



8th August 2021

St Mary Of The Cross, Virgin

Readings: 1Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51.

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 <b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> R Petelp	R Petelp	O Pio	T Ah Wong
 <b>Ministers of the Word</b> D Cardoso A Mantes	D Cardoso A Mantes	L Gurney T Koloamatangi	J Castrill M Amposta
 <b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> M Mantes J Horner S Kaloni H Miller D Miller	M Mantes J Horner S Kaloni H Miller D Miller	S Krone A Nesbit K Smith J Obeng C Robertson	L De Jesus N De Jesus A Cullen A Alimario G Cuya C Cuya T Tuala
 <b>Altar Servers</b> Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau Martin Thomas	Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Chris Kiutau Frankie Aita	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.



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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# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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Facebook –search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura

In 2018 I was privileged to visit the Home of Compassion, in the Wellington suburb of Island Bay. It is the motherhouse of the daughters of Our Lady of Compassion. Apart from being the final resting place of Mother Suzanne Aubert (who will surely become New Zealand's first canonized saint), it was also home to another remarkable woman religious, Sister Loyola Galvin. For years Sister Loyola lovingly tended a huge vegetable garden at the Home, providing fresh produce to those in need and showing visitors how to make compost! She was the subject of a beautiful documentary film entitled Gardening with Soul. Shot over a year, it recorded her down-to-earth wisdom on gardening, faith, and aging! Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was also filmed. Reflecting on the approach of death, her musings kept on returning to the life cycle of the garden as a way of imagining what lies beyond death; pointing to what is of lasting value beyond the bounds of material change and decay. Even though her garden has since given way to native bush, Sister Loyola's legacy lives on in the history of New Zealand's first home-grown religious order. To be human is to be spiritual because each of us has an insatiable yearning for something beyond our human capacity to fulfil. As the great French writer Victor Hugo wrote: *The need of the immaterial is the most deeply rooted of all needs. One must have bread; but before bread, one must have the ideal.*

Which is essentially what Jesus is telling his own people in our Gospel. Last week Jesus fed them with an abundance of ordinary food and did so with great generosity. But not this time! Jesus knows perfectly well that the only reason they have come to him is to have another free handout. By refusing to give them food that can only fill their stomachs for a time, Jesus is inviting them to work for that real, non-perishable food that endures to eternal life. Just as the God of Israel did for his ancestors in Exodus, Jesus as the Son of God proposes to test the crowd in this way; to see whether they follow him or not. The true bread that Jesus will give will far surpass the quality of the manna and meat that satisfied Israel's physical hungers in the wilderness; to satisfy their even deeper, unconscious hunger for meaning, identity and belonging. One must have bread; but before bread, one must have the ideal.

So how well are we living up to the ideal? What does the ideal look like for us as spiritual beings who have the very human experience of living in the tension that will always exist between the ideals of the Gospel and our very complex earthly realities? By urging the Ephesians to put aside their old selves which have gotten corrupted by following what he calls their "illusory desires", Paul calls for nothing less than a complete spiritual revolution. In a world of many addictions, how much do we really hunger for Jesus as our bread of life? In a society where our basic priorities for living may well have to be completely reset in the wake of COVID, what is required of us if we are to do the works that God wants? Do we tend to blame God and/or others for not instantly attending to our wants (as the Israelites blamed Moses for depriving them

of their creature comforts in the desert) or can we be spiritual adults as Sister Loyola Galvin was? To consciously choose to create environments and activities that will nurture our growth? As our constant gardener of our own souls, Jesus comes to till the soil of the mind and heart so that we can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth. Those who come to him will never be hungry, those who believe in him will never thirst. One must have bread; but before bread, one must have the ideal...

**Where to get bread? An ever-pressing question That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers, Bread for their families, bread for all these others; A whole world on the margin of exhaustion. And where that hunger has been satisfied. Where to get bread? The question still returns In our abundance something starves and yearns We crave fulfilment, crave and are denied. And then comes One who speaks into our needs Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish Whose words unfold in us like living seeds Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete, I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat. (Malcolm Guite, I Am the Bread of Life, 2015)**

### 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)

## 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

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



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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.....

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 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

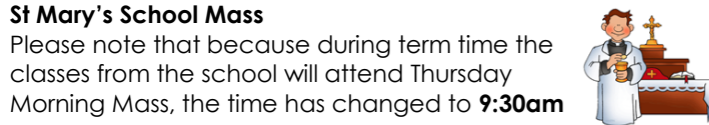
**We pray for those who have died ....**  
**Rachael Walsh 24/7/21**  
 (Daughter of Marie Morgan)  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Margaret Franks, John Mason, William Bentley, Petra Sanchez, Davina Bridle, Francis Van Veen, Gregory Moverley, Patrick Dunn, Margaret Dromgool, Elenise Huyer, Maureen King, Ena White, Mark Leamy and Michael Fleming.  
**We pray for those who are sick including:** Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

**Friday 6th August**  
 This Friday is the first Friday of the month. Please remember Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by a morning tea.  
**All welcome.**

**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**



**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

*We will TELL THE NEXT GENERATION THE praiseworthy DEEDS OF THE LORD.*  
 Psalm 78:4

**Celebrating Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**  
**Please join us for a 9 night Parish Novena Mass**

Fri August 6th	Filipino 7pm
Sat August 7th	Tongan 5pm
Sun August 8th	Youth 7pm
Mon August 9th	Camillian 7pm
Tue August 10th	Samoan 7pm
Wed August 11th	Legion 7pm
Thu August 12th	Fiji 7pm
Fri August 13th	Alpha 7pm
Sat August 14th	Parish 5pm
Sun August 15th	St Mary school 10.30



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)  
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**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](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)  
 2. School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)  
 Enquiries and school visits welcome  
 Phone school office (09) 296 9039

**PROLIFE FACTS**  
 Rotorua Voice for Life held a Candlelit Vigil for Life on the darkest day of the year, June 21st. Thirty-five people of various churches and of all ages came together to pray for the pro-life movement, the people involved and all those affected by abortion.  
 The vigil was held under the light of the moon and the glow of candles, outside Rotorua Hospital where 15 babies are aborted a week. The rain stayed away and allowed for a brisk but calm 30 minutes together. The Kaupapa of this event was to bring pro-life people together in a peaceful and prayerful event in the spirit of unity and support. There were no signs or banners, just people holding a light for life in the darkness, praying and singing together. If you would like to organise a candlelit vigil, you are welcome to contact Jenny Chapman for a plan template on 0273615011.  
**For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).**



Before listening to her young patients' heartbeats, a paediatric nurse at the hospital would often fit the stethoscope over their ears to allow them to listen first. One four year old boy was awed by the sound. The nurse asked him, "What do you suppose that is?" The child, a regular at Sunday school answered, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

**New to the Parish**  
 Welcome  
 Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office

Week Aug 2nd - 7th	Monday St Peter Faber	Tuesday St Dominic	Wednesday St John Mary Vianney	Thursday	Friday The Transfiguration Of The Lord	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	81	51	106	95	97	18
<b>Reading</b>	Numbers 11:4-15	Numbers 12:1-13	Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1 26-29,34-35	Numbers 20:1-13	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Peter 1:16-19	Deuteronomy 6:4-13
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-36	Matthew 15:21-28	Matthew 16:13-23	Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 17:14-20

**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](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.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th August 7:00pm**  
**St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui 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**

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**  
**Titipounamu Study & Joy is celebrating 1 Year and gives thanks with free August events:**  
**Online Sessions (Evening):**  
**The Eucharist** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 16 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.  
**The Eucharist – a Gospel event and Sacrament** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 23 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/07/27/the-eucharist/>  
 For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
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