

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions	Jesse Demello	James Bingwor	Vincent Lautua
 Ministers of the Word	Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua	Helen Le Marque John Curtin	Juvina Auva'a Ofu Schmidt
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Elizabeth Tugaga Leonie Power Richard Power Julian Gomez Judith Prince	James Obeng Warren Smith Celerina Balucan-Robertson Letisia Koloamatangi	Tolotea Sharp Catherine Venu John Franks Telesia Tuala George Tuala Miriam Mantes Elizabeth Tugaga
 Altar Servers	Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emerenziana 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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For many of us, this ANZAC Day will be a very important occasion of national remembrance. On this day in 1915, many New Zealand and Australian soldiers landed at a place called Gallipoli; a place in Turkey that has contributed so much to shaping the identity of both our nations. One Kiwi who served was Colonel William Malone. Malone was a hero in the eyes of his men. He led by example, pushing ceaselessly for better conditions for his troops. Malone led them from the front as they took the highest place on the Gallipoli peninsula before it was taken back by the Turks; a hill called Chanuk Bair. At the end of 1999, I was fortunate to visit the New Zealand War Memorial on that very spot. As he put it himself in a letter home just weeks before he was killed by friendly fire: *My officers and men are splendid ... So gallant, enduring and cheerful. They are wonderful; their people cannot be too proud of them. The wounded are so patient, so quiet, so brave, so uncomplaining. They bear all their pain like stoics; no troops like them ... I admire- nay, I love them so.* A noble leader answers not the trumpet calls of self-promotion, but to the hushed whispers of necessity. A leader is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realising that all along the way they are being directed from behind (Nelson Mandela).

As our good Shepherd, Jesus understood his own style of leadership in precisely the same terms. In the cultural world of Jesus the life of a shepherd revolved entirely around the sheep entrusted to his care, even to the extent of putting himself in harm's way if needs be. In contrast to the hired help, Jesus freely lays down his life for us to take it up again out of love for the Father's commandment given to him; to become the keystone of a new humanity based on unconditional, reciprocal love in community. Jesus knows us far better than we can possibly know ourselves, to awaken within us what Pope Francis calls the dream of vocation. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the three-fold task that Pope Francis gives us in imitation of Peter's fearless proclamation of the resurrection in Acts, of dreaming, of service and of fidelity, will help us to give and generate new life in this time where the battle for peace is no less demanding than the battles of the past that were waged during times of armed conflict. As Pope Francis puts it, the Good Shepherd "...desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life." These days, many are understandably concerned about the shortage of priests to adequately service our Parishes. But just because there is an apparent lack of vocations in their traditional forms doesn't mean that God has stopped calling people altogether! It might just mean that we can no longer just keep on looking to someone else's family, country or culture for the vocations that every family and mature local church must provide for as a matter of course. This is a time of opportunity instead of crisis, where we can creatively reimagine our forms of ordained and lay ministry in response to the needs of the church today in the spirit of Vatican II, which is yet to be fully realised. To fulfil God's dream of vocation is to discover our life's purpose through living to the full as active participants in our own salvation story, not just as passive spectators. Though our ultimate future in God is yet to be revealed, we already have the certainty of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children, for that is indeed what we are. Even if this secular world may never know us in our ordinariness, may we always respond to our Christian calling with generosity by being good shepherds to each other. Only then shall we see God for who he really is through the stories of those who like the good shepherd have laid down their lives by making the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. Lest we forget....



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.**

(Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen, 1914)



Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.00pm
Baptisms 3rd Sunday 12noon

Clevedon Community 8.30am
 1st Sunday of month
 Clevedon District Centre
(Postponed until further notice)

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)

Forth Sunday Of Easter

Liturgy of the Word
 (Year B)

Acts 4:8-12;
1John 3:1-2;
John 10:11-18



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 Or Richard Powell



We pray for those who have died
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Veronica Adlington, Margaret Banks, Maria Buxton, Marguerite Brunton and Patricia Finestone
We pray for those who are sick including: Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, Marna Starbuck, Helen Green, Elizabeth Schubert and Ben Hamilton

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.
Missing Albs
 If anyone know anything about the missing alter server albs, please contact the office on 2996056.
Items disappearing from the church has become a huge concern.
If you have any information please contact the parish office

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.

A great big THANK YOU
 To all our parishioners, communities, families and friends for supporting our fundraising event.
 A very successful fun night was enjoyed by all.
 We managed to raise \$5047.00.
 Many thanks and Blessings!!

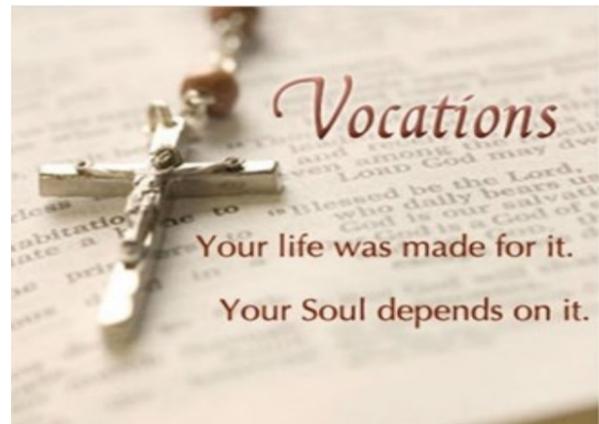
St Vincent De Paul Foodbank
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 Packers to prepare food parcels for our clients. We operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12noon. You will be rostered twice a month on the day of your choice.
 For further information please contact:
 Bev Pointon 021 111 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
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 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



New to the Parish
 Welcome
 Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office

Week Apr 26th - 1st	Monday St Mark Evangelist	Tuesday	Wednesday St Peter Chanel	Thursday St Catherine of Siena	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	89	87	96	89	2	98
Reading	Peter 5:5-14	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 13:44-52	Acts 13:13-25	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52
Gospel	Mark 16:15-20	John 10:22-30	John 15:12-17	John 13:16-20	John 14:1-6	John 14:7-14

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/>

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th May 7:00pm
St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass,
 followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.
All Welcome

PROLIFE FACTS
 Health Boards contract out the killing of preborn children to private enterprise. The three Auckland District Health Boards, Counties Manukau, Waitemata and Auckland, in compliance with government policy, have recently invited tenders from suitably qualified medical practitioners to provide medical abortions up to 13 weeks and surgical abortions up to 14 weeks. Thus, abortion becomes a business enterprise. It is a million dollar industry that Right to Life estimates is potentially worth nearly \$4 million in the Auckland region. It is not yet known how much the government is prepared to pay for the killing of unborn children in Auckland; however the Whanganui, Mid Central and the Southern DHBs already have contracts with Magma Health Care Ltd to kill children before birth. The fees paid to the contracting company for each preborn child killed are: Surgical abortion 1st and 2nd trimester \$950, Medical abortion \$950 and General Medical First Attendance \$250. **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.**