

Sunday 	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions	Margaret Fairweather	Tevita Kolomatangi	Theodora Lautua
Ministers of the Word 	Caroline Thomas Jenny Fyn	Joy Treasurer James Bingwor	Ana Silva Rosaline Petelo
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 	Mercylou Tejada Miriam Mantes Noatoga Tupou Tupou Tupou Diane Monnery	Mary Fitness John Curtin Kathy Smith Angela Hodge Letisia Kolomatangi	Catherine Venu Tolotea Venu Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Nathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga
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

 **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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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 –

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Mulligan's Musings

Who remembers the Boxer Jimmy Peau? Back in the 1980's, Jimmy had won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and seemed set on course to become Heavyweight Champion of the World. Turning pro in the States, he had a \$6 million ranch in New Mexico and a red Camaro Chevrolet Sports car. Not too bad for a Samoan boy from Mangere! But then he fell on hard times. As his health declined, he had to quit the ring. His earnings disappeared. He ended up living on the streets of Las Vegas before being deported back to New Zealand. Before his death this time last year, he was finally reunited with his family. Like all fallen celebrities, Jimmy experienced the usual temptations that make up the dark side of success. Even if we're not in the public spotlight as Jimmy was, we all have to confront the dark side of our personalities for the sake of our health and sanity. In the words of the late great Muhammad Ali: *I don't count my sit-ups; I only start counting when it starts hurting because they're the only ones that count....*



On this First Sunday of Lent, Mark presents Jesus as if he were doing endless sit-ups! The dramatic force of Mark's few words paints a clear enough picture of Jesus sparring with Satan. No sooner is Jesus acknowledged as God's own Son then he is driven out into the wilderness to be tested to the very limits of endurance, in a bootcamp of the Spirit. Before he could call others to literally change their ways of thinking through repentance, Jesus had to face everything in himself that could have prevented him from fulfilling his mission. Like Genesis' image of the rainbow that is used to symbolise peace, Mark's imagery of Jesus being cared for by angels after his ordeal shows us that the time has come, that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In Mark's narrative, a very human Jesus' successful resistance of the tempter's wiles makes good God's covenant with creation for all future generations; to turn what was once a force for destruction during the flood into the means of our salvation through baptism (Genesis 9:8-15). Temptation and grace are but two sides of the same coin.

On an everyday level, the things we're usually addicted to seem entirely reasonable for us to have. The so-called good things in life may seem essential for our personal wellbeing, but they can easily prevent us from appealing to God with a good conscience (1 Peter 3:21). The dilemma that Jesus faced is no different to what we face every day in the boxing ring we call life, as we struggle to know the difference between our needs and our wants. Can we allow this season to strip us of what is non-essential so that we know our real needs? The wilderness that Jesus was driven to was as much an inner reality as it was physical. How is Lent calling us into the wilderness of deeper prayer and self-sacrifice? Can we wean ourselves off the addiction to self-sufficiency, to emphasise "being" over "doing" and "having"? Only through facing up to our own temptations, addictions and hang-ups will we ever be able to turn our Lenten wilderness into a fruitful place of new life and growth. As in the story of Jimmy Peau, the story of Jesus' experience in the wilderness shows us that we sometimes have to be broken down in order to be built back up again. Punch for punch and round for round, the painful temptations that we face and prevail over are the only ones that really count. To form the better angels of our nature.

After the last few days of our Alert Level 3 lockdown, Auckland is now under Alert Level 2 and the rest of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1. It is with great relief that we can open our doors again, though we cannot have more than 100 people at Mass at any one time. Until we are back down to Level 1, we can only have communion of one kind (the host), there will be no shaking hands at the sign of peace and communion on the tongue is NOT permitted. At this strangely appropriate start to the Lenten season, let us continue to reach out to each other, as a listening, praying, servant community of faith. Please be assured that Fr Iosefa and I will always be on hand to attend to your pastoral needs and concerns.

Me nga manaakitanga ki nga tangata katoa i tenei waa Reneti kua namaa nei (with blessings to all in this Lenten Season), 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)

1st Sunday Of Lent
 Liturgy of the Word
 (Year B)
 Genesis 9:8-15;
 1Peter 3:18-22;
 Mark 1:12-15



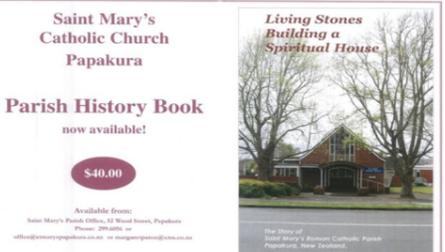
Welcome to St Mary's Parish

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: Zorka Sumich, Ethel Butler, William Gibbons, Ivan Erceg, Cornelis Orson and Laurel McGlade
We pray for those who are sick including: Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa, Marna Starbuck, Helen Green, Elizabeth Schubert and Fionn Park/O'Siadhail (Grateful thanks from the family for all prayers.)

Sacramental Programme 2021
 For children year 4 and up who wish to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We begin this weekend with a meeting for parents on Sunday 21st February at 4pm and repeated on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm. For more information please see the website <https://papakuracatholic.org.nz/sacramental/> or contact Barbara 027 476 1419 sacprog@stmaryspapakura.co.nz

God, Help me to hear Your voice whispering to my heart, to see Your hand in the beauty of the world You made, to feel Your love in the warmth of a hug. Thank You that You speak to me in so many ways.



Saint Mary's Catholic Church Papakura
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 \$40.00
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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



Opportunity Shop Manager – Papakura Society of St Vincent de Paul Op-Shop Papakura
 Help us to help others in need in your local community. St Vincent de Paul Op-Shop provides quality second-hand goods for sale to their local community, with any profits going towards funding work in our local communities, our foodbank and other social support services.

We're looking for an experienced retail manager to oversee the day to day running of our Papakura St Vincent de Paul Op-Shop. This is a varied role and involves recruitment and management of volunteers, rostering, overseeing stock, price setting, managing shop revenue, monthly reporting and planning. Promoting and marketing the shop locally is also a key responsibility of the role.
 To succeed in this role you will be highly motivated with a "can do" attitude, and have an interest in retail and second-hand goods. You will have excellent people skills, the ability to manage administrative tasks with ease, and leadership experience. Above all you will have a strong community focus, and the ability to motivate and lead volunteers.
 The ideal applicant will have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, confidence and accuracy with numeracy, and empathy for people who are in distress. They must also enjoy being part of a team, be solutions focused and comfortable with diverse cultures and backgrounds. We are an equal opportunities employer and are committed to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This is a part time permanent position working 20 hours per week.
 In addition to our usual pre-employment checks, applicants will also be subject to Police Vetting.
Applications close: Friday 26th February 2021
For further information or request the SVDP Application Form please e-mail svdppapakura3@gmail.com
To apply please e-mail svdppapakura3@gmail.com and include a Cover letter and C.V.



St Vincent De Paul Foodbank
 Thank you for all your generous donations. Should you wish to add to our pantry, we are in need of cereal, rice, pasta and flour. Many thanks.



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 2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz
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Sacred Heart College Auckland **Open Day** is being held on **Wednesday 10 March 2021** with tours of the College at 10am and 1pm. You can register your interest by going to this link <https://sacredheart.school.nz/open-day/>
 Enrolments for 2022 close on 1 April 2021.

Notices from Tilipounamu 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/>

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 22nd -27th	Monday The Chair Of St Peter The Apostle	Tuesday St Polycarp	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	23	34	51	138	130	119A
Reading	1Peter 5:1-4	Isaiah 55:10-11	Jonah 3:1-10	Esther 4:17	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19	Matthew 6:7-15	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 7:7-12	Matthew 5:20-26	Matthew 5:43-48

St Mary's Youth Group
 'You are the Church of today'
 "Everyone is welcome to the smyfs family"
 When: 7pm- 8:30pm
 Where: Church hall
 Who: Ages 10 and over
 Term one dates:
 26/02/2021
 12/03/2021
 26/03/2021
 09/04/2021
 16/04/2021
 Parent contact: Tracey Luamanu
 Phone Number: 027 388 1556
 Youth leader contact: Tahnee TePuia-Afoa
 Phone number: 021 084 4848



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.

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

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart - **OPEN EVENING will be held on Thursday 4 March, 2021 – 6.30 p.m.** We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 are presently being accepted and will close on **Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00 pm.** A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00 pm.**