

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions Liora Madeloza	Liora Madeloza	John Curtin	Rosaline Petelo
 Ministers of the Word Jesse Demello Vincette Lautua	Jesse Demello Vincette Lautua	Audrey Kippen Evans Maratas	Jane Castrillo Siatua Gabriel
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Jovita Parker Judith Prince Jackie Boyhan Nigel Boyhan Diane Monnery	Jovita Parker 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 Elizabeth Tugaga Celerina Balucan-Robertson George Tuala
 Altar Servers Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emereziana Lautua	Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emereziana Lautua	Jeevani Krone Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau	Keela Williams Liam Marnewick Aja-Lucia Vatau

Our Vinnie's Shop has expanded and is now able to accept donations of household furniture and appliances. If you can deliver to the shop at 275A Great South Road, Papakura, this would be greatly appreciated. Should you require a collection, you can phone 2965052, Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm and Saturday 10am to 12noon to arrange for a pickup time and date.




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/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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Who has ever watched the film "Life Is Beautiful"? The year is 1944 and Northern Italy is occupied by the Nazis. Guido Orifice and his young son Giosuè are rounded up with other Italian Jews and taken to a concentration camp. As soon as they arrive at the camp, Guido manages to hide Giosuè, explaining that they're now part of a game where they have to perform certain tasks. If Giosuè gets 1,000 points first, he'll win a tank. At the end, Guido tells the boy to hide in a box until everybody has gone. Caught by one of the guards, Guido passes by Giosuè one last time, still in character and playing the game until he is shot dead. The next morning, an American army unit arrives to liberate the camp and Giosuè finally emerges from his hideout. And you know what he sees? He sees his tank coming, just as his father promised! Overjoyed, Giosuè is allowed by one of the soldiers to ride with him in the tank's turret. He is even more overjoyed to be reunited with his mother Dora. As he excitedly tells her about how he has just won the tank, the voice of an elderly Giosuè is heard reminiscing about the ultimate sacrifice his father made to save him from certain death. Life is beautiful is an unforgettable story that proves that love, family and imagination have the power to conquer even death itself.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' commandment to the disciples to love one another as he has loved them proves that life is indeed beautiful; that life is beautiful not despite its fragility, but because of it. Until the moment of his passion and death, Jesus had no other choice than to talk to them as if they too were small children. But now he dares to call them friends and equals. Now he dares to treat them as mature adults! In the original Greek, the word *Agape* refers to the sort of love that demands nothing less than the total gift of self. No one can have a greater love than this: than to lay down one's life for one's friends, as Jesus was about to do himself. It reminds me of a well-known phrase that is much used in pre-marriage education these days – that love is a decision. A man was wandering back home a little the worse for wear from the local pub on his wedding anniversary, thinking about how good his wife had been to him and how very fortunate he was to have her in his life. He asked God, "Why did you make her so kind-hearted?" The Lord responded, "So that you could love her, my son." "Why did you make her so good-looking?" "So that you could love her, my son." "Why did you make her such a good cook?" "So that you could love her, my son." The man thought about this. Then he said, "I don't mean to seem ungrateful or anything, but ... why can't she remember that it's our wedding anniversary today?" "So that she could love YOU, my son!" The fruits of love are made most evident when we perform a loving action despite ourselves! Just as a mother loves all her children equally but differently according to their individual needs, God has no favorites; for God is as much mother as father. As Peter says to Cornelius in Acts, anybody of any nationality or culture who fears God and does what is right is always acceptable to him whose unconditional love has been made known to us in the person of Jesus, who in turn has made known to us everything about himself. How far can we expand our capacity for loving? Are we afraid to love as Jesus loves, for fear of what it may cost us? Are we just slaves to our baser instincts or are we free enough to love and

When all the others were away at Mass by Seamus Heaney

In Memoriam M.K.H., 1911-1984
 When all the others were away at Mass
 I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.
 They broke the silence, let fall one by one
 Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:
 Cold comforts set between us, things to share
 Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.
 And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes
 From each other's work would bring us to our senses.
 So while the parish priest at her bedside
 Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying
 And some were responding and some crying
 I remembered her head bent towards my head,
 Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives—
 Never closer the whole rest of our lives.

do as we will with an informed moral conscience? As the sacrifice that takes our sins away, Jesus commissions us to go forth and bear the lasting fruit of a love that is as practical and real as the gift of Guido's self-sacrificial love was for Giosuè in the concentration camp. Such is the love that lies at the heart of the Easter experience. Without such death-defying love this present life would be pointless, but with it we can taste immortality even now. As Jesus would say to us, each of us is the result of God's choice to love us into life. Each one of us willed. Each of us is necessary. Each one of us is loveable. This is no unforgettable story of which movies are made but an unforgettable fact of our human nature redeemed in the Risen Christ.

Happy Mother's Day....

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)

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Liturgy of the Word
 (Year B)

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48;
 1John 4:7-10;
 John 15:9-17



JUST AS THE
 FATHER HAS
 LOVED ME, I
 HAVE ALSO
 LOVED YOU;
 ABIDE IN
 MY LOVE.
 JOHN 15:9

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 Or Richard Powell



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Janet Dew, Philip Smith, Desmond Brown, James Ramsay, Jannette McKee-Wright, Estelle Farrell, Terence Markham, Maria Ford, Jean Roberts and Anton Stanisich

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, Marna Starbuck, Elizabeth Schubert and Ben Hamilton

Church Events:

Readers and Eucharistic Minister's Training

Tuesday 11th May 7pm inside church. This is part 2 of our training from April. If you have any enquiries pls don't hesitate to call Benita Kiutau Pastoral Associate

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.



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

SITE DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING:



You cleaned up those boogie shoes last month, now keep them shining. Bring your best dance moves. Come join us on **SATURDAY 19th June 2021** **ST MARY'S PARISH HALL** From 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 Susana Barkley 0220346044



Special wishes to a treasure of our community. Maureen Middleton turns **100 today**. We wish her the happiest of days as she celebrates her milestone with her wonderful family and friends. May her coming year be blessed with love, health and happiness.

St Vincent De Paul Foodbank

WANTED WANTED WANTED

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.



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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Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

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

Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies

Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support are pleased to announce the opening of our new Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies. The Home officially opens on May 12th 2021 in Pukekohe, and will serve pregnant and new mothers in need of accommodation, life-care and parenting skills. Bishop Michael Gielen will officiate at the opening ceremony. Please RSVP to 0800 367 5433 (the address will be given only to confirmed attendees).



Prolife Facts:

In 1970, the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) was founded (now Voice for Life). Two Auckland-based doctors, Dr Pat Dunn and Sir William Liley embarked on leading a public campaign against abortion. Dr Pat Dunn was an obstetrician/gynaecologist and Sir William Liley was a perinatal physiologist, who in 1963 carried out the first-ever successful intra-uterine blood transfusion - the first time a preborn child was successfully treated as a patient. The British Medical Journal published Sir Liley's report as a breakthrough medical treatment. Sir William Liley exuded enthusiasm for the wonders of human life at its earliest stages. In March 1970 the SPUC was established and Sir William Liley became the organisation's first president. **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz**

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Apr 3rd - 8th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday St Matthias Apostle	Saturday
Psalm	149	138	148	98	113	47
Reading	Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	Acts 18:23-28
Gospel	John 15:26-16:4	John 16:5-11	John 16:12-15	John 16:16-20	John 15:9-17	John 16:23-28

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

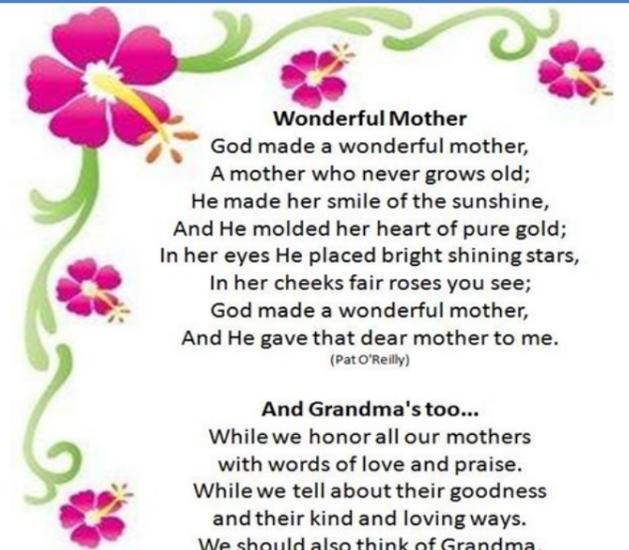
Phone Number: 027 388 1556

Youth leader contact: Tahnee TePuia-Afoa

Phone number: 021 084 4848



40 Days for Life 2021 wants to THANK everyone who supported this year's campaign to pray and fast for an end to abortion whether it was at the vigil or from home. With God's help you sacrificed your time and comfort to offer your love and prayers for the precious babies being aborted; to be a sign of hope and help for all; to serve those you encountered and to pray in reparation to our God. Your efforts have contributed to the amazing world-wide results this campaign: **755 babies saved from abortion; 11 abortion workers converted and 3 abortion facilities shut down!** To God be the glory! Easter reminds us LIFE TRIUMPHS. Keep up the prayers you are on the winning side.. - From Michelle (Auck), Clare (Wgtn) and Tony (Chch) - 40 Days for Life Leaders in NZ 2021



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
 A mother who never grows old;
 He made her smile of the sunshine,
 And He molded her heart of pure gold;
 In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
 In her cheeks fair roses you see;
 God made a wonderful mother,
 And He gave that dear mother to me.
 (Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
 with words of love and praise.
 While we tell about their goodness
 and their kind and loving ways.
 We should also think of Grandma,
 she's a mother too, you see....
 For she mothered my dear mother
 as my mother mothers me.
 Author Unknown