

4th April 2021
Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord
Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Sunday	Saturday 7:30pm	Sunday 9:00am	Sunday
 Welcome/Intercessions	Margaret Fairweather	Vincett LAutua	Only one Mass on
 Ministers of the Word	Check your rosters.	Ana Silva Ofu Schmidt	
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Tea Venu Telesia Tuala Elizabeth Tugaga Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Nathalie Tolentino	Celerina Balucan-Robertson John Franks James Obeng Warren Smith Letisia Koloamatangi Shymalee Krone	Easter Sunday
 Altar Servers	Liam Marnewick Keela Williams Chris Kiutau	Aja Aja-Lucia Vatau Oliver Kiutau Georgina Lautua Sheshan & Jeevani Krone	

 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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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.....
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Mulligan's Musing:
 30 years ago this week, on April 1st, 1991, a young man named Damon Courtenay died of AIDS. A life-long haemophiliac, Damon had contracted the deadly virus through contaminated blood. An aspiring author, Damon attempted to write a book about his experience but did not have much success. Damon's father Bryce (the well-known South African-Australian novelist) finished his son's work after Damon's death by publishing a book entitled April Fool's Day. The title refers to the date of Damon's death. The book reveals a lot about love; about how one person's avoidable suffering brought a variety of people together in love. For Damon, it was important that everyone knew how to love; especially when it came to loving those who suffered from the stigma of AIDS long before COVID. Damon's devoted girlfriend Celeste wrote at one point in the book, love is an energy, it cannot be created nor destroyed. It simply is. Giving meaning to life and direction to goodness.

On this Palm Sunday, another young man named Jesus is also bringing a variety of people together through the experience of his own sufferings. No sooner does his triumphant procession through the streets of Jerusalem end then he ends up dying the shameful death of a common criminal or a terrorist, by crucifixion. Having taken on himself our human condition, Jesus is about to experience it at its very best and at its very worst. What will sustain his own capacity to love to the extent of accepting death on a cross, is the same belief that sustained the suffering servant of Isaiah. That God will not abandon him. That God will not abandon us, even when all seems lost. Jesus not only read Isaiah's book for himself but will also fulfil Isaiah's vision through the story of our life and death. Holy Week is the most important part of the Church's year because it speaks directly to our human experience. Last year, we were not able to gather at all when the COVID Level 4 lockdown was imposed. Now we can take up our palms once more and lay the fabric of our lives down at Jesus' feet, as he makes his way to Calvary. Considering everything we have experienced over the past year we will hear and see something of ourselves reflected in Mark's narrative of the Passion. As the earliest and starkest of the four Gospel accounts, Mark makes no bones about the brutality of the Passion. He has Jesus die in total managed isolation – deserted by his friends, taunted by his enemies, derided by those who hung with him and, worst of all, abandoned by God. We will see betrayal, moral bankruptcy, injustice, greed, broken promises, dashed expectations and the abuse of power. By making no resistance to those who harm him unjustly, Jesus will transform his marks of death and apparent disgrace into signs of salvation. Jesus' experience of death and hatred will be transformed into one great act of divine love and life to guide us on our pilgrim way of the Cross to the resurrection and beyond. The answer to the question of who Jesus is (a question that dominates Mark's Gospel) will be found on the lips of one of his Roman executioners: "Truly, this man was the Son of God." In the face of everything that can make us despair, there is an even greater love, an even greater energy that cannot be created nor destroyed. An even greater love that simply is. Giving meaning to our lives and a direction to goodness. Even though no one can shout "April fool!" in the face of Jesus' Passion and ours, access to the divine is now open to all. All will be changed and changed utterly as a terrible beauty is born. Let the marathon begin.



Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
 The seething holy city of my heart,
 The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
 Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
 They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
 And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
 The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
 Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
 The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
 Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
 The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
 And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
 Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
 Break my resistance and make me your home.
 (Malcolm Guite, Palm Sunday, 2020)

Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.30pm
(Beginning again 11th April 2021)

Clevedon Community 8.30am
 1st Sunday of month
 Clevedon District Centre
(Not over easter Weekend)

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)

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
Liturgy of the Word (Year B)
Isaiah 50:4-7;
Philippians 2:6-11;
Mark 14:1-15:47



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 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

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
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Easter Program

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

SITE DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING:

Dust up those boogie shoes and bring your best dance moves. Come join us on

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
ST MARY'S PARISH HALL
 7 pm - 12 midnight



Have a fun night of dancing, Enjoy good music, good company, make more friends and take a step closer to our goal. Let's Go! We can do it!!!

Entry Donation \$10
 Supper : \$5 plate

For more details please contact Telesia # 021-047-2069

St Vincent De Paul Foodbank

Thank you everyone for your generous donations of Breakfast foods, Rice ,Pasta,& Sugar. We have also been blessed with nearly 300 packets containing 95gram Blueberry Puddings.

Our need now to fill our pantry for the winter coming on are: Tins Creamed Corn, Baked Beans, Chopped tomatoes in Juice, Tins Tuna, Maggi Packets of instant soup.

Cakes of hand soap would also be appreciated

Thank You for your continued assistance.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAOKURA

54 Clark Road

We love being an active part of our parish community. Your children are our children. Your family is our family.
Together We Learn, We Pray, We serve
 Me Whakakotahi, Kia Maarama, Kia Pono, Ki Te Karakia
ENROL NOW! PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST!
 Visits welcome. Contact our school office on 09 298 4450 or visit our new website. www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Follow us on Facebook too!

St Mary's, Papakura School Hall is available for hire to clubs, businesses and for private events. This is a large, pristine venue with kitchen, toilet and parking facilities. Please call our school office on 09 2984450 for more information.



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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAOKURA

54 Clark Road

St Mary's School will be preparing for Easter through our Holy Week liturgies. This is a wonderful tradition at our school and we warmly invite everyone to join us.

Monday 29 March : Palm Sunday Liturgy at 9am
 Tuesday 30 March : The Last Supper Liturgy at 12.15pm
 Wednesday 31st : Agony in the Garden at 12.15pm
 Thursday 1st April : Stations of the Cross at 12noon



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.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Mar/Apr 29th - 3rd	Monday Holy Week	Tuesday Holy Week	Wednesday Holy Week	Thursday Holy Week	Friday Good	Saturday Easter Vigil
Psalm	27	71	69	116B	31	118
Reading	Isaiah 42:1-7	Isaiah 49:1-6	Isaiah 50:4-9	Exodus 12:1-18,11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:16-16,5:7-9	Romans 6:3-11
Gospel	John 12:1-11	John 13:21-33,36-38	Matthew 26:14-25	John 13:1-15	John 18:1-19:42	Mark 16:1-8

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: The Abortion Legislation Act 2020 has erased any recognition of the right that an unborn child has to life. It created a new regime where unborn children can be aborted for just about any reason – or no reason at all. Amendments to provide basic protections for the unborn child were also rejected by the NZ Parliament during the passing of this Act. Like the Supplementary Order Paper by Simon O'Connor MP that would have provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that there was a duty to provide medical care and treatment to a child born alive in the event of an unsuccessful abortion. To sign a petition to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, please visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition> **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Position Vacancy Parish Assistant St Patrick's Pukekohe

Applications are being sought for the role of Parish Assistant at St. Patrick's Pukekohe. The Parish Assistant role provides quality parish administrative and pastoral service to support the efficient running of the parish and it's office. Applicants should possess the following attributes:

- Excellent multi-task management
- strong interpersonal skills
- provide a high quality of service
- possess a high level of administration and computer skills
- be confident supporting parish pastoral activities and volunteers.

A full position description is available on request. Please email CV and covering letter to accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

We pray for those who have died
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Francis Huwyler, Bryan Westley, Allegonda Duin, Joan Wallace, Joyce Nicol, Laurence O'Toole, Charles McPeak and Agnes O'Connor
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. Came off the ventilator this week - Keep praying
Big, warm welcome to Catherine & Enda, Fionn's grandparents from Ireland.

Summerset Easter Mass

Fr. Iosefa will be celebrating Easter Mass at Summerset on Wednesday 31 March at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea.



This weekend we welcome into our community the following Catechumens and Candidates who will be receiving the sacraments of initiation this Easter:

Davina Wells, Sharon Dass, Sunaina Roy, Kerryn Baker, Isaiah Baker and Joe Dethierry.

Let us continue to keep them in our hearts prayers at this sacred time of spiritual rebirth.

Abuse in Care

The Royal Commission of Inquiry
 The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will

this week conclude the second phase of hearings that included church leaders making statements. We pray for the Commission and their continued work on this significant and important process in seeking truth and justice for survivors of abuse.