



25th July 2021  
 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Readings: 2Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Apaula Lautua	Dale Pio	Rosaline Petelo
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Evan Maratas Olita Pio	Joy Treasurer James Bingwor	Marguete SooChoon Mabelle Oliveros
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Jovita Parker Rolando Reyes Leonie Power Richard Power Judith Prince	Kathy Smith Celerina Balucan-Robertson Lefisia Kolomatangi Volunteer Volunteer	Tea Sharp Gehard Witbooi Telesia Tuala Anna Cullen Sei Kaloni Elizabeth Tugaga Tea Venu
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Emerenziana Lautua Destin Barte Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone, Frankie Aita Patelesio Kiutau	Keela Williams Aja-Lucia Vatau Liam Marnewick

 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.



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](http://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**  
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**Pastoral Associate:** Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)  
**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](http://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.....  
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# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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Who has ever had their best laid holiday plans disrupted? Some years ago now, I ended up doing a funeral in Nelson whilst I was supposed to be there on holiday. A young Burmese refugee had just hung himself. To bury someone else you have not met in life is one thing. To bury someone away from home under such difficult circumstances is something else entirely! Yet despite the circumstances I ended up receiving so much more from the encounter than the little I had sacrificed. The whole process of meeting people from a different culture who were so welcoming, preparing for the funeral and the funeral itself was a truly rewarding experience. But life is a bit like that isn't it? As the experience of COVID has shown, our best laid plans sometimes have to be put to one side for the sake of something better! It is in life's disruptions and unexpected events that we learn what is most important. The way we spend our time defines who we are. No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Jesus knew all about disruptions! No sooner does he plan to take his friends away for a well-earned break then a crowd of desperate people flocks to him with urgent needs that cannot wait until it's more convenient. Without any regard for his own holiday plans, Jesus instantly sets about attending to their needs. For Jesus, the crowd was not a burden or an inconvenience but a blessing. Ordinary people sensed that Jesus was someone who genuinely cared, who shared in and understood only too well their everyday human struggles. As the ideal shepherd, as the virtuous branch for David whose reign the prophet Jeremiah anticipates in our first reading, Jesus sets out to form in the apostles and ourselves the virtue of basic human empathy. To say that Jesus "took pity" on the crowd is an inadequate way of translating into English what Mark really meant! Jesus was moved so deeply by the plight of the crowd that he must have felt it in the pit of his stomach. He was naturally moved from within to give the greatest gift that he could ever give. Namely, the gift of his whole self. It must have driven his friends mad! Like the religious authorities of his day Jesus also taught in all wisdom, but unlike those false shepherds whom Jeremiah accuses of exploiting Israel for their own ends, Jesus is the "The-Lord-our-integrity" because his compassion is the basis of morality itself. No one in the crowd could have cared less about how much he knew until they knew just how much he cared. The way he spent his time defined precisely who he was and is. His compassion was a passion with a heart.

In today's context where time is too often measured in terms of money and personal self-gratification, the pace of modern life can leave us feeling every bit as harassed and dejected as the crowds were in our Gospel, like the proverbial sheep without a shepherd! There are so many good and deserving causes competing for our time that compassion fatigue can set in leading to burn-out and hardness of heart. As the compassion of God made visible, Jesus challenges us to break down the barriers which keep people apart. To bring us even closer still by way of his blood, as Paul writes in Ephesians. How compassionate are we? How do we usually react when the unexpected happens to us? How can we help to bring others closer in times of need? Through Christ as our peace? Every time that we are called to go out of our way to show compassion to others as Jesus did to the crowd in our Gospel, we are allowing him to form us into a new humanity. To be signs of his compassionate presence in this world as it is. Even as we take time out for necessary rest and recreation in the face of life's busyness, especially during these school holidays, we can still make space for others to be of help to them in the right place and at the right time, however unexpectedly. No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care...

**C**ompassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human. - Henri JM Nouwen

Henri Nouwen, *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life*, 1976).

- Mass Times**
- Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
  - Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
  - Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
  - Samoan Mass 2nd Sunday 12.00pm
  - Tongan Mass 2nd Sunday 6.00pm (Starting July 2021)
  - 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 9:00am
    - Tuesday 9:00am
    - Wednesday 9:00am
    - Thursday 9:30am
    - 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)

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Jeremiah 23:1-6;  
 Ephesians 2:13-18;  
 Mark 6:30-34

**REST**  
 Allow God to restore, replenish and refocus your heart and mind.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Margaret Dowling, Fr Tom Ryder, Gwendoline Reese, Ausalilo Collins, Bernard O'Grady, James Hawkins, Louisa Bent, Suzanne Chambers-Coll, Lesley O'Connor, Marion Benton and Rae McAnulty

**We pray for those who are sick including:**

Elizabeth Nau, Ben, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, Ben Hamilton, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Hélène Green, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird and Pam & Jack Clegg.

**Church Events:**

**School Preference Forms:** Please note that Fr James is available to sign **School Preference Forms on Thursday Mornings from 10am to 12noon and afternoons 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 a monthly group baptismal preparation course in the **Ryder Room on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. (Next session 29/7/21)**

Please contact Fr James to register and for further details on telephone 2985134. No paperwork, no baptism.

**St Mary's School Mass**

Please note that because during term time the classes from the school will attend Thursday Morning Mass, the time has changed to **9:30am** permanently to stop confusion.



**St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank**

A very big thank you to all the donors of large and small gifts, your donations have really filled our pantry. Our current requirements are 2 Minute Noodles (which are very popular with children) Cornies, Weetbix and Rolled oats for porridge and Toilet Paper. If you can assist us, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you and May God bless you all.

**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](mailto:dandjct@gmail.com)

09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

**Vince O'Loughlin** – [loch.ness@xtra.co.nz](mailto:loch.ness@xtra.co.nz)

09 291 9194 or 021 379 845



**Papakura Community Dinner** is 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.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore all the big questions about life and faith in a safe, friendly environment. Suitable for wherever you are in your spiritual journey. Get to know others over a delicious meal followed by a short video and great discussion. Thursday evenings over Term 3. Start date: Thursday July 29th; 6.30pm to 8.30pm, St Mary's Church Hall.

Ten sessions - come for 1 or 2 sessions, or for all. No cost, no pressure. Come and See..... For more information or to register: [alpha@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:alpha@stmaryspapakura.co.nz) or phone Benita 2996056 or Jovita 2985773



**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](http://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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 Enquiries and school visits welcome  
 Phone school office (09) 296 9039

**PROLIFE FACTS**

The Communist Party of China has recently announced that married women will be encouraged to have three children.



This is a dramatic reversal of the 40-year old One-Child policy, but former US anthropologist Steve Mosher writing in LifeSite News, argues that the change comes too late to prevent a huge demographic collapse.

Mosher was in China in 1980 when the draconian One-Child policy was ordered nationwide and witnessed first-hand, the forced abortions of baby girls. Desperate couples sought to have a baby son and Mosher estimates that around 60 million girls were aborted over that 40-year period.

The result is that China has a shortage of women of child-bearing age and if the new policy of three children works, it will take a generation to recover.

Steve Mosher states that this is a man-made disaster which will have major economic implications, as well as leaving the problem of an estimated 100 million workers reaching retirement age over the next decades, with no one to replace them.

**Now reality has caught up.**

**For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).**

**New to the Parish**

*Welcome*

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

Week Jul 19th - 24th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday St Mary Magdalene	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	Cant Exodus	Cant Exodus	78	62	19B	50
<b>Reading</b>	Exodus 14:5-18	Exodus 14:12-15:1	Exodus 16:1-5,9-15	Songs 3:1-4	Exodus 20:1-17	Exodus 24:3-8
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 12:38-42	Matthew 12:46-50	Matthew 13:1-9	John 20:1-2,11-18	Matthew 13:18-23	Matthew 13:24-30

*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:

Parent contact: Tracey Luamanu

Phone Number:027 388 1556

Youth leader contact: Tahnee TePuia-Afoa

Phone number:021 084 4848



*You're invited to*

**National March for Life.** You're invited to love them both by attending the fifth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 4 December. Join pro-lifer's from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

**Mass for Life.** You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 3 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit [fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

*A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees.*

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

**Online Sessions (Evening): Psalms - From the Heights of Hymns to the Lows of Laments!** with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 19 and 26 July, 7 -8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/psalms-from-the-heights-of-hymns-to-the-lows-of-laments-c2-a0-7/>

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>**

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

