



Good Teacher what shall I do to inherit Eternal Life? **10th October 2021**
28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.

| Sunday | Saturday 5pm | Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 10:30 |
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|  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**
Acc Number: 02-0400-0111981-097
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



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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

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

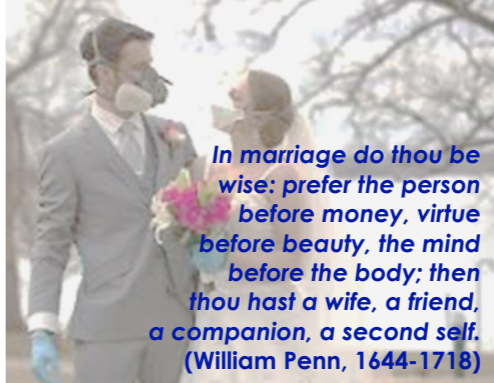
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When I was a kid growing up in the 1980's, "Married...with Children", was one of the most popular comedies on TV. Set in Chicago, it followed the lives of the Bundy family. Al, who was really an old grump, was the breadwinner of the family selling shoes. His lazy, shopaholic wife Peggy was always pestering him about lack of money and refused to do any housework or get a job. Their children Kelly and Bud were no angels either! No matter how much they locked horns, Al and Peg's onscreen marriage did last the distance. Married with Children made for hilarious comedy because it reflected on realities that viewers could readily identify with. As the comedian Rita Rudner once said tongue in cheek: "I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life." But seriously! For survival in lockdown the three key words of family life are please, thank you and I'm sorry. When it comes to relating with those closest to us, the opposite of love is never hatred but indifference.

Even though he was never married himself, Jesus took the obligations of marriage extremely seriously. In response to the Pharisees' question of whether divorce was against the law of Moses or not, Jesus takes them back in time. Adam's joyful acknowledgement of Eve in Genesis as his unique helpmate over and above every other creature, as bone from his bones, as flesh from his flesh, leads Jesus to declare that divorce was never part of God's plan for creation in the first place. In Jesus' day, women rarely if ever owned property of their own, so marriage guaranteed material security for both women and children. In contrast to the Pharisees who tended to manipulate the law solely for the benefit of men, Jesus came down squarely on the side of those least able to protect themselves. Of course, marriage meant far more for Jesus. Jesus prized marriage as the one way through which men and women become true equals in life and in love, whereby both complete each other by celebrating each other's differences and mutual giftedness to welcome the gift of new life. From Jesus' perspective, the joining together of man and wife to become no longer two but one flesh is a tangible sign of God's own faithful love for creation itself. The words of Jesus in our Gospel form the basis for our understanding of Christian marriage as a sacrament of missionary discipleship, a way for couples to personally encounter and make real the presence of Jesus as the love of God made flesh, in this world as it is. To form a union dissolvable only by death. In our Gospel, Jesus pulls no punches about forbidding divorce as a matter of divine principle. What God has joined together no one must divide.

At a time like ours where unfortunately far too many marriages do fail and where Covid has strained family relationships in many a bubble it appears that we're just as unteachable as the Pharisees were, that the Church's ideals for human sexuality, marriage and family life have been honored more in the breach than in the observance! But there is hope. In our second reading, the author of Hebrews writes that Jesus entered fully into our human condition to unite us with himself as our universal savior and brother. That he was made perfect through suffering. As the eldest of many brothers and sisters. When it comes to permanently committing to relationships of love, how willing are we to accept the challenges as well as the joys that will come our way? And what about the children in our Gospel who came to Jesus for a blessing only to be shooed away? Do our examples of family life help or hinder our own children in experiencing the welcome of Jesus that the disciples attempted to withhold? How can we follow Pope Francis' lead to help those whose relationships fall outside the Church's norms for marriage? That they may find love, hope and acceptance within the Church through us as their family? So that we may never be ashamed of everything that makes us all brothers and sisters? In the light of the Gospel marriage is indeed for life, but it doesn't have to feel like a life sentence served out as the stuff of late-night comedy! The opposite of true love that will last until death do us part is never hatred but indifference. **What God has joined together no one must divide...**



In marriage do thou be wise: prefer the person before money, virtue before beauty, the mind before the body; then thou hast a wife, a friend, a companion, a second self.
 (William Penn, 1644-1718)

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)

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Genesis 2:18-24;
 Hebrews 2:9-11;
 Mark 10:2-16



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:
 Marie Edwards, Frank Schuller, Dorothy Pratt, Lola Mason and Jeanne Shaw

We pray for those who are sick including:
 Elizabeth Nau, Howard Leaf, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald Antoinette Anton, Hélène Green, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

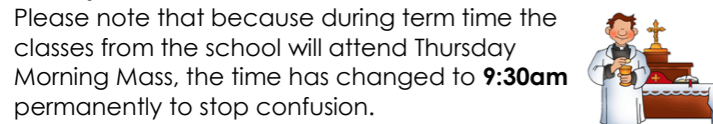


Fr James Mulligan invites all interested to a scheduled Zoom meeting to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. To join Zoom Meeting, please contact Fr James for an invitation.

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 to be advised)
 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
 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.



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



The St Vinnies shop would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all parishioners for the great support given to the Papakura Society of St Vincent de Paul.

When Auckland goes to Level Two the shop will be back in business, we look forward to serving you.

Positive Thought:



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
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 Visits welcome. Contact our school office on 09 298 4450 or visit our new website. www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz

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 Enquiries and school visits welcome
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PROLIFE FACTS



In 1980, the ruling Communist Party of China introduced the One-Child policy to drastically reduce population growth. Women had their fertility carefully monitored by family planning staff at workplaces and in rural villages. If they became pregnant with a second child, they were often compelled to have an abortion. Whilst international population control agencies praised the One Child policy, the psychological pain from repeated forced abortions that some women experienced was ignored. Female babies were routinely aborted, as couples often preferred a son, for cultural reasons and to provide for them in retirement. Belatedly, the Communist Party has realised the repercussions of the policy and are now encouraging parents to have more children. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (28th September) reported that the authorities are issuing new guidelines to discourage abortions for "nonmedical purposes" in an attempt to increase the population. The State is now aiming to provide more pregnancy health care services as an alternative. In 2018, health authorities warned that using abortion to end pregnancies was harmful to women's bodies and risked causing infertility.

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 Oct 4th - 9th | Monday St Francis Of Assisi | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday Our Lady Of The Rosary | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Psalm | Cant Jonah | 130 | 86 | 1 | 9 | 97 |
| 1 Reading | Johah 1:1-2:1-11 | Jonah 3:1-10 | Jonah 4:1-11 | Malachi 3:13-20 | Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 | Joel 4:12-21 |
| Gospel | Luke 10:25-37 | Luke 10:38-42 | Luke 11:1-4 | Luke 11:5-13 | Luke 11:15-26 | Luke 11:27-28 |

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



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 03 and 11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

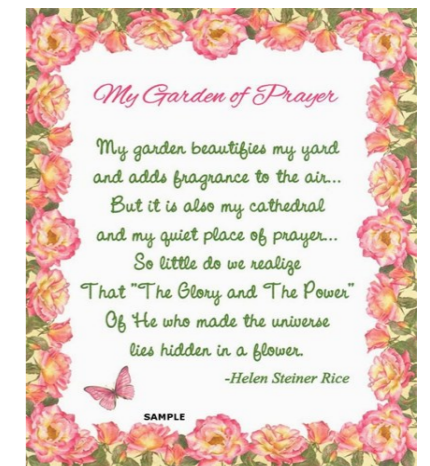
All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session. Topic on 04 October: The Parables.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>



Once again, available online:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a816212b-9754-4550-9c1b-7f3db9fa1269>

Some headlines for the latest issue:

NZ bishops have say on conversion therapy ban bill. Honest talk about device use. Some elderly need practical help in lockdown. Australians look for new way of living as church.