



19th September 2021
25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

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.sfahighschool.org
 If any of you want to contribute he has an account with **BNZ: MAKANDA JOHN MARY VIANNEY**
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 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



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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.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Phone..... Email.....



St Mary's Catholic Church

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Years ago, I watched a brilliant Australian film called Last Cab to Darwin. Based on a true story, it explores one man's effort to adjust to the reality of death. Rex McRae has just been diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer. He wants to see a pro-euthanasia doctor in Darwin in the Northern Territory; to help him take his life. Even though he has never travelled beyond Broken Hill before in his life, Rex drives his taxi 3000 kilometres all the way up to Darwin. But just as he is about to give himself the lethal injection, he has a change of heart. Rex drives home to spend his final days to be cared for by Polly, his very good friend and next-door neighbour. As he comes to understand how much his own life and decisions matter to those around him, Rex can face death with a sense of inner peace. It's great to be self-reliant but not to the point of egotism. Once we realise the world doesn't revolve around us and change our attitudes, we will attain our true purpose. Before the end of life, you have to live it, and to live it you've got to share it.

Which is precisely what Peter had to learn himself! In the shadow of the cross, Jesus has to prepare Peter and his friends for his own death; taking what Isaiah says about the Lord's suffering servant and applying it directly to himself. This certainly isn't what Peter was expecting! If Jesus really is the Christ, how on earth can he even contemplate such suffering? No wonder Peter tries to make Jesus see sense! At a purely human level, Jesus knows that he could avoid the Cross if he wanted to. Knowing the difference between human knowledge and divine wisdom, Jesus calls Peter "Satan" for being an obstacle in his path. Like Rex, Peter is naturally fearful of something that he cannot understand or control. For all the sincerity and correctness of his faith, which will form the basis of the Church's official "deposit of faith", what Peter fails to appreciate is that Jesus' suffering and death will be very necessary; not just to fulfil the words of scripture but to spell the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing him directly as a living person, whose relationship with us will reveal who we are to ourselves. Such is the paradox that lies at the heart of the Christian experience. Only by tasting of life's little deaths before actual physical death, only by giving ourselves away will we ever really possess our true selves. For eternal life.

For a society like ours where physician-assisted suicide appears to have replaced the fundamental human right to life until its natural end, the language of the Cross is every bit as confronting for us now as it was for Peter! Far from giving us an excuse for passivity in the face of deliberate evil (such as the events of 9/11 twenty years ago this week and last week's terrorist outrage in New Lynn) the language of the Cross empowers us to translate the good intentions of faith into tangible good works. As James writes in our second reading, faith without works is quite dead. The experience of the Cross cannot be sanitised to the level of consumer art and/or religious kitsch. Rather, it can only be embraced in all its ironic glory as the sum of all that makes us human as well as holy. So that by our own works we can demonstrate the power of faith to help heal a suffering world. To embrace the daily reality of the Cross is to follow Jesus as the compassion of God made visible, as we journey along the road-trip of life. Far from being the end of the road, the way of the Cross is the only route that leads us to life without end; that empowers us even now to attain our true purpose for being. We all have our crosses to bear. We carry them heavily out of love for our sisters and brothers, in arms marked not by wood splinters but by necessary vaccine jabs. Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, "God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts." The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments. The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, "Me too." As we wait for the lockdown to end, all we can do for now is to pick up our own crosses. And keep on driving...

To Bear Our Cross

When sickness comes
 And we are on the wings of pain
 Don't lose hope
 consider these as blessings in your life
 For when we are on trials
 It is when we are close
 to the bleeding heart of the Mighty One

Don't despair
 trust God's guiding hands
 His healing touch and love
 and a gentle and comforting peace
 will ease the burden
 of the cross we bear
 He knows what is best for us
 In His own precious and perfect time

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)

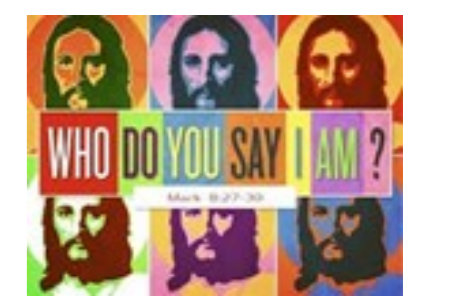
RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am Saturdays
Weekday Mass:
Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:00am
Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9.00am
First Fridays of month 10.00am
Saturdays 8.30am

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

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Isaiah 50:5-9;
 James 2:14-18;
 Mark 8:27-35



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
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:
 Wilhelmus Van Gaal, Clifton Bingham, Josephine Payne, Helen Pippin, Richard O'Brien, Maree Pohio, Anna Hulsbosch, Lizabeth Robinson and Natalie Quill

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.



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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 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.

MISSION MAP
Māta Raukapa Whānau

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

An Englishman and an Irishman go to a bakery. The Englishman steals three buns and puts them into his pockets and leaves.
 He says to the Irishman: "That took great skill and guile to steal those buns. The owner didn't even see me."
 "That's just simple thievery," the Irishman replied. "I'll show you how to do it the honest way and get the same results."
 The Irishman then proceeded to call out the owner of the bakery and says: "Sir, I want to show you a magic trick." The owner was intrigued so he came over to see the magic trick.
 The Irishman asked him for a bun and then he proceeded to eat it. He asked two more times and after eating them again the owner says: "Okay my friend, where's the magic trick?" The Irishman then said: "Look in the Englishman's pockets."



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PROLIFE FACTS
 The long struggle to protect preborn babies met major obstacles last year, with a majority of MPs voting for abortion on demand in March 2020.

But there are signs of hope, as new younger pro-life advocates emerge to pick up the pro-life baton. For instance, as a result of attending the ACTIV8 week-long pro-life training retreat for young pro-lifers held in Auckland this year, a young student nurse has deepened her commitment to promoting a culture of life in New Zealand. She wrote a long letter of thanks to Voice for Life, which covered her fees for attending the course.

She wrote: "I am vowing to become an advocate for the pro-life movement in my circles of influence, using my experience in social media as an effective platform. "I cannot emphasise how much I appreciate the experience you have enabled me to have at ACTIV8. The ways in which you have upskilled, empowered and inspired me to make a difference in the world from here on!"

"God bless you in all that you do!"

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 Sep 13h - 18th	Monday Sis Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang	Tuesday Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Wednesday Our Lady Of Sorrows	Thursday St Cornelius & Cyprian	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	28	78	31	111	49	100
Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 5:7-9	1 Timothy 4:12-16	1 Timothy 6:2-12	1 Timothy 6:13-16
Gospel	Luke 7:1-10	Philippians 2:6-11	John 19:25-27	Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:1-3	Luke 8:4-15

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 – 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-23/>
 For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

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There are few things as meaningful as agreeing with someone else in prayer. I brings a contentment and peace like no other experience.