



7th February 2021

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 2:29-39

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30	Sunday 10:30
Ministers of the Word			
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist			
Altar Servers			

New Rosters Next



Fr John Vianney in Uganda is putting together a scholarship fund for students at a high school he has established. Some students are not able to continue their studies owing to lack of funds.

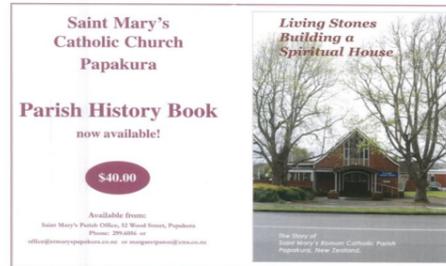
New website: www.sfahighschool.org

If any of you want to contribute he has an account with BNZ:

MAKANDA JOHN MARY VIANNEY

Acc Number: 02-0400-0111981-097

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Parish Office/Library: Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Parish Hall Hireage: 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 drop off at the parish office, thank you.
Mr/Mrs/Ms Family Name.....First Name.....
Address.....
Postcode.....
Phone..... Email.....

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Mulligan's Musings

What a time it has been in America just lately! No doubt we all saw those unimaginable scenes a few weeks back when thousands stormed the U.S Capitol to dispute and reject the results of the recent Presidential Election - and all because the guy who lost said that the whole game had been rigged. No prizes for guessing who that was! This is but one example of what happens when the trappings of earthly power are misused to manipulate and exploit peoples' fears and insecurities in uncertain times. Institutional power is one thing, but authority is another. Genuine leaders are not those who use power for power's own sake but those whose authority is based on service and not domination. Authority means not only to see the truth, but to speak the truth. In the words of Pope St John XXIII: Authority is mainly a moral power; therefore, it must first call upon the conscience, that is, upon the duty that each person has to contribute willingly to the common good.

In this morning's Gospel, Mark's narrative of a day in the life of Jesus at Capernaum not only speaks the truth but makes it visible in his own person. As the holy one of God whom only the unclean spirits can recognise, Jesus fulfils Moses' prophetic dream in Deuteronomy through acting and speaking out of his own personal authority. By healing another man of demonic possession in the local Synagogue (which could have been the symptoms of mental illness unrecognised in Biblical times), Jesus not only restores our friend's lost status as a member of his family and wider community but destroys the power of evil, sin and death over the whole human race. Jesus does not set out to impress but reveals a teaching that is new. Unlike the "Scribes", Jesus simply states that "the time has come" for the rule of God to be under way. Jesus' ability to pierce the boundaries of their hide-bound traditionalism made a deep impression on ordinary people. His teaching and healing showed the consistency of his words and actions. In the person of Jesus, we are dealing directly with the power and presence of God, as he demonstrates the power of God to uphold the dignity of the vulnerable. His exorcism is an exercise in liberation. "The entire episode then, breaks like a thunderclap over the entrenched rule of Satan. It serves notice that here in this synagogue, where scribal teaching has for years ineffectively chipped away at this rule, a new era has dawned. The demon's "rending" of the person as it leaves unmarks its destructive intent; the accompanying loud cry is both an acknowledgement of defeat and a protest that the regime of the demonic in this human life has come to an end...In all these ways the episode in the synagogue, a report of which spreads widely throughout Galilee, opens up and sets the pattern for the entire ministry of Jesus that has now begun to unfold (Brendan Byrne sj, A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel, Strathfield, NSW: St Paul's Publications, 2008, pp 45-46)."

In today's world where the line between good and evil has become blurred at best, the road to hell is often paved with good intentions! The recent passing of the referendum introducing euthanasia/assisted suicide to New Zealand through the "End of Life Choice Act" demonstrates that it is so easy for otherwise good people to collaborate in grave moral evil without their full knowledge. To give the Lord of life our undivided attention in a secular culture of death is even more of a challenge for us now than it was for Paul's Corinthians. What "personal demons" possess us? How much control over our lives do we tend to surrender to things, and/or attitudes, patterns of behaviours and addictions that only do us harm, when all that God wants for us is freedom from all unnecessary anxiety? As the ultimate healer of mind, body and spirit, Jesus comes to expose the demons of our human self-deception and pretensions to power at the expense of the common good. Jesus' authority is a moral power that calls upon our own consciences. That we too may see the truth and speak the truth, to heal and free.

Kia Ki nga manaaki mo te katoa mo te wiki e haere mai ana (with blessings to all for the coming week), Fr James

Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoan Mass 4th Sunday 12.30pm
(Cancelled until further notice)

Clevedon Community 8.30am
1st Sunday of month
Clevedon District Centre

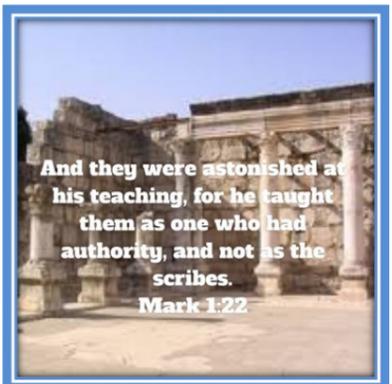
RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays
Weekday Mass:
Monday Liturgy 9.00am
Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am
Fridays 9.00am
First Fridays of month 10.00am
Saturdays 8.30am

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

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28



Welcome to St Mary's Parish

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 298 4080
Medjugorje prayer meetings: Mondays, @ 2/1 Clark Rd, Joseph 298 2297
Meditation Groups: Tuesdays 9.40am Fr Ryder Rm. Tuesdays 5pm - Helen Green 2962900 or 0272924153 (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.
Knitting group: each 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 1- 3 pm Ryder Rm. Jenny 297 7292
St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Office: Tuesday/Thursday 10-12noon ph 299 6056
St Vincent de Paul Shop: 10-3pm weekdays, 10-12noon Saturdays; 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052
The Knights Of The Southern Cross - John Curtin 021 995 302



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Bernhard Van Kan, Veronica Ayers, Joseph Vogrincic, Felaniko Stowers, Kerry McKenzie, Zita Hawthorn & Maureen Wallace

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa, Bernard Kimble and Marna Starbuck.

Church Happenings:

Friday 5th February 2021

First Friday in February, Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by a cuppa in the Ryder Room

Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021:

Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's at 9am as usual. For those that can't attend the morning Mass, there will be an ecumenical service at the Papakura Anglican Church at 7pm.



Sad Movies.....

A sad farewell was bid to Fr Peter at a wonderful function on Sunday 24th. A big thank you to all who helped make this such a special occasion. Food was consumed, dances were done and sad songs were sung!

Goodbye and good luck Fr Peter.

St Mary's Knitting Group



Knitting is back in full swing again. Next get together is Tuesday 9th February from 1pm to 3pm in the Ryder Room. All welcome, to knit or just for a chat and a cuppa.

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



Online Donations:

Acc. 02-0100-0120982-10

REF: Build Fund

Include your pledge number or contact parish office for receipt.

Parish Building Project Fundraising Team Contact Details

Can you help make our dream for a better church a reality? Contact one of us to arrange a time to meet to discuss your options. There will be an option that will work for you. We can also explain how up to 33% of your donation can be claimed back from IRD.

David Tennent – dandjct@gmail.com

09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz

09 291 9194 or 021 379 845



The Parish Offices are back up and running for the New Year!!

Some New Year Housekeeping:

- Mobility Parking Permits:** due to the non return of permits after recovery and the abuse of the parking attendants, we are going to issue new Parking Permits annually. You can collect a new dated permit from the office. Anyone not displaying the current dated permit will not be allowed into the carpark. **Please note that the permits are only functional over the weekends. We are looking for new volunteer parking wardens for both Sunday Masses.**
- Parking Area:** Please only park in the bays marked. Parking down the lane between the bays is not permitted as it is a health and safety issue.
- Hall & Ryder Room Usage:** Will all groups ensure that they have booked the facility they use for the year. All bookings need to be written in the diary to ensure there is no confusion as to who is entitled to the facility at the given time.



St Vincent de Paul

The Vinnies Shop is open again to help you find those illusive treasures for the year. Please support them well and remember that all proceeds go to help fund the foodbank.



Papakura Community Dinner

is back again every Tuesday evening from 6pm. It is still hosted at the Crossroads Methodist Church Hall, Broadway.

All are welcome to come and share in this wonderful weekly occasion.



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Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Start: 01 March

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>

On-Site Event: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm at the Coptic Orthodox Church in Birkdale, Northshore

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Dec 1st-6th	Monday	Tuesday The Presentation Of The Lord	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday St Agatha V.M.	Saturday
Psalm	31	24	103	48	27	27
Reading	Hebrews 11:32-40	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18	Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15	Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24	Hebrews 13:1-8	Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
Gospel	Mark 5:1-20	Luke 2:22-40	Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:7-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34

St Mary's Youth Group

'You are the Church of today'

Co-ordinators: Evangeline and Grace
 E-mail: stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook: St Marys Catholic Youth



Join us Fridays During The School Term

7pm - 9:00pm in the Hall

• 10yrs and over

Uniform Sponsors Needed for Youth Group

We are looking to re-uniform our group and are looking for a sponsor or sponsors who would be prepared help. If you would like to contact us, please call Fr James (through the Parish Office) or Evangeline on 021 1768947. Alternatively, please email stmaryspapakurayouth@gmail.com

Registered Nurse for Marist Sisters.

The Marist Sisters are seeking to employ a Registered Nurse Health Care Coordinator for their communities for 15hrs per week. There are 20 Sisters spread over 5 houses between the ages of 45 and 93 years of age. If you are interested in this part time position, would you please contact: Sr Jane O'Carroll for further details Mob: 021 077 1705

PROLIFE FACTS

Former US President Donald Trump surprised pro-lifers with his unexpected commitment to their cause. One of his final acts as president was signing a presidential proclamation declaring January 22nd as National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

After lamenting the loss of over 50 million preborn lives since Roe vs Wade in 1973, Trump said: "On National Sanctity of Human Life Day, we promise to keep speaking out for those who have no voice.

"We vow to celebrate and support every heroic mother who chooses life. And we resolve to defend the lives of every innocent and unborn child, each of whom can bring unbelievable love, joy, beauty and grace into our Nation and the entire world."

"I call on the American people to care for women in unexpected pregnancies, to support adoption and foster care so that every child can have a loving home. I ask every citizen to listen to the sound of silence caused by a generation lost to us, and then to raise their voices for all affected by abortion, both seen and unseen."

For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.