



23rd May 2021
Pentecost Sunday
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

| Sunday | Saturday 5pm | Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 10:30 |
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| Welcome/Intercessions | Olita Sua | 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 Letisia Koloamatangi Volunteer | John Franks Tolotea Venu Nathalie Tolentino Gerhard Witbooi Telesia Tuala Miriam Mantes |
| Altar Servers | Destin Barte Martin Thomas Emerenziana 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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Mulligan's Musings:
 How many of us have heard of the American astronaut Michael Collins? Last month he died from cancer aged 90. Back in 1969, he was a part of the 3-man Apollo 11 crew that travelled to the moon. Ironically, he never actually set foot on the moon. As the pilot, Collins had to remain on board the main craft whilst Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin descended to the surface in a smaller landing craft. Collins was responsible for re-docking the two spacecraft before the men could begin heading back to Earth. Had something gone wrong and Aldrin and Armstrong been stuck on the moon's surface — a real fear — Collins would have returned to Earth alone. Despite the glory going to the others, Collins never regretted his involvement. He possessed the virtue of self-transcendence, seeing his own role as but one part of a picture bigger than himself. We all like to judge events from the handful of earth beneath our feet. This is a great illusion. We must take our view from the heights and courageously embrace the whole (St John XXIII).

On this Feast of the Ascension, our friends Apostles are also learning about self-transcendence. Whilst the Ascension is primarily about Jesus' being taken up into heaven to sit at God's right hand, the Apostles are about to experience its full impact on the ground. At first glance, life seems pretty empty at the moment of parting. But on a deeper level, their whole lives have been forever changed. Even as he blasts off into space to fill the whole cosmos with his presence that earth's limitedness can no longer contain, the Ascended One is making our friends descend onto earth's surface as if for the first time; commissioning them to go out into the whole world to proclaim his resurrection to the whole of creation. Even though he is no longer present to them in the usual sense, Jesus will accompany our friends in a way that will enable them (and us) to share in his divine nature. They can no longer afford to be passive bystanders, for their mission now begins in earnest. The signs of Jesus' ongoing presence that Mark illustrates will accompany them to confirm the truth of their message. Beyond their immediate surroundings the mapping of their mission will expand literally to the ends of the earth. It is not for them to know of times and seasons as if they can control the future or define who Jesus is according to their own petty little cultural and political concerns. Their nostalgia for the good old days will be of no use and the future is as yet unknown. All that matters is the present. The Risen Jesus who has been taken up into heaven this day will return to us in the same way that we have just seen him go from our sight, to raise humanity to experience the joy of which the Psalmist speaks. The Ascension is not an ending but a whole new beginning. Where the distance between heaven and earth is as long or as short as the distance between the mind and heart.

As we live in the ever-present tension between the promise of Jesus' eventual return and its fulfilment, we too are called to display the same qualities of self-transcendence. As Paul

HIGH FLIGHT

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air.
 Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
 I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
 Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
 And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
 The high untresspassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee
 No 412 squadron, RCAF
 Killed 11 December 1941

writes in Ephesians, each of us have been given our own unique share of grace to make a unity in the work of service, that we may lead a life worthy of our vocation. What personal limitations must we rise above to build such unity? Can we become as fully mature with the fullness of Christ as Michael Collins was on his journey to the moon, through complete selflessness, gentleness, and patience? Even as we remain grounded in time and space, the Ascension challenges us to broaden our view of reality so that we may no longer judge events solely from the handfuls of earth beneath our own feet, as if each of us were the centre of our own private universe! The Ascended One now has no living body on earth but ours with which to do good. As we take our view from the heights and courageously embrace the whole.

- 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)

The Ascension Of The Lord

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Acts 1:1-11;
Ephesians 1:17-23;
Mark 16:15-20



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: Jessie Wade, Joanna Schuller, Bill McMahon, George McLaughlan, Maria Johnston, Dennis O'Meara, Elizabeth Hartley, Dennis O'Connor, Montague Bent, Elizabeth Harris and Te Mutisa McDowell

We pray for those who are sick including: Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, Ben Hamilton Elizabeth Schubert and Marna & Tony Starbuck

Church Events:

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:

Baptisms will be celebrated on the **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month after the 10:30 Mass. Please note that there will now be monthly group baptismal preparation courses in the **Ryder Room** on the **last Thursday of the month** at 7pm. **If you do not attend the preparation course, there will be no baptism.** Please contact Fr James to register and for further details on 2985134.

The Rosary is recited here in church on weekdays at 5:30pm except on Tuesdays when it will be recited at 4:30 pm. This is open to all, especially those who are working and those who cannot make it in the morning .

Planned Giving Donations By Cheque

This is a reminder to all that the banks will no longer accept cheque payments from the end of the month. If you use cheques, you will need to change your method of payment. If you need any assistance, please call the Parish Office 2996056.



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

Sacramental Program 2021



The children will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday 21st May 2021. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Please remember them in your prayers.

Parish AGM

Frs Iosefa and James invite all parishioners to our Annual General Meeting to be held after the 10:30 Mass next weekend, Sunday 23rd May 2021 - Pentecost Sunday.

Our Diocesan Pastoral Mission Map will be formally launched and the members of our new Parish Pastoral Council will be commissioned for a three year term.

Please come out in force to support our Parish Whanau in the Spirit of Pentecost.



St.Vincent de Paul Foodbank.

On behalf of the Foodbank may I thank you very much for your generous support of foodstuffs at our Parish Masses each weekend. Our pantry is nearly full and being able to give reasonable size food parcels to those who request our assistance is over whelming. However our current needs are Sugar and Flour.

We are still looking for volunteers to pack parcels on a Thursday from 10am to 12 noon. If you can assist please contact me, Bryan Wannell on 027/2436216. Thank you again and God Bless.



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

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137 Airfield Road, Takanini

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 17, 24 and new: 31 May 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/>

Onsite Event: Ancient rock-hewn churches in Ethiopia. A presentation by Nic Birt in St Mark's Coptic Orthodox church, Birkdale. Saturday, 29 May, 7-9pm. Free. (only if Auckland is in Level 1). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia-2/>



Musicians Wanted

We are looking for parishioners who can play the Guitar (or any other portable instrument) to accompany our Parish Choir
 Please contact Benita Kiutau 2996056



NZCatholic Auckland diocese on track despite Covid. New church dedicated at Flat Bush. Priest preserves traditions of Solomon Islands people. Architects appointed for new Christchurch cathedral.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

| Week Apr 17th—22nd | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Psalm | 68 | 68 | 68 | 16 | 103 | 11 |
| Reading | Acts 19:1-8 | Acts 20:17-27 | Acts 20:28-38 | Acts 22:30,23:6-11 | Acts 25:13-21 | Acts 28:16-20,30-31 |
| Gospel | John 16:29-33 | John 17:1-11 | John 17:11-19 | John 17:20-26 | John 21:15-19 | John 21:20-25 |

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



From the day You saved my soul,
 til the very moment
 when I come home
 I'll sing, I'll dance,
 my heart will overflow



Clap your hands,
 all peoples!
 Shout to God
 with loud songs
 of joy!

Psalms 47:1

PROLIFE FACTS

For 10 years Focus on the Family NZ's ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training Week has been offering New Zealanders aged 18+ the opportunity to spend five days gaining an intensive formation in pro-life ethics, philosophy and apologetics, as well as important practical skills such as crisis-pregnancy counselling, post-abortion care, media training, effective use of social media, and more. ACTIV8 offers attendees the opportunity to spend a week with other caring pro-life people from around New Zealand, growing in their knowledge and skills around some of the most important ethical issues of our time. This is an event that has something for everyone, regardless of age or experience. So if you're concerned about respect for human dignity, and you're passionate about building a culture of life with intelligence, clarity and compassion, then you need to be at ACTIV8! This year's ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training Week is happening July 5-9. View the full details & register here: www.activ8nz.org **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

