



29th August 2021
 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions 			
Ministers of the Word 			
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 			
Altar Servers 			

None until out of lockdown!

 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
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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.....
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St Mary's Catholic Church

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Who remembers the reality TV series "The Monastery"? Back in 2005, five very modern men were living the monastic life at Worth Abbey in England for forty days and forty nights while TV cameras tracked their progress. Their mentor was Fr Christopher Jamison. The sight of him and his fellow Benedictine monks responding thoughtfully and helpfully to ordinary peoples' struggles was a surprise to many who mistakenly thought that monks were out of touch! Why did Fr Christopher become a monk? He writes: "I am asked this question so often, and it's not easy to answer. I imagine it's roughly equivalent to being asked to explain why you married your spouse...I have offered various answers for various contexts. But the answer is: "I don't know." I do not know why I became a monk, because the reason I joined is not the reason I stayed. I joined thinking I could save the world by being a monk; I stayed because the monastery became the place where I discovered my own need to be saved. Before I could offer sanctuary, I had to find it (Christopher Jamison osb, *Finding Sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life*, 2006)." This certainly speaks to my own experience! Any life commitment involves what my first Parish Priest used to call "the unpredictable", things that we'll never be fully prepared for at the start where all that we can do is trust just enough to say yes to whatever life throws at us. In the words of U.S President Abraham Lincoln: "Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality."

In our Gospel, Jesus' disciples have just had to learn the same lesson in commitment. His intolerable language about literally giving away his own flesh to eat has caused many of them to break their own commitment to him! Feeling the painful sting of infidelity and rejection, Jesus turns to the Twelve. "So what about you?" he asks. "Do you want to walk away too?" On behalf of the Twelve Peter articulates their free and trusting choice to take Jesus at his word. Considering their frailties, the reason they decided to walk with Jesus in the first place would not be the same reason for why they stayed the course! Before they could help save the world, they first had to discover their own need to be saved. Before they could offer sanctuary, they first had to find it in Jesus. Their commitment helped transform the promise of the Gospel into reality.

For a society like ours that is as allergic to commitment as it is to lockdowns, the words of Jesus sound just as challenging for us now as they have ever been. For all our sacramental preparation and the high demand for places in our Catholic schools, the reality is that so many know about Jesus without really knowing him as a person. Because our surrounding culture no longer supports religious practice of any kind, the relationship of many Kiwi Catholics with the Church of their birth is either patchy at best or practically non-existent. And is it any wonder that Paul's language in Ephesians about submissive wives is just as intolerable? When all he really meant was that husbands are supposed to love their wives as they do their own bodies, in imitation of Jesus himself! Like Joshua in our first reading, we are faced with a choice we can no longer afford to dodge. As Missionary Disciples, we must be intentional about our faith. We must choose today

**You have the words of life, where should we go
 Except to you, to try and take them in?
 We want your words to quicken us, to know
 And be transformed by knowledge deep within.
 How is it then, these words seem dead in us?
 We neither let them go nor let them live,
 Their empty echoes always seem to haunt us,
 As daily we refuse what they might give.**

**Oh Teacher we need more than just the hearing,
 More than these readings we have set apart,
 Somehow the two-edged sword we have been fearing
 Must pierce at last the well-defended heart.
 Unsheathe it now and help us take the pain,
 Pierce to the point where we can start again.
 (Malcolm Guite, *The Words of Life*, 2015)**

whom we really wish to serve. So how committed are we really? How willing are we to give way to each other in mutual obedience to Christ? How open are we to receiving his real presence in the Eucharist as the literal truth, and not just as a symbol? However hard as it is to explain, the experience of Fr Christopher and his brothers in "The Monastery" shows us that commitment does indeed transform promise into reality. Only by freely walking with Jesus can we make commitments that will truly stand the test of time. The words of Jesus are Spirit, and they are life. To whom can we go?

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm
Samoa Mass 2nd Sunday 12.00pm
Baptisms 3rd Sunday 12noon

Clevedon Community 8.30am
 1st Sunday of month
 Clevedon District Centre
(Postponed until further notice)

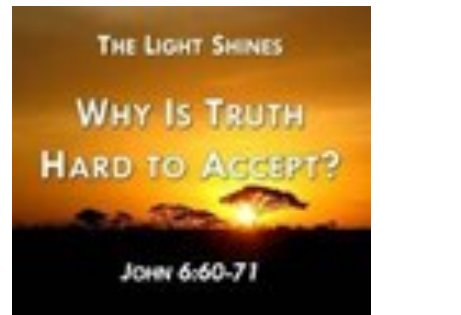
RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays
Weekday Mass:
Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:00am
Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9.00am
First Fridays of month 10.00am
Saturdays 8.30am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
 (10am—12noon First Friday of month)

21st Sunday In
 Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word
 (Year B)

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18;
 Ephesians 5:21-32;
 John 6:60-69



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: 8:30, 5:30p.m. Monday to Friday
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
Pauleen Gleeson 14/8/21
Margaret Wood 16/8/21
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Ernest Aubyn, Lise Liederman, Patricia O'Grady, Lalcie Wilson, Julie Ashton, Maria Pune
We pray for those who are sick including: Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Antoinette Anton, Hélène Green, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

Fr James Mulligan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: Zoom Parish Liturgy of the Word
 Time: Aug 21, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82863876729?pwd=dXFmTlZJcURhZlVlYUtsbGhKbnJFMdz09>
 If you can't connect, please contact Fr James for an invitation.

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 26/08/21)** 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.



PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT
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Parish Building Project Fundraising Team Contact Details
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 09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404
Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz
 09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

Additional Altar Servers Needed

 Altar Server Training to be held in September. Please register your child's interest by completing the Registration form and dropping it off at the Parish office before August 30th.

Kia Ora, my name is Mary, and I belong to a Catholic Church in Auckland. I am undertaking a Master's thesis at Unitec. This study explores the lived experiences of elderly Catholic Church members regarding how their religious faith and identity shape their views of assisted dying, particularly in light of the recently passed End of Life Choice Act.

I am looking for participants aged 65 and older, of European, Māori, and Pasifika descent from this parish for an interview.
 If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact me on 027 529 0307 or email mary3hot@yahoo.com. I am happy to provide more information on this study.

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alpha@stmaryspapakura.co.nz or phone Benita 2996056 or Jovita 2985773



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PROLIFE FACTS
 Be warned that this content is grim as it covers foetal medical research at the University of Pittsburgh in the USA. This is not an easy topic, but it illustrates the downward spiral of evil.

 Medical research on aborted babies has been going on for decades and provides a lucrative side-line for abortion providers. Fox News and Lifesite News have now reported that new research is being carried out on live babies to remove their kidneys. Labour is induced so that the viable babies are delivered whole and alive – and their kidneys still receiving blood, are removed for scientific research. The baby's organs are kept in tissue banks and in a new development, the University is able to supply aborted body parts on a racial basis: 50% from white mothers and 50% from black and minority women. This demonstrates how abortion culture leads to the devaluation and plunder of human babies in the interests of medical research.
For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

NZCatholic We are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue. We invite you to distribute this widely, including posting it to your social media outlets. A cover graphic is also attached to assist with this.
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/ac3b7938-55ec-43ec-a0b9-3c02cb565718>

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

Week Aug 23rd - 28th	Monday	Tuesday St Bartholomew	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday St Monica	Saturday St Augustine BD
Psalm	149	145	139	90	97	98
Reading	1Thessalonians 1:2-5,8-10	Apocalypse 21:9-14	1Thessalonians 2:9-13	1Thessalonians 3:7-13	1Thessalonians 4:1-8	1Thessalonians 4:9-12
Gospel	Matthew 23:13-22	John 1:45-51	Matthew 23:27-32	Matthew 24:42-51	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30

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



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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy
 Titipounamu Study & Joy is celebrating 1 Year and gives thanks with free August events:
 Online Session (Evening):
 The Eucharist – a Gospel event and Sacrament with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 23 August, 8-9pm. Free. ZOOM.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-eucharist-a-gospel-event-and-sacrament/>
 For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
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