

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions		Tevita Koloamatangi	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 Koloamatangi	Catherine Venu Tolotea Venu Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Nathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga
 Altar Servers	Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emereziana Lautua	Jeevani Krone Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau	Keela Williams Liam Marnewick Aja-Lucia Vatau



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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Mulligan's Musings....

Shortly before Easter this year, there was a very moving story on TV1's current affairs show Sunday about restorative justice. Seven years ago Mongrel Mob member Shane Harrison was found guilty of murdering Sio Matalasi in Wellington. At first Sio's Dad lafeta swore revenge, but then he had a remarkable change of heart. He wanted to meet his son's killer face to face to forgive him. The Sunday episode recorded their touching reunion. Even though Shane's body is covered with tattoos that speak of a life of violence, he is making changes for the better behind closed prison doors. In a way Sio has been given back to lafeta through the restorative justice process, where offenders meet their victims to acknowledge their wrongdoing and somehow make amends. No matter how tragic the circumstances, whether by murder or suicide, those we have loved and lost through death are never far from us. Restorative justice is not a replacement for necessary punishment but is meant to restore a balance that has been knocked askew. That mercy and justice may walk hand in hand.



On this Third Sunday of Easter all of our readings deal with the process of restorative justice. For Peter in Acts, it is about calling his own people to account for killing the prince of life even though they had no idea of what they were really doing. For John, it is about stopping his faith community from sinning. For Jesus, it is about restoring his disciples' broken relationship with him behind their own closed prison doors. Just as well Jesus had a healthy sense of the ridiculous! The somewhat comic sight of him eating a piece of baked fish is meant to prove that the disciples are not seeing a ghost. Did you ever hear about the new worker's day off? "Do you believe in life after death?" his boss asked him. "Yes, Sir," he replied. "Oh, well that's okay then!" said the boss. "Because after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!" Lame joke I know, but there is nothing at all fishy about Jesus' appearing in flesh and bone as one like ourselves! We can only imagine what must have been going through the disciples' minds. The Jesus who stands before them is the same person who was with them during his earthly ministry and yet utterly transformed at the same time. Jesus proceeds to open their minds to understanding the truth of the meaning of scripture: that his suffering and death were very necessary to make clear his real glory, as the author of life itself. With amazement and joy the disciples will be freed from all the troubles, doubts and fears that have filled their hearts until now. By showing his disciples the wounds of his now glorious body, Jesus reaches out to them in love to restore a sense of trust that had been lost during his passion and death; to restore their lost innocence. That mercy and justice may walk hand in hand.

In a society like ours where mainstream structures of justice are prevented from meeting mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation, the resurrection of Jesus seems impossible for us to imagine. Yet Luke's Gospel scene intimately involves us. By exposing his wounds, Jesus challenges us to expose our own human vulnerabilities to become wounded healers in turn. In the light of our Gospel, vulnerability is not a mark of shame but a source of strength because it means to open the closed doors of our minds and hearts, as we allow ourselves to be changed in the face of the "other". Repentance does not mean unnecessary guilt for our pasts, but moral responsibility to build a better future. Just as in Shane and lafeta's seven-year long journey from mutual tragedy to mutual healing, Jesus' own healing encounter with the disciples creates a sense of common ground for us to walk alongside each other to experience the gift of peace in these days of Easter. As the restorative justice of God made flesh, Jesus is our advocate with the Father who meets us face to face, who leads us from death to life in accordance with the Psalmist's promise; that God's love may come to perfection in us. We too are witnesses of all these things. No matter what personal scars we carry, our wounds are where the light of resurrection enters. That mercy and justice may always walk hand in hand.

Me nga manaakitanga ki te katoa e te Whanau Pariha (With Blessings to All in our Parish Family), Fr. James

Mass Times
 Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
 Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
 Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
 Samoan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.30pm
 Baptisms 3rd Sunday 12noon

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

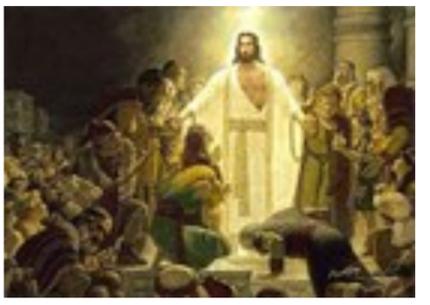
RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays
Weekday Mass:
 Monday to Friday 9.00am
 First Fridays of month 10.00am
 Saturdays 8.30am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
 (10am—12noon First Friday of month)

Third Sunday Of Easter

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Acts 3:13-15,17-19;
1John 2:1-5;
Luke 24:35-48



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



We pray for those who have died
Ethne Kimble 13/4/21 (Funeral 20/4/21 at 11am)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Irene Mulligan (Fr James mother), Margaret Reed, Sheryl Dunn, Suzanne Faumuina, Matthew Gilmour and Sydney Alexander.

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.

Volunteers:
We are looking for a group of people who can be of support at parish events:
Parking wardens, First aiders and Ushers,
Please contact Benita on 2996056 or email her on: pastoral@stmaryspapakura.co.nz

Money Counters Needed
Volunteers are needed to count our collections after each weekend Mass.



Faasilasilaga:
 O le a faia le Semina mo Samoa
 Uma i le Palisi i le Aso 15/5/2021.
 Amata, 9.30am. i le 12.30pm.
 Ta'ita'i lava Afioga Patele Iosefa.
 Talifonu tatou faatasi ai lea Aso.
 Faafetai, Toi S. L. Venu. (Tel: 021 154 0274)

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
 09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

Administration Updates:

School Preference Forms: Please note that Fr James is available to sign School Preference Forms on **Thursday afternoons ONLY** from 4pm to 6pm in the Parish Office. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parish Baptisms: Please note that we will now have monthly group baptismal preparation courses in the **Ryder Room** on the **last Thursday of the month** at 7pm. The first session begins on Thursday 29th April. Please contact Fr James to register and for further details on 2985134.

From **June** onwards, baptisms will be celebrated on the **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month after the 10:30 Mass. Please contact Fr James to book your appointments on 2985134.

Training and Formation Ministers of the Word & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



St Mary's church Papakura,
 9.30 (coffee) – 12.00.
 Saturday 24th April in the
 Ryder Room.



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 needs 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

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.



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
 2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz
- Enquiries and school visits welcome
 Phone school office (09) 296 9039

Christian Broadcasting Association (CBA) is offering **three \$2,500 media scholarships** (towards fees or living costs) for students studying media, journalism, communications, broadcasting or audio engineering. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage and support Christian students studying for a career in mainstream media.

CBA Broadcasting Scholarship Applications are open now and close **5pm, Tuesday, 11 May 2021.**

To apply, please fill in the application forms available on our website: cba.org.nz/scholarships and ensure you provide

Earth Day 2021 - Thursday 22nd April

The theme for Earth Day this year is "Restore our Earth". It reflects Pope Francis' call to care for the earth as our Common Home.

You are encouraged to say this short prayer which Pope Francis' gave us for the fifth Anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si' (May 2020):

'Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation your gift.....enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor'.

The full length prayer and more Earth Day relevant prayers at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/> environment/ sustainability tab.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Apr 19th - 24th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	119G	31	66	66	117	116B
Reading	Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1	Acts 8:1-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42
Gospel	John 6:22-29	John 6:30-35	John 6:35-40	John 6:44-51	John 6:52-59	John 6'60-69

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



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus

Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Interviews on Muffin Talk with Br Kieran Fenn, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and others are available at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

NZCatholic Plea for more prayers for vocations.

Theological college to move to new Auckland campus. 500 years of Catholic faith in Philippines celebrated in Auckland and Wellington. Pope condolences on death of Prince Philip.

PROLIFE FACTS

Karl du Fresne is the former editor of The Dominion Post, a restaurant and music critic and a regular blogger. Unusually for a prominent media person, he is pro-life and his sister is a sidewalk counsellor outside a nearby abortion clinic. In one of his March blogs entitled: *Terry Bellamak, The Spinoff and Anti-Abortion Terrorists* Du Fresne reveals how the online newspaper The Spinoff twice ran Opinion commentaries from Terry Bellamak, the director of Abortion Rights Aotearoa. Bellamak accused pro-lifers of shouting abuse at women and throwing "plastic foetuses" at them. The Spinoff editors refused to allow Voice for Life space to refute the charges. Karl du Fresne exposes how the accusations were made up. These incidents have never happened in NZ. Sadly, such smear tactics are effective and have likely been a factor in Parliament now considering a Safe Areas Bill to enforce exclusion zones around abortion clinics. You can go on Google and find Karl du Fresne's account under Karl du Fresne Blog. **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

