

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions 		Tevita Koloamatangi	Siatua Gabriel
Ministers of the Word 	Dana Cardoso Arnel Mantes	Angela Hodge Dale Pio	Theodora Lautua Normita Tolentino
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 	Judith Prince Catherine Venu Jenna Horner Telesia Tuala John Franks Noatoga Tupou	Shymalee Krone John Frings Fuli Vaasili Audrey Nesbit Kathy Smith	Tea Sharp Ruby Realon Peter O'Brien Teqa Venu Nathalie Tolentino Elizabeth Tugaga Gerhard Witbooi
Altar Servers 	Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emerenziana Lautua	Jeevani Krone Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau	Keela Williams Liam Marnewick Aja-Lucia Vatau

 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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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.....
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 **St Mary's Catholic Church**
– A listening, praying, servant community –
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How many of us have watched the classic film Awakenings? Loosely based on the real-life experiences of the late British neurologist Dr Oliver Sacks, Awakenings is set in a psychiatric hospital in the Bronx area of New York City. Leonard Lowe (played by Robert De Niro) is a patient who has a disease that has left him in a sleep-like state for decades. Malcolm Sayers (played by Robin Williams) is a young doctor who has just started working at the hospital. Through his pioneering research on the human brain, Malcolm finds a way of awakening Leonard and others like him and they manage to live a full and active life for a short while. Sadly however, they relapse. But despite what looks like failure, Malcolm realizes that he is the one who has been awakened! He recognizes that he must find a way to nourish his spirit. Right at the end of the film, Malcolm finally goes out for coffee with a nurse who has tried several times before to awaken his heart. As someone who has lived in his head for way too long, Malcolm undergoes a quiet revolution. As Malcolm says himself: The human spirit is more powerful than any drug, and that is what needs to be nourished: with work, play, friendship, family. These are the things that matter. This is what we'd forgotten, the simplest things....

This Easter morning, the empty tomb of Jesus represents the simplest reality there is - namely, the triumph of the human spirit over death. Very early in the morning, just before dawn, Mary Magdalene discovers that Jesus' body is missing. Given what happened to Jesus just two days ago, should it surprise us that she thinks the corpse has been stolen? Looking at the scene of the empty tomb through her eyes, it seems like the sickest practical joke ever. No sooner does she see that the stone has been rolled away then she comes running to Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved; "They have taken the Lord away from the tomb," she says, "and we don't know where they have put him." Kneeling at the entrance to the empty tomb, Mary has unwittingly crossed the threshold from death to life. Locked down by grief, Mary, and Jesus' other friends have been in their own sleep-like state. Until now, that is. Until now, they have failed to understand the teaching of scripture: that Jesus must rise from the dead. An empty tomb cannot all by itself provide positive proof of the resurrection. But what John's account of the empty tomb does prove is this: that the truth of the resurrection in all its mystery is stranger than fiction! The sequence of events from Mary's discovery to Peter's incomprehension to the beloved disciple's instant belief echoes our own journeys faith as an Easter people, as spiritual beings having a human experience unbound from the burial cloth strangely folded by itself.

The Empty Tomb
The door that had seemed closed, and firmly sealed, has now been opened. Christ has entered in, has taken on himself, destroyed, our deepest darkness. No, there's nothing now he cannot raise us up from, if we but reach out, if we will receive him. That same power of love that raised him will raise us, free us from all that holds us bound. Now we're free to choose to run with eager love to meet him. Now he has opened the door that had seemed closed.

As an actual, real-time event that remains beyond our usual measurements of time and space, the bodily, physical resurrection of Jesus has freed us from the lockdown of sin and loss. Mary's witness and the beloved disciple's belief have sparked off the quietest revolution that has awakened and unbound the whole universe from ancient slumber. As we notice the changing of the seasons and anticipate a hopeful post-Covid future (which the stone rolled away from the tomb must symbolise for us at this time, as we are free to gather to celebrate the resurrection) the Easter experience reminds us not to forget the simplest things that do matter. Easter is a time when God turns the inevitability of death into the invincibility of eternal life. By ridding ourselves of the old yeast of malice and wickedness, may we celebrate this feast as a new leaven in society in the dough of a world broken but redeemed; that we may hunger only for the unleavened Eucharistic bread of sincerity and truth – the living body of the Risen One who once broken, raises us from victimhood to wholeness. This is the day the Lord has made, the Psalmist says; let us rejoice and be glad.

He tapu, me te hari Aranga ki a koutou katoa - a Happy Easter to you, one and all.

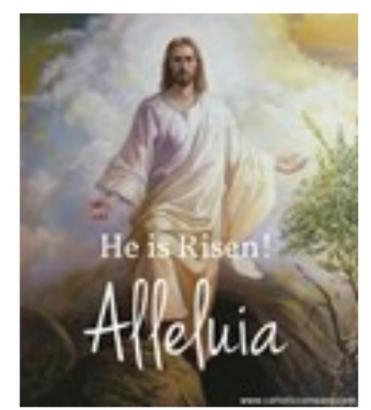
Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoaan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.30pm
(Beginning again 11th April 2021)

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)

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord
Liturgy of the Word (Year B)
Acts 10:34,37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9



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
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Mary Wallis, Kevin Cole and Vaeamuni Otukolo
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

RCIA 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, Kerry Baker, Isaiah Baker and Joe Dethierry.
Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults Let us continue to keep them in our hearts prayers at this sacred time of spiritual rebirth.

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
 09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404
Vince O'Loughlin – 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

Sunday Blessings
 I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. -John 11:25
Happy Easter!

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 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.

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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. Apply today and become part of the close-knit, hands-on team at the heart of the St Anne's Catholic Parish.

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 5th - 10th	Monday Octave	Tuesday Octave	Wednesday Octave	Thursday Octave	Friday Octave	Saturday Octave
Psalm	16	33	105	8	118	118
Reading	Acts 2:14-2	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:23-37	Acts 4:13-21
Gospel	Matthew 28:8-15	John 20:11-18	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:35-48	John 21:1-14	Mark 16:9-15

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

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.

The latest issue in your church Sunday April 4
 Samoan couple celebrate 60 years of married life. Bishop reflects on calling out evil. Pope says family ministry needs more than just repeating doctrine. Abortion facility safe area bill called an overreach.

Celerina Balucan-Robertson, one of our parishioners, has been awarded for the second time a **Community Volunteer Award** by the Auckland Council Papakura Local Board. This time it was for her volunteer work in the Papakura Museum. The award was given during the Recognition Ceremony held at Hawkins Theatre on the 30th of March, 2021.

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 services to support the efficient running of the parish and its 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

