

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	<b>Liora Madelozo</b>	<b>John Curtin</b>	<b>Rosaline Petelo</b>
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Jesse Demello Olita Sua	Audrey Kippen Evans Marantas	Normita Tolentino Siatua Gabriel
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Mercylou Tejada Judith Prince Jackie Boyhan Nigel Boyhan Diane Monnery	Mary Fitness John Frings Pandora Noue Angela Hodge Letisia Koloamatangi	Catherine Venu Tolotea Venu Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Ruby Reqalon Celerina Bulcan-Robertson George Tuata
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emereziana Lautua	Jeevani Krone Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau	Keela Williams Emereziana Lautua Georgina Lautua



**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:** 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 –

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20 years ago, I spent a week in Amsterdam. The highlight of my time there was a visit to the Ann Frank House Museum. Located on the banks of the Prinsengracht (one of Amsterdam's famous waterways), the museum contains a tiny upstairs space where Ann spent years hiding from the Nazis with her family before they were sent to Auschwitz. Returning from Auschwitz as the sole survivor, Ann's father Otto discovered her diary. It has since been translated into many languages and adapted for stage and screen. At one point, she wrote: *It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.* In the face of everything that should have caused her to give in to doubt and cynicism, her trust in life's basic goodness enabled Anne to trust in a future she would never live to see. Doubt is a question mark. Faith is an exclamation point. The most compelling, believable, realistic stories have included them both.

In our Gospel for this "Divine Mercy" Sunday, Thomas' encounter with the Risen Jesus proves how true this is. Hiding in fear for his own life, Thomas' grief for Jesus is so raw that he has built a secret annexe of his own, filled with a loss so painful to the point of resembling depression and/or post-traumatic stress disorder. To his ears, his friends' claims that they have seen the Lord physically resurrected from death seem just too good to be true. Unless he can see for himself the marks of the nails in Jesus' hands and put his own hand into Jesus' side, he will refuse to believe. As the divine mercy of God made visible, who comes by way of water and blood as the twin wellsprings of mercy in the power of the Spirit as John writes, the risen Jesus reappears to the disciples through the walls of an otherwise locked room not to satisfy Thomas' morbid curiosity but to release Thomas from his own self-imposed prison of self-doubt and anxiety. As the wounded healer par excellence, Jesus not only enables Thomas to see him physically without having to touch his wounds, but also empowers Thomas to openly acknowledge Jesus on our behalf, as "our" Lord and "our" God. The greater the resistance, the greater the grace! By healing Thomas' even deeper, unseen wounds Jesus restores our friend's faith in himself; that he in turn may be a great vessel of mercy to others. Thomas' journey from faithless insistence on proof to an unparalleled expression of personal post-resurrection faith brings out the sense of divinity streaming from the One who has been wounded for our sake. Through the person of Jesus, "...God is revealed not only as incarnate but as the One who gave himself up to the most degrading of deaths in self-sacrificial love for the world. Before Thomas and the group of disciples gathered in the room stands an unambiguous depiction of the truth that God is love (Brendan Byrne sj, *Life Abounding: A Reading of St John's Gospel*, Strathfield, NSW: St Paul's Publications, 2014, 338)."

In a thoroughly skeptical post-Christian environment like ours, the peace that Jesus comes to bestow should move us to display such love as something more than just a matter of good intentions! Rather, it requires us to be of one heart and one mind to provide a credible witness to the resurrection to this world as it is as we try to follow the example of the early Church in Acts. To share our own vulnerability with others and to extend and receive divine mercy in the spirit of today's Gospel is to do what Ann Frank's diary of life in the secret annexe once did for Otto Frank in the depths of his grief, as we are raised with Thomas from death to life. Doubt is a question mark. Faith is an exclamation point. The most compelling, believable, realistic stories have included them both. Happy are we who have not seen, yet still believe....

*"We do not know... how can we know the way?"  
 Courageous master of the awkward question,  
 You spoke the words the others dared not say  
 And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
 Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
 You put your finger on the nub of things  
 We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
 But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
 Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
 Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
 Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
 The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
 Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
 The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.  
 (Malcolm Guite, Thank God for Doubting Thomas, 2013)*

**Mass Times**  
**Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm**  
**Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am**  
**Filipino Mass** 1st Sunday 12.30pm  
**Samoan Mass** 2nd Sunday 12.30pm

**Clevedon Community** 8.30am  
 1st Sunday of month  
 Clevedon District Centre

**RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays**  
**Weekday Mass:**  
**Monday to Friday 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)

## Second Sunday Of Easter

**Liturgy of the Word**  
 (Year B)

**Acts 4:32-35;**  
**1John 5:1-6;**  
**John 20:19-31**



**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



**We pray for those who have died ....**

**Joan Glen 7/4/21**  
**(Funeral Wednesday 21/4/21)**

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Valerie Morine, John Berg, Beverley Toki, Evangeline Buhagiar, Callum Reynolds, Stephen Prince, Jean Mooney and Henry Mulligan

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**We pray for those who are sick including:**

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, 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 has turned a corner and working on going home soon. Keep praying, the prayers are working**

**Tax Receipts**

**The tax receipts and giving envelopes are in the foyer of the church to be collected by all concerned. They will be there for a month, then must be collected from the parish office.**

**Ryder Room Chairs**

**Could whoever has "borrowed" the chairs from the Ryder Room please return them as soon as possible as we are starting to run short of seating. If you know anything about the whereabouts of the chairs, please let the office know.**



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS**

Our store, "Vinnies Boutique", 275A Great South Road Papakura is G-R-O-W-I-N-G!!! We are delighted to have gained the additional space of the shop next door, formerly Small Business Accounting. This will enable us to receive donations of small furniture items for sale, as well as our current stock range, and to increase our ability to assist our wider community.

**Official opening and blessing on TUESDAY 13TH APRIL, 10AM,** followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Your prayers, support and donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information phone Rosanne, 021 0738 236.

**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

**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



Once again our parish has been affected by an e-mail scam requesting iphone cards to be purchased. This time it is Fr losefa's e-mail that has been hacked. Please do not open these e-mails, just delete them. If you do open them, do not purchase anything requested and please have your computer virus checked for any worm virus that may have been left on your device.

**St Vincent De Paul Foodbank**

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**Packers to prepare food parcels for our clients. We operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12noon. You will be rostered twice a month on the day of your choice.**

**For further information please contact:**

**Bev Pointon 021 111 9538 or**

**Bryan Wannell 027 243 6216**

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 of 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, PAKAKURA**

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

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039

**JOB VACANCY: St Anne's Parish Manurewa.**

Are You Our Next Operations Manager? Do you have what it takes to lead in one of NZ's biggest, busiest, and most active parishes? St Anne's Manurewa is looking for a highly capable and motivated Parish Operations Manager for 22 hours per week, including some evening meetings. See the full job description and a link to the online application on our website: [manurewacatholic.org.nz](http://manurewacatholic.org.nz). Apply today and become part of the close-knit, hands-on team at the heart of the St Anne's Catholic Parish.



**An excerpt from the thank you letter from Caritas:**

**Dear Parish Of St Mary's Papakura**

I hope you all had a joyful Easter. We are truly humbled by the response we have received from our Catholic community this Lent. We faced a number of challenges with Covid level changes and uncertainty around masses. Following our call out and your incredible support, we have received a tremendous response with a total to date of \$700,000. For this we are truly grateful.

**New to the Parish**

*Welcome*

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

Week Apr 12th-17th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	2	93	34	34	27	33
<b>Reading</b>	Acts 4:23-31	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:17-26	Acts 5:27-33	Acts 5:34-42	Acts 6:1-7
<b>Gospel</b>	John 3:1-8	John 3:7-15	John 3:16-21	John 3:31-36	John 6:1-15	John 6:16-21

*Bequests: Have you remembered St Mary's in your Will.*

**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:

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



**Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayers**

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Concluding Prayer**

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x3)



**PROLIFE FACTS**

Lifesite News reports that the US-based Family Research Council has commented on New Zealand's Bereavement Leave for Miscarriage Bill. "We cannot build a society that advances women's rights based on lies and inconsistencies. During a miscarriage, an unborn child tragically dies. During an abortion, an unborn child is killed, but there is a major difference. The tragedy caused by abortion is preventable. Affirming the death of a child in miscarriage is a tragedy, while pretending that abortion is somehow a woman's right, leads down a very dark road where an unborn child's worth is based simply on whether he or she is wanted. Hopefully, New Zealand's Bereavement Leave for Miscarriage Bill will prompt the need for pro-life legislation which truly advances women's rights. Let us pray that this legislation will lead to NZ becoming a nation that recognises inherent value in every father, mother and every child – including unborn children."



**For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**