### New to the Parish

Welcome to:  
 Taimalie Family  
 Abeysuriya Family

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 35:1-10	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 40:25-31	Isaiah 48:17-19	Isaiah 48:17-19	Eccles. 48:1-4,9-11
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 5:17-26	Matthew 18:12-14	Matthew 11:28-30	Matthew 11:11-15	Matthew 11:16-19	Matthew 17:10-13

## 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)

### CDC - Urgent Appeal

The Catholic Discipleship College needs to find a new home for 2018, but we need to raise \$1 million in just 3 months. Are you able to support us? Every dollar counts towards our grand target. Please visit our Give-a-Little page to find out more and make a donation.

### 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](mailto: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





**Next Week: 17th December 2017**  
**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28

	5.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Margaret Fairweather Carmel Stewart	Mary Bird James Bingwor	Juvian Auva'a Margrette Soo Choon
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Diane Monnery Jackie Boyhan Nigel Boyhan Julian Gomez Volunteer	Kathy Smith Audrey Nesbit Annette Bingwor Fakalelu Paseka Soane Kite Paseka	Julius De Waal Cliff Bent George Tuala Telesia Tuala Sam Yassi B.T. Yassi
<b>Altar Servers</b>	As advised	As advised	As advised



**Middlemore Hospital:**

It is important if you or a family member is being admitted to Middlemore that you state your religion as **Roman Catholic** (note from our chaplain).

**For the church garden:**

Thank you to the donator of the garden bench seat beside Our Lady in the garden.

**Looking for a thorough, reliable, trustworthy person to clean your home ?**

Experienced in hotel/private home cleaning.  
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**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 2 (December 10<sup>th</sup>. Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet:3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)**

"Isaiah today seems captivated by the melting tenderness of God. It is different but not incompatible with last week's emphasis on the painful estrangement between the human and the divine. Actually nothing is incompatible with God. The greater the difference, the deeper the paradox to be resolved and then the greater the delight in seeing opposites united. But, the divine shepherd? If you have ever met a shepherd close to his sheep you may have been surprised by his manner. On one hand tough, unsentimental, masculine; on the other, gentle, attentive and nurturing to even the weakest runts in his flock.

"In today's gospel we meet another prophet, John the Baptist, the last of the pre-Christian ones, the same age as Jesus. The tradition has imagined him hairy, unwashed and angry, ascetical and denouncing corruption and hypocrisy. Maybe there is more to him than this. Prophets are characteristically hyper-sensitive, lonely, dysfunctional and they rarely get their message over without offending people on all sides.

"But their intention (the true prophet's) is kindly: the health and well-being of others. The call to change our mind and way of seeing things and to adjust our life-style to this new way of being is painfully kind. The people who came out into the desert to hear John asked him 'what shall we do?' They were – as we are often are, and more than we realise – quietly desperate.

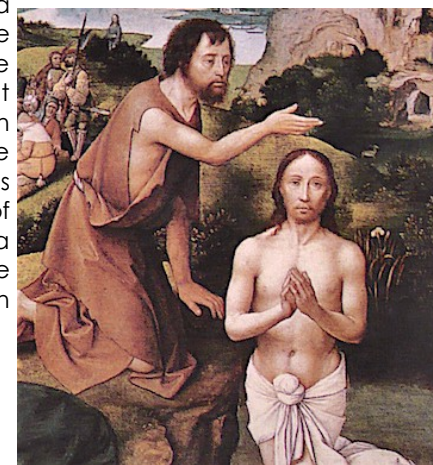
"There is not much that fills us with unconscious dread more than the glimpse of our lives trickling away from us without meaning, without discovering what we were really supposed to do with our lives, trying to keep the accusatory awareness of our mistakes and self-deception from surfacing above the waves of consciousness. Prophets get this out in the open.

"But the tension between patience and urgency can resolve as we see in the letter from Peter today: 'with the Lord one day is like a thousand years'... The prophet may appear to us this coming week in many guises. In whatever outward form, tough or gentle, the effect should be the same: to make the glimpse of life's urgency last a little longer until we steadily look the truth about ourselves in the eyes. Hard as that may be, we will not fail to sigh with relief that the truth is finally out and we can stop pretending."

Laurence Freeman OSB. *Advent Reflections* 2017

The first reading and the Gospel appear as a perfect couplet with the call to prepare the way of the Lord linked to the coming of Jesus firstly 2000 years ago and now as preparation for Christmas. However it would be a mistake to identify John's baptism of repentance exclusively with an admonition to come to the sacrament of reconciliation thus turning Advent into a mini-Lent. The call of preparation is much wider than the individual confession of sins. We have our communal rite of reconciliation this Friday but we need to see this in the light of together becoming a new community, as a people rowing a lifeboat upriver against the current, not individuals fighting not to drown in the river.

**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)

**Samoa Mass** 3rd Sunday 12noon (Dec)  
(Then resumes March 2018)

**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 Saturdays**

## Weekday Mass:

**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)

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Liturgy of the Word

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

**Psalms 85**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the  
thongs of his sandals."*