



1st August 2021

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions 	J Demello	T Koloamatangi	T Ah Wong
Ministers of the Word 	A Lautua M Lautua	H Le Marque J Bingwor	S Kaloni J Auva'a
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 	J Park L Power R Power P Foster J Prince	J Obeng W Smith J Frings L Koloamatangi S Krone	A Tusani J Franks S Kaloni G Witbooi T Venu E Tugaga A Cullen
Altar Servers 	Emereziana Lautua Oliver Kiutau Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone, Jeevani Krone, Frankie Aita	Sebastiano Simonetti Georgina Lautua 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.



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
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Over the past fortnight, Ben Norris has become a very popular young man! The Wellington teenager was with a couple of friends when he discovered a baby orca (killer whale) stranded on the beach at Plimmerton. It had been separated from its family and was bleeding in a distressed state. Whilst Flora and Sean sped off to the local Marae to get help, Ben stayed with the creature telling it that it was going to be okay. The police, local fire brigade and members of the Ngāti Toa iwi turned up to help; naming the creature Toa, which is Maori for courage. Despite initial fright at coming up close and personal to a sea creature that already weighs about 300 kilograms, Ben is now a constant companion to Toa as the search begins to locate Toa's family. Ben and his friends' simple act of caring has had an impact on an entire community that has since taken Toa to its heart. As the Weekend Herald put it in an editorial about the rescue of Toa: *Why we care is what makes us human. That we care is heartening in a society so often decried for callousness and selfishness. No, we are not, and our response to the plight of Toa the orca proves that. All that we need now is the perfect, storybook ending.* Such is the importance of sharing and giving from the heart. Nā to rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

In this Sunday's Gospel from John, Jesus' miraculous feeding of 5,000 people from the contents of a young boy's lunchbox also speaks to us about sharing and giving from the heart. Jesus and his friends were nothing if not practical! What difference if any could five barley loaves and two small fish possibly make in a situation of potential mass starvation? No wonder Phillip and the others were flummoxed at Jesus' apparently naïve question of where they could buy some bread for all these people to eat! But Jesus was far from naïve. Jesus was only testing Phillip, John writes. For he knew exactly what he was going to do. Despite the disciples' understandable adult skepticism, our young friend's priceless generosity enabled Jesus to address the problem of hunger on an entirely new level. His miraculous feeding of a multitude with food abundantly and freely supplied was a key image of the kingdom of God that was central to his preaching. As anticipated by the prophet Elisha in our first reading, Jesus fed the crowd not for the sake of popularity but so that he could reveal himself as the first fruits of God's hospitality. As the Bread of Life.

So how hospitable are we? In our second reading, Paul's appeal to us in Ephesians to lead a life worthy of our vocation calls us to make God's hospitality visible. It is a call to practical holiness that can only grow through our displaying tangible gestures of giving from our own hearts. Belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist does not only mean to give due reverence to his body, blood, soul and divinity in the blessed sacrament but also means to do all we can to preserve unity by the peace that binds us together, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. How prepared are we to grow in such holiness? Does the way we celebrate the Eucharist as a community make flesh the virtues that Paul describes? On this Caring Sunday, as we answer Bishop Pat's call to support the charitable works of our Diocese, the miracle of generosity depends not on the quantity of what we have left to spare once our immediate wants have been satisfied but of giving to the point of sacrificing the little that we have and are. Just as he called his disciples to gather the fragments of bread and fish, so Jesus is calling us to bring together the fragments of human brokenness. No matter how small our personal contributions are, not opportunity for giving ever gets wasted. Whilst there are no perfect story book endings in this life, the story of Toa's rescue shows us that generosity means the courage to care. With the food basket of the Eucharist that Jesus prepares us to receive and our own food baskets the whole human family will thrive.

Loaves and Fishes

This is not the age of information.
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Forget the news and the radio and the blurred screen.

This is the time of loaves and fishes.

People are hungry and one good word is bread for a thousand.

—David Whyte

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)

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Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

2Kings 4:42-44;

Ephesians 4:1-6;

John 6:1-15



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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.....

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: Marie Nevey, Kathleen Morey, Susan Hyland, Helen Gunson, Patricia Hooker and Elaine Pointon

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, 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**



Jennifer Fyn and family would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended the Requiem mass for their beloved husband, dad and Opa. Special thank you to Fathers Peter and James, organist and choir.
 God Bless All of You!



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

'Parish Fundraising Event'

SOCIAL - Come dance the cold night away with our live band and DJ.
 - St Mary's Parish Hall
 - 31st July 2021
 - 7pm til midnight
 Entry - \$10 donation
 Supper \$5
 All funds to building site
 (enquiries 0210472069 - Sia)



This weekend we celebrate the milestone birthday of a very special parishioner. It is time to celebrate with family and friends. Reminisce and laugh about the good old days. Share with the young a lifetime of wisdom. Count your blessings and hold them dear. Dream of tomorrow and good things to come.

Happy 100th Birthday Joe Loomans

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 or phone Benita 2996056 or Jovita 2985773



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PROLIFE FACTS

News reports recently revealed the plight of Christchurch female school students allegedly sexually harassed by teenage boys. The male culprits are accused of lacking respect for females. What then to make of the Abortion Legislation Act, which has opened the way for sex-selection abortions, which, based on overseas experience, have predominantly targeted female babies. This clearly indicates a lack of respect for females. Ken Orr of Right to Life notes that prior to the passing of the Act on 18th March, 2020, sex-selection abortion was a crime. Melissa Lee, a National MP, proposed an amendment to make such abortions unlawful. Her amendment was defeated by 70 votes to 50. The majority of MPs evidently saw nothing wrong in allowing female babies to be aborted because of their sex. Further, the issue of sex selection abortions can be complicated - a mother may wish to have her child, but family and societal pressures may result in her unwillingly having an abortion. A poll conducted by Curia Marketing on behalf of Family First in April, 2019, revealed that of 1,013 people polled, 90% opposed sex-selection abortion with only 4% in support. MPs who voted for such abortions seem unaware that NZ signed up to the UN Convention on Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.



New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Jul 26th - 31st	Monday Ss Joachim & Anne	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday St Martha	Friday	Saturday St Ignatius of Loyola
Psalm	132	103	99	84	80	66
Reading	Ecclesiasticus 44:1,10-15	Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9,28	Exodus 34:29-35	Exodus 40:16-24, 34-28	Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16, 27,34-37	Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Gospel	Matthew 13:16-17	Matthew 13:36-43	Matthew 13:44-46	Matthew 13:47-53	Matthew 13:54/58	Matthew 14:1-12

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



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
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 fii.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th August 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitevui 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

NZCatholic Joy at Fr Fransen's ordination in Hamilton. De Paul House manages Kainga Ora units. Winter plunge to raise funds for Akld cathedral. Revival in the art of making lace mantillas

Notices from Tilipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening): Psalms - From the Heights of Hymns to the Lows of Laments! with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 26 July, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/psalms-from-the-heights-of-hymns-to-the-lows-of-laments-c2-a0-8/>
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