



5th September 2021  
 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37


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.sfhighschool.org](http://www.sfhighschool.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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**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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**Facebook –search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura**

Until recently, Ron Brierley was one of the most respected names in New Zealand business. A self-made tycoon, Brierley ran an investment company through which he bought and sold businesses as easily as he collected rare stamps! He was even knighted by the Queen for his services to business. But life has since seriously unravelled for Brierley. In December 2019 he was arrested in Sydney for possessing child pornography. Now stripped of his knighthood, Brierley has been found guilty. He may well end up in prison. His dramatic fall from grace is a cautionary tale of what happens when powerful individuals and public institutions can no longer hide serious moral failings under the cloak of privilege. As the royal commission of inquiry into cases of abuse in state and faith-based institutions is already showing us, the human cost is high for everyone affected, especially if the victims are children or vulnerable adults. We all have a dark side we can get away with concealing. That is, until something happens when we are finally forced to face up to our demons and be made publicly accountable for our actions. The American billionaire investor and philanthropist Warren Buffet puts it this way: "In looking for people to hire, look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you." Every veil secretly desires to be lifted, except the veil of hypocrisy.

By exposing the hidden hypocrisy of the Pharisees and scribes, Jesus is reflecting on this very same insight into human nature. On the face of it, our friends appeared to be very sincere. They kept the letter of the law to an absolute tee, right down to the way they washed their hands! If they were around today, Doctor Ashley would have commended them for their physical hygiene. But their rigid observance of the externals through blind, unthinking conformity came at the expense of them compromising their moral hygiene. Labelled by his opponents as a lawbreaker for eating with unclean hands and for not keeping to their rules of social distancing (which set them apart as Israel's self-made elite), Jesus responds by pointing out the glaring contradiction between their appearance of public respectability and the darkness that lay within. For Jesus, authentic holiness meant nothing less than a return to the first principles of Israel's covenantal relationship with God as articulated by Moses in Deuteronomy; to fulfil the Psalmist's promise of an eternal dwelling for the just. For all their outward qualities of intelligence and energy, the scribes and pharisees' glaring lack of integrity ended up infecting them like a deadly virus. To kill them from within. From Jesus' perspective, the deadliest sins that defiled them came not from outside but from their fatal tendency to live a double life, as they put aside the commandments of God to cling to merely human regulations that no longer served God's purposes. Every veil secretly desires to be lifted, except the veil of hypocrisy.

**Complicity in your complacency.**  
**A duplicitous hypocrisy.**  
**Outgoing prayers for the less fortunate, with incoming fortunes making millionaires.**  
**Bowed heads giving the appearance of solemnity, while still pleading for indemnity.**  
**You can't join your raised hands lifted up to God, claiming faithfulness, If those same hands come down and shake hands that only wish to dispossess. SK**

So how willing are we to lift the veil of hypocrisy today? How free of hypocrisy are we? In our second reading, James reinforces the challenge of Jesus by exhorting us not simply to be passive "hearers" of the word but also to be active "doers" of the word. To hear and welcome the message of the truth that has been "implanted" in us doesn't just consist of saying our prayers at the appropriate times but also means to do the word through living with integrity in the details of day to day living. Perhaps the greatest problem we face in the Church today is the struggle to balance our call to personal holiness with our call to mission in a post-Christian society; to positively engage with the people of our time without watering down the ideals of the Gospel and the beauty of the Church's traditional faith and morals. As we try to live out our faith in the face of Level 4 restrictions, it's just as well for us that we don't have to be as squeaky clean as a perfectly scrubbed set of clay pots and bronze dishes! All we need to do is get real, to offer God our imperfections. As the integrity of God made visible, Jesus reaches out to reveal the truth about ourselves with love and never with condemnation. To free us from the rigidity that leads to abuse. As we continue to pray and care for each other from within our bubbles may we never be afraid to get our own hands dirty in the positive sense, as we strive to live with consistency and compassion in a messy Covid world of human contradiction. While the cost of eventual post-Covid freedom is eternal vigilance, the cost of hypocrisy is death. Hypocrisy is the greatest luxury...

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 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)

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8;  
 James 1:17-18,21-22,27;  
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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 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:** Eileen Ashton, Elizabeth Van Tiel, Irene Gudsell, Melissa Goodridge, Ole Duffy, Steward Wallace, Ernest Broderick, Katie Garvan, Marrion Stewart, Lola Wilkie, Richard Barnett and Irene Price  
**We pray for those who are sick including:** Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Pauleen McDonald Antoinette Anton, H el ene 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 28, 2021 07:00 PM  
 Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82863876729?pwd=dXFmTlZJcURhZlVlYUtsbGhKNjFmdz09>  
 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**  
*"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

**Additional Altar Servers Needed**

**ALTAR SERVER**

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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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, M ori, 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](mailto:mary3hot@yahoo.com). I am happy to provide more information on this study.

**MISSION MAP** *Mata kaupapa Whana*  
 The Diocesan website has a schedule of some initiatives that are ongoing in the Diocese while in lockdown. Please go to the site if for inspiration and information



**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.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School**  
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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**  
 Our previous abortion law permitted a lawful late term abortion only if two doctors agreed it was necessary to save the life of a mother or to prevent serious permanent injury to her mental or physical health. The Abortion Legislation Act 2020 has far more relaxed criteria for late term abortions, i.e. a late term abortion may be provided if a qualified health professional considers it clinically appropriate, after consulting with another qualified health professional. However, a consensus is not required for the abortion to proceed. Furthermore, Parliament rejected amendments which would have provided extra protections for the unborn child. These included amendments that would have: Made it an offence to abort an unborn child based solely on grounds of sex selection (SOP: 478); and Made it an offence to abort an unborn child based solely on grounds of disability (SOP: 479)  
 Further, this Act was brought into law by Labour using a rushed process involving a Parliamentary Select Committee which refused to hear orally 95% of the people who had asked to present oral submissions – the vast majority of whom opposed it.  
 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 Aug/Sep 30th - 4th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday St Gregory the Great	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	96	27	52	98	100	54
<b>Reading</b>	1Thessalonians 4:13-18	1Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11	Colossians 1:1-8	Colossians 1:9-14	Colossians 1:15-20	Colossians 1:21-23
<b>Gospel</b>	Like 4:16-30	Luke 4:31-37	Like 4:38-44	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 5:33-39	Luke 6:1-5

**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.

**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 (Follow up)**  
 We will watch the video recording of the presentations by Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms from 23 August, followed by Q&A with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 30 August, 7-8pm. Free. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-eucharist-a-gospel-event-and-sacrament-follow-up/>  
 For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
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