

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions	David Tennent	Tevita Koloamatangi	Siatua Gabriel
 Ministers of the Word	Dana Cardoso Arnel Mantes	Angela Hodge Dale Pio	Theodora Lautua Normita Tolentino
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Judith Prince Catherine Venu Jenna Horner Telesia Tuala John Franks Celerina Balucan-Roberts	Shymalee Krone John Frings Fuli Vaasili Audrey Nesbit Kathy Smith	Tea Sharp Ruby Realon Peter O'Brien Tea Venu Nathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga Gerhard Witbooi
 Altar Servers	Destin Barte Nicole Horner Devandre Horner	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Keela Williams Emeresiana Lautua Georfina Lautua

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
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship

TE KUPENGA
 CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

"If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz, email us at office@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available."

Locals Supporting Locals

HARVEYS

REAL ESTATE EST. 1918

Thinking about selling?
 We can help you get your home sold or rented!

Kelly, Darren and their family have been part of our parish and the school for over 20 years.

We offer a full real estate service to our fellow parishioners and when successful not only do you get rewarded, so does the parish. We look forward to being of service to you.

Newsletter proudly sponsored by Harveys Papakura

Kelly & Darren Brady, Harveys Papakura
 021 635 583 | 09 298 4000 | darren@myharveys.co.nz | Southern Suburbs Realty Limited - Licensed Agent REAA 2008

Pastoral Associate: Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)
Parish Office: Angie Hodge Ph 299 6056
Sacramental Programme: Parish Office
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.....

St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

52 East Street, Papakura 2110
 Parish Priest: Fr Iosefa Euese | Assistant Priest: Fr James Mulligan
 Phone 09 298 5134 | Office 09 299 6056
 Email: office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz | www.papakuracatholic.org.nz
 Facebook –search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura

Mulligan's Musings
 A few years ago now I met Diana Wichtel. You may have heard of her. She is an award-winning journalist. In 1942, Diana's dad Benjamin Wichtel was on a cattle train heading to the Nazi death camp of Treblinka in Poland. Miraculously he slipped through a window and jumped off the train to go into hiding with other Polish Jews. After the war he went to Canada where he met and married Diana's kiwi-born mother Patricia. For Diana, life seemed normal. Normal that is, until mum decided to take Diana back home with her to New Zealand. Diana never saw her father again. He later died in a psychiatric hospital. Years later Diana set out to the site of Treblinka, uncovering information about Ben's formerly large family and their fate at the hands of the Nazis. She discovered Ben's grave, unveiled a new headstone in his memory and wrote a book called *Driving to Treblinka: A Long Search for a Lost Father*. Diana had performed a mitzvah, a word that Jews use to refer to someone doing a good deed. Despite all the tears, painful memories and imaginings of what might have been, Diana achieved a sense of closure and inner peace. Such is the mystery of suffering. Ironically enough, if we did not have suffering then we wouldn't know joy. As one of life's greatest teachers, suffering is the breaking of the shell that restricts our understanding of self; empowering us to dare and to endure, to love and to grow. *E huri to aroaro ki te ra tukuna to ataarangi ki muri i a koe – turn your face to the sun and let the shadows fall behind you....*

The mystery of suffering is something that both Job and Jesus also had to confront. In our first reading, Job voices a completely normal human reaction to the reality of human suffering. Why does God seem silent and indifferent? Is suffering really God's punishment for sin? Is this life no better than hired drudgery? For all his fame as the biblical model of patience in the face of suffering, Job can only see reality from the standpoint of his own suffering. In our Gospel Jesus rewards Job's patience, to show that God is anything but silent. Through his ministry of preaching and healing as the compassion of God made visible, Jesus identifies himself so completely with our human condition to the extent of taking the burden of our sufferings on himself. Take Jesus' raising of Peter's mother-in-law. By taking her by the hand to raise her from almost certain death, Jesus raises us up in turn; empowering us to serve him in those who most need the healing of touch that means not abuse but restoration. In the light of our Gospel the ideal Christian approach to suffering does not only mean to alleviate avoidable suffering wherever and whenever we can but also to see life's unavoidable sufferings as a way of meeting God on God's own terms. Maybe this is what Jesus meant by going to a lonely place to pray, so that Peter and his companions would have to go out of their way to seek him out in the darkness of early morning. If we are all to have a share in the Gospel's blessings, if we are to make ourselves all things to all people to save at least some as Paul writes, then we cannot avoid the painful yet very necessary process of becoming wounded healers. Otherwise, our efforts to alleviate others' sufferings will be devoid of meaning. It is for that purpose that Jesus sends us out into a world far wider than the country towns of Galilee; to sing with the Psalmist of God's compassion to the broken hearted. Even if places like Treblinka still inflict wounds on the Diana Wichtels of this world, our own mitzvahs/good deeds can still shed the light of Jesus' healing power on the darkness of our times. Through the good news that we can offer for free all the drudgery that would otherwise make everyday life absurd now becomes loaded with meaning beyond all words; to mark the dawning of a new zeal in our land on this Waitangi Weekend of national unity. To bring about healing of relationships and to drive out the demons of the past that still bedevil our present. Even though our lives are a breath our own eyes now see the joy that Job could have only dreamed of. May we turn our faces to the son of God and let the shadows fall behind us. To dare and to endure, to love and to grow.

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)

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Liturgy of the Word (Year B)
 Job 7:1-4,6-7;
 1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23;
 Mark 2:29-39

e te atua	oh lord
homai ki a mātou	give to us
tōu māramatanga	your knowledge
tōu rangimārie	your calmness
tōu kaha me tōu aroha	your strength and love
mō tēnei rā	on this day
Āmine	amen

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. (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: Angeline Lucas, Philip Talbot, Hendrika Ter Huurne, Robert Paepke and John Coppins

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa, Bernard Kimble, Marna Starbuck, Helen Green, Elizabeth Schubert and Fionn Park/O'Siadhail (Grateful thanks from the family for all prayers.)

Church Happenings:

There will be a gathering after 5PM Mass in the hall on Saturday 13th February to welcome Fr Iosefa to our parish. If you wish to assist with the arrangements, please call Benita. All are welcome.

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 Tuesday to Friday between 9:30am and 3pm. Anyone not displaying the current dated permit or an official municipal 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.

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

Scam Alert

A note of caution from Fr Sherwin Lapaan who experienced a scamming attack recently. Scammers impersonating priests are obtaining photos of these priests from Facebook pages or public websites, and then using them to create fake emails or messages (using a message application such as WhatsApp) to scam unsuspecting parishioners. Scammers can also obtain parishioners' emails or mobile numbers where they are available in the public domain. This could be from a variety of sources such as the Parish's Facebook page, church mobile apps, the weekly newsletter, or even published Parish volunteer rosters! If scammers obtain this sort of information, they are able to name the parishioners directly in their messages, thus making the communication appear to more realistically be coming from a priest.

This has happened to Fr Peter, so PLEASE be very vigilant.

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College, Drury

Due to the events of 2020 and reliance on external agencies for infrastructure, services and consenting the opening date of St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College and the decapitation of St Joseph's Catholic School (Pukekohe), St Mary's Catholic School (Papakura) and Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School (Takanini) has been extended from 2023 to the beginning of 2024.

We understand and appreciate this will unavoidably impact families making enrolment decisions for prospective Year 7 and 8 students. The college has been many years in the planning. The Auckland Catholic Diocese is committed to ensuring that when it opens the college is at the standard we desire.

We are grateful for all those who have worked so generously and tirelessly to bring about Catholic secondary education for future generations.

Catherine Ryan
Vicar for Education



St Vincent de Paul

The Vinnies Shop is open once 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.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPA KURA

54 Clark Road

We love being part of our parish community and actively participate in the evangelising mission of the Church. Our students thrive in a community of faith and grow in a loving relationship with Christ. We enjoy excellent academic achievement and a broad, active and engaging curriculum.

Together we learn, we pray, we serve

Me whakakotahi, kia maarama, kia pono, ki te karakia

TAKING 2021 ENROLMENTS NOW!

Visits welcome.

Contact our school office on 09 298 4450 or visit our new web-site.

www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Learn Love Serve

Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

Enrolments Closed. Please contact the school for information

1. School website: www.holytrinity.school.nz

2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

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 at Coptic Orthodox Church, Birkdale: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt. Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm. Free.

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

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Family Life International - 40 Days for Life:

Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!

February 17 to March 28 – Monday to Saturday – 7am to 7pm. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting, and vigil outside the local abortion centre in Mt Eden. The vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour prayer slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. A positive, peaceful, and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.org.nz

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Dec 8th—13th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday St Scholastica	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	104	8	104	128	32	90
Reading	Genesis 1:1-19	Genesis 1:20-2:4	Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17	Genesis 2:18-25	Genesis 3:1-8	Genesis 3:9-24
Gospel	Mark 6:53-56	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	Mark 7:24-30	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:1-10

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

DRCNZ – Lenten Retreat in AUCKLAND

Brother Fritz Mascarenhas, preacher from Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, now based in Wellington, will be conducting a weekend Lenten Retreat.

- 27th Feb. 2021 – 2 to 5.00p.m. followed by Holy Mass at St Therese Church, Mt Albert.
- 28th Feb. 2021 – 2 to 5.00p.m. followed by Holy Mass at Christ the King Church, Owairaka, Mt Roskill.

PROLIFE FACTS

For many pro-life people, the issue of abortion seldom touches them personally, but there may be times when a friend, relative or acquaintance approaches you for help simply because they know you are pro-life. Or there may be times when you become aware of someone who is struggling with a difficult pregnancy and who may need support. You may want to help but realise that you yourself need some guidance on how to support someone sensitively in a difficult situation. Sometimes you realise that your friend or relative may need more help and resources than you or those around you are able to give. In those situations, we encourage you to contact Voice for Life for suggestions of organisations you can refer your friend or relative to for help, organisations that we know from experience will do everything they can to support mothers in overcoming the different challenges they may face, enabling them choose life for their baby.

For more information on pro-life issues, visit

www.voiceforlife.org.nz



Eminent Catholic Māori scholar dies. Kiwi Columban's mission in Pakistan. Low sensory Mass near Christchurch. Faith alive at Hearts Aflame.