



12th September 2021  
 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

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**:  
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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.....

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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**

Some years ago now, I attended the funeral of a very special lady. Sister Jean Sinclair was well known and loved for her pioneering work in the pastoral care and sacramental preparation of children and young people with intellectual disabilities and special learning needs. She founded the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) programme which is still based in Balmoral, with the mission to provide a sacred and fulfilling environment where companionship for life's journey is shared with those who have an intellectual disability, as well as with their families. I vividly remember meeting Sister Jean at the age of 7 or 8 for my first session at gift in preparation for my first communion. She sure was formidable in those days and knew how to get very reluctant kids like me to be her special helpers! "Disability" has different meanings for different people. To encounter those who are "differently abled" means having to re-evaluate our understanding of God, those around us and even ourselves as we grow in faith together. These days of Delta are showing us how important it is for us to listen as well as we hear, to reach out to one another with open ears, minds and hearts through a simple phone call or via a "Zoom" Parish meeting or liturgy! Regardless of our limitations, each of us have a gift to share. As Pope Francis writes: *Each of us can learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable. This also means finding ways to include those on the peripheries of life. For they have another way of looking at things; they see aspects of reality that are invisible to the centres of power where weighty decisions are made* (Fratelli Tutti – On Fraternity and Social Friendship, 215).

In our Gospel, Jesus' healing encounter with a deaf-mute in Gentile (non-Jewish) territory also speaks to us of the importance of encounter with difference. By taking the deaf-mute aside in private away from a gawking crowd to respect his dignity, Jesus is acknowledging that our friend's worth is of greater value than the sum of his obvious physical impediments. Jesus sees in our friend a greater openness to receiving him in turn as the fulfilment of Isaiah's hope of restoration for Israel. Jesus' deceptively simple action of putting his finger into the man's ears and touching his tongue with saliva is itself a form of sign language. In the celebration of Baptism, we relive this experience through the Ephphatha rite where the priest pronounces the same word that Jesus used as he blesses the mouths and ears of the newly baptised. By touching our friend's ears to receive his word and his mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father Jesus makes the deaf-mute an icon of dialogue, encounter and communication beyond borders. To speak a language of faith all can understand. That we may listen as well as we hear.

How well are we listening? If we're honest, we'd have to admit that our greatest disabilities are well hidden. Even in normal times, we can be handicapped both morally and spiritually! In our second reading James urges us not combine faith in Jesus with making unjust social distinctions. "Listen," he says, "...it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him." Unfortunately, society does make distinctions. The disabled are often marginalized. How prepared are we to listen to those who do live on the edges of life? How can we reach out to those whose isolation is

**Be opened. Oh if only we might be!**  
**Speak to a heart that's closed in on itself:**  
**'Be opened and the truth will set you free',**  
**Speak to a world imprisoned in its wealth:**  
**'Be opened! Learn to learn from poverty',**  
**Speak to a church that closes and excludes,**  
**And makes rejection its own litany:**  
**'Be opened, opened to the multitudes**  
**For whom I died but whom you have dismissed**  
**Be opened, opened, opened,' how you sigh**  
**And still we do not hear you. We have missed**  
**Both cry and crisis, we make no reply.**  
**Take us aside, for we are deaf and dumb**  
**Spit on us Lord and touch each tongue-tied tongue.**  
**(Malcolm Guite, Be Opened, 2015)**

now greater than ever due to the lockdown? As the healer of mind, body and spirit, Jesus continues to do all things well through us. May our ears be opened and our tongues be loosened as the deaf-mute's were to proclaim with Sister Jean that every person is gift, as we grow in faith together. The spirit of post-Covid healing is the spirit of openness. That we may indeed listen as well as we hear.

Happy Father's Day...

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)

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Isaiah 35:4-7;  
 James 2:1-5;  
 Mark 7:31.37





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:** Sipele Tusani, Margaret McCoy, Joyce Roke, Elsa McGrath, Margaret Dunn, Patricia Scharvi, Tafeaga Afoa, Brian Lynch, Arthur Tangatauaa, Frana Stanisich, Peter Hunter, Freda Holmes and Margaret Mullane

**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, Hélène Green, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

**Fr James Mulligan invites all interested to a scheduled Zoom meeting to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. To join Zoom Meeting, 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"*

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**David Tennent** – [dandjct@gmail.com](mailto:dandjct@gmail.com)  
 09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404  
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 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, 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](mailto:mary3hot@yahoo.com). I am happy to provide more information on this study.

**MISSION MAP** *Māta Raukapa Mihana*

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



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 Phone school office (09) 296 9039

**PROLIFE FACTS**  
 Covid limits pro-life activities. In past years, over 200,000 people have attended the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. This year, only a small number of pro-life leaders completed the march, while all other participants attended virtually. The Voice for Life conference scheduled for this month has been postponed, and a new date will be set when the covid situation has settled. Before going into lockdown, there was regularly a prayerful presence nearby to several abortion clinics throughout New Zealand, offering help and hope to pregnant mothers, but this is not currently possible. While pro-life activities are restricted, signing the petition calling for the House of Representatives to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 is one way to continue to be a voice for unborn children (visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition>). Letters to the editor and use of social media can also help to maintain awareness of this important issue. You could take the time to learn more about the different organisations that work to protect the lives of unborn children, or offer counselling and practical support to expectant mothers considering abortion, or have had abortions, and their whānau, and consider becoming involved and supporting this important work when it is possible.  
**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 Sep 6h - 11th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	62	145	13	150	16	113
<b>Reading</b>	Colossians 1:24-2:3	Colossians 2:6-15	Micah 5:1-4	Colossians 3:12-17	1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14	1 Timothy 1:15-17
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 6:6-11	Luke 6:12-19	Matthew 1:1-16,18-23	Luke 6:27-38	Luke 6:39-42	Luke 6:43-49

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  
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**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**  
**Online Sessions (Evening):**  
**The Gospel of Luke - Introduction** with Kieran Fenn fms.  
 Monday, 06 September, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.  
**The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM. Series of 5 parts. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.  
 \$25/session or \$90/series of 5 sessions.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke/>  
 For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
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