



21 February 2021
 1st Sunday Of Lent
 Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Sunday 	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions	Liora Madelozo	Jesse DeMello	Anna Silva
Ministers of the Word 	Jesse DeMello Olita Sua	Audrey Kippen Evans Mrantas	Normita Tolentino Siatua Gabriel
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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**:
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Mulligan's Musings

Just the other day, I came across a story on the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation's website about one young man's story of dealing with obsessive thoughts and compulsions at this time of COVID-19. Diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder in his teens, 23-year-old Sam from Wellington was in a supermarket. No sooner was he home with his groceries than he became very concerned about them being contaminated with COVID. In the light of COVID-19, mental health has become a big issue. Roughly one in five Kiwis will suffer some form of mental illness at some point in their lives. Those who experience mental illness suffer much stigma and deserve to be treated with compassion, not ridicule. Very often, the most debilitating disabilities are not the ones that we can see but those that lie hidden deep within all of us. Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes. Not only is empathy hard to outsource and automate, but it makes the world a better place. In the words of the great American novelist John Steinbeck: "You can only understand people if you feel them in yourself."

In this morning's Gospel, Jesus' healing encounter with a leper shows us the very roots of empathy as the only way to wellness. In Biblical times, lepers were every bit as stigmatised as those with mental illness are today. Literally forced to live outside the camp, as Leviticus puts it, they were not only considered physically unclean, but also cursed by God. A leper, or anyone else who had even the slightest blemish on their skin, suffered living death by permanent managed isolation and quarantine. Far from wanting to be an invalid or an object of pity, the leper was an active participant in his own story of salvation. Our friend took the initiative, leaving it up to Jesus to heal him without any sense of entitlement and/or false expectations. Jesus' simple act of healing challenged and reversed his own culture's rules about separating the clean from the unclean, effectively abolishing the purity laws of Leviticus. Despite Jesus' stern warning to him to keep what has just happened to himself, the leper started to share his experience everywhere. By being let out of his quarantine to be included once more in society he also started to include others in turn, for us to share in what had literally brought him back from death to life. Jesus' spontaneous and free response to address the leper's need regardless of the consequences for himself personally is a powerful example of God's choice of acceptance and inclusion over rejection and exclusion. Like Paul in Corinthians we can now take the leper as our role-model, as he looks to Christ. We too have been cleansed just as the leper was, cleansed to show the compassion of Jesus to those whom society rejects. Is there anyone we know who suffers from a social stigma or a disability that leaves them isolated, that prevents them from enjoying to the full what the rest of us take so much for granted? How does the way that we see others influence the way we treat them? Can we summon up the courage and humility to come before Jesus as the leper did? Can we dare to admit to hidden disabilities that aren't as obvious but that are even more debilitating than COVID-19, like deep-seated prejudices in the face of difference and fear of circumstances that we cannot control? As the healing of the leper shows us, true beauty is more than skin-deep. In a society like ours where the gap between wellness and unwellness has become greater than ever before because of the pandemic and where many have been stigmatised due to contracting COVID-19, a simple touch of compassion for today's "lepers" in our midst can make all of us family under the skin. The empathy of Christ the healer makes the world a better place. If we want to, we too can be made whole. We can only understand people if we feel them in ourselves....

This weekend, we celebrate the installation of Fr Iosefa as our new Parish Priest. As we begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, let us welcome him with open arms and hearts. Fr. Iosefa and I have been good friends for 20 years now and studied together at Holy Cross Seminary for a time. I'm positive that you'll all get to know, love, value and respect him just as I do. Papatoetoe's loss will be our gain as he settles into his new ministry in our midst, combined with his other new role as Chaplain to our Samoan Catholic communities across the whole Diocese. Happy Valentine's Day!
 Kia Ki 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)

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46;
 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1;
 Mark 1:40-45

One who trusts in human beings



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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.....

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: Ngarie Stephens, Amelia Broderick, John Pereira, Anthony Afoa, Maria Van Lieshout, Veronica Bayliss, Cyril Wilkie, Timothy Fraks, Eleanor Kallil, Kathleen Coppins and Gertrude Chapman
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.)

Church Happenings:

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



"Fr Peter writes: Thank you to you all for a farewell that was just overwhelming in the outpouring of love and generosity. I have been able to buy myself a TV and DVD with the proceeds and the substantial amount left over I am donating to Fr John Vianney's scholarship fund for students at the high school he established. I am settling into my new role slowly. The students have arrived and from this week we are in full swing. Keep them in your prayers. The numbers are small but then I reassure myself Jesus started with twelve. As I have been mentored well over the years it is now my chance to give back. But I miss you all. God bless you. Fr Peter."

St Vincent de Paul—Foodbank

The Vinnies are in need of the following items:

Cereal, rice, pasta, flour and sugar.



With grateful thanks

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

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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.

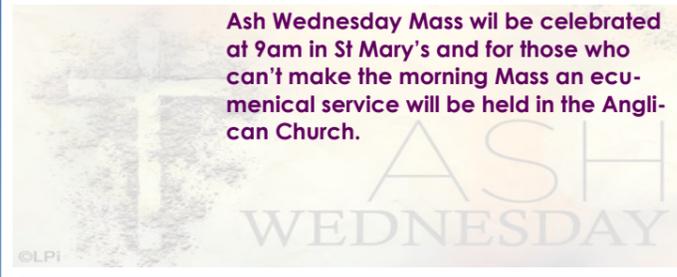
The ideal applicant will have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, confidence and accuracy with numeracy, and empathy for people who are in distress. They must also enjoy being part of a team, be solutions focused and comfortable with diverse cultures and backgrounds. We are an equal 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

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 9am in St Mary's and for those who can't make the morning Mass an ecumenical service will be held in the Anglican Church.



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Sacred Heart College

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

Mary Cooney blogs at Mercy for Marthas. In a recent blog she explains how reading Heather Avis' autobiography "The Lucky Few" gave her insight into the love and pain of mothers who go through 9 months of pregnancy and make the difficult decision to give up their child for adoption. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org

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 15th - 20th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Ash Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	50	29	51	1	51	86
Reading	Genesis 4:1-15,25	Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10	Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20-6:2	Deut 30:15-20	Isaiah 58:1-9	Isaiah 58:9-14
Gospel	Mark 8:11-13	Mark 8:14-21	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	Luke 9:22-25	Matthew 9:14-15	Luke 5:27-32

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.

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



- 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.