



28th March 2021

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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 Kthy Smith Angela Hodge Letisia Koloamatangi	Catherine Venu Tolotea Venu Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Mathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga
 Altar Servers	Destin Barte Nicole Horner Devandre Horner	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Keela Williams Emerziana Lautua, Georgina 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](http://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.



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.

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**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](http://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.....  
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# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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Facebook –search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura

Mulligan's Musing:

Very recently, I celebrated the funeral Mass of my cousin Barbara Wells. She had been diagnosed with a cancerous growth and did not have much longer to live. Out of all the times that I have been with the dying, my meetings with Barbara at Auckland City Hospital and Mercy Hospice were amongst the most precious. It was a real privilege to minister to a member of my own whanau whom I hadn't caught up with for some years, at such an important moment in time. The moment of death and how we greet it will reveal the essence of what our lives have really meant. It reminds me of a country and western song written by Garth Brooks and Kent Maxson based on the life of Kent's grandfather Noble Maxon, entitled *Mr. Noble*. Before his death, Mr. Noble spent a lifetime making wooden boxes for children in a small town so they could treasure their memories of love. As adults they come to his funeral in droves, all carrying their own boxes that he had made for them. The chorus goes like this: *There's the love for your family, and love for your friends/so here's a little something to keep those memories in/it's for each and every friendship you find along life's way/pray your box isn't empty when it comes your final day....*

In our Gospel, Jesus' simple imagery of a single wheat grain that falls into the ground and dies to produce a rich harvest leaves us an even greater legacy of self-sacrificial love. As the Son of God who is to be made perfect through suffering (Hebrews 5:8), Jesus knows how necessary his own death will be. He will fulfill Jeremiah's vision of God's Law being written in the hearts of his people, to become the source of eternal salvation for all who will obey him. On a very human level, Jesus is naturally disturbed by the prospect of death, but he is willing to embrace it freely, safe in the knowledge that his sacrifice will not be in vain. Just as a seed must die to itself out of sight and out of mind to bear much fruit, Jesus will be buried deep in the heart of the earth to bear multiple fruit in the shape of a worldwide community of life and love. The moment of his death will speak more eloquently of the essence of his own life than everything else that has gone before; a moment that John refers to as Jesus' "hour", as Jesus' "glorification". Such is the great paradox that lies at the heart of the Christian experience. As it says in an old Japanese proverb: *Duty is heavy as a mountain, but death is as light as a feather....*

But does that mean we have to despise ourselves as if this present life had no value? Absolutely not! To give ourselves away as Jesus did means not to flee from the world or to wallow in pointless self-hatred, but to break down the walls of self-centeredness. Even if we cannot save the world, we can at least learn to grow in love for love's own sake. In his latest letter on fraternity and social friendship, Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of "fruitfulness" over "results". He writes: "No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force." Only by giving away our tendency towards self-preservation will we ever come to possess ourselves fully, as we grow to spiritual maturity through our experience of life's little deaths. This is surely something that the experience of COVID is teaching us. What must we die to in ourselves to grow to give and receive such unconditional love? Can we live in such a way that when we die, the world will notice our passing while we rejoice? As the master carpenter of our all-too-human frame, Jesus will turn the wood of the Cross into special boxes of memory for each of us in a way that will be truly noble. So that our memory of his love that conquers all things will destroy even death itself. Unless a seed falls into the ground and dies it remains only a single grain but if it dies it will bear a rich harvest....

plant a seed  
embryonic beauty  
a seed with heart  
sown with compassion  
a seed with promise  
born on winds of change  
a seed with substance  
rooted in the soil of foundation  
a seed with the flow of life  
thirsty for the waters of acceptance  
a seed with boundless vision  
reaching for synthesizing illumination  
allow the energy of expansion and transformation

allow that seed to germinate and pollinate the garden of existence\*  
(Liam, Germination, <https://hellopoetry.com/words/seed/May> 2014).

### Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am

Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm

Samoa Mass 2nd Sunday 12.30pm

(Beginning again 11th April 2021)

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 Of Lent

### Liturgy of the Word

(Year B)

1Jeremiah 31:31-34;

Hebrews 5:7-9;

John 12:20-33

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth  
and dies, it remains  
just a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24



**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  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](mailto:dandjct@gmail.com)

09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

**Vince O'Loughlin** – [loch.ness@xtra.co.nz](mailto:loch.ness@xtra.co.nz)

09 291 9194 or 021 379 845



**Easter Program**

Reconciliation 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Friday)  
 Chrism Mass 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm (Monday) (Cathedral)  
 Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm  
 Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am station of the Cross  
 3pm Veneration of the Cross  
 Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm  
 Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9pm

**St Mary's Parish Children's Liturgy Leaders needed**

- Come and join our wonderful team of Children's Liturgy Leaders! If you have wanted to be more involved in our parish but weren't sure how then this is the opportunity for you. Resources and support are provided as well as a great opportunity to bring the Word of God to our children at their level. Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass during term time. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please email Anna Buckley [annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz](mailto:annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz) we would love to have you join our roster



**Healing Outreach - Fr John Reg**

Prayer for healing and miracles. Everyone is invited to a Healing Service with Father John Rea SM on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am-12 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Info: Deidre 02102251103



Also: Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, St Johns Church, Orewa  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, St Marks Church, Pakuranga  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, Holy Cross Church, Henderson  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm, St Andrews Church, Tuakau  
 Praise and worship and teaching, followed by prayer for healing.



**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAKAKURA**

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 website.

[www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz](http://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](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)

2. School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039



**The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University.**

**In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country are forwarded to the Franciscan Commissary of the Holy Land in that country to then be sent to Rome and distributed from there to the Custody of the Holy Land.**

**Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered.**

**Consecration to St. Joseph**

Pope Francis declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Universal Church and Pillar of Families. Join the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph starting on March 30 to the Day of Consecration, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In the midst of crisis, confusion and a world at odds with Christian values, it is time to entrust ourselves to our spiritual father. Register at [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz) or email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) for more information. - The Centre for Marriage and Family (CMF)

**New to the Parish**

Welcome

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

Week Dec 22nd - 27th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday The Annunciation Of The Lord	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	23	102	Cant Daniel	40	18	Cant Jeremiah
Reading	Daniel Ch 13	Numbers 21:4-9	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10	Jeremiah 20:10-13	Exekiel 37:21-28
Gospel	John 8:1-11	John 8:21-30	John 8:31-42	Luke 1:26-38	John 10:31-42	John 11:45-57

**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:

26/03/2021

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



**Family Life Catholic Gifts**

In response to Pope Francis' dedication of 2021 to St Joseph, we have available copies of the book written by Father Donald Calloway – "Consecration to St Joseph". It is readable and accessible to anyone, introducing us to the wonders and of the life and vocation of St Joseph.

Available for \$30.00 at Family Life Catholic Gifts, 569 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. Phone (09) 6290820 or order on our website "catholicgifts.co.nz". Proceeds go towards our life-saving work with Family Life International.

**PROLIFE FACTS**

Ken Orr of Right to Life has requested and received information from MidCentral Health under the Official Information Act (OIA). As a result, he learned that MidCentral Health had contracted out the provision of abortion services to a private contractor, Magma Health. The main reason provided for choosing to use a private contractor over an in-house service was the lack of capacity at Palmerston North Hospital. In addition, it was asserted that with a move to early trimester medical terminations, this was "more appropriately located in a community setting". For 2017/2018, Magma Healthcare Ltd received \$465,843.70 from the MidCentral District Health Board for "abortion services", and for 2018/19 the amount was \$567,872.35. 482 abortions were funded in 2018 and 584 abortions in 2019. Complications from the abortion procedure were experienced by 6 women in 2018 and 5 women in 2019, prior to discharge. **For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz).**



I don't see a difference, do you?

**NZCatholic** Cardinal offers Church support for vaccination programme. Theologian says to bin anti-Catholic booklet. **Three new seminarians at Holy Cross.** Don't bury St Joseph statues to help real estate sales.

**We pray for those who have died ....**  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Ailao Paulo, Nina Wilkins, Norman Scharvi, Marie Stretton, Kathleen Wannell, Sosefina Kau and Arthur Ralph-Smith  
**We pray for those who are sick including:** Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Teresa Stubbing, Alipati Afoa, Marna Starbuck, Helen Green, Elizabeth Schubert, Ben Hamilton and Fionn Park/O'Siadhail (Grateful thanks from the families for all prayers.)  
*Little Fionn is making good progress and fighting hard - Keep praying*

**Parish Social Site Development Fundraiser**

When :17th April 2021

Where:, St Mary's Parish Hall

Forore details please contact

TELESIA

021 047 2067



**Abuse in Care**  
 Royal Commission of Inquiry

**The Royal Commission**

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will hear from the Catholic Church leaders this week and continue to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for continued courage and clarity for all those involved.



**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.