



**7th November 2021**  
**32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: 1Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark12:38-44 .**

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

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](http://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**  
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# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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I reckon we could all do with a good laugh right now, don't you think? An elderly lady was known for her faith and for her boldness and talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout, "Praise the Lord!" Next door to her lived an atheist, who would get so angry that he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!" Hard times set in on the elderly lady and she prayed for some help. She stood on her porch and shouted, "Praise the Lord!! God, I need FOOD!! I am having a hard time. Please, Lord, send me some food!!" The next morning, the lady went out on her porch and saw a large bag of groceries and shouted, "Praise the Lord!!" The neighbour jumped from behind a bush and said, "Ha!! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries." The lady started jumping up and down clapping her hands, saying, "PRAISE THE LORD!!! He not only sent me groceries, but He even made the devil pay for them!! Social connectedness has never been more important. Lame jokes aside, face-to-face encounters that build real (not just online) community are crucial to our mental and spiritual wellbeing. In the words of the great English Catholic author GK Chesterton: *We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next-door neighbour.*

In our Gospel, Jesus is making precisely the same point. In response to a nameless scribe's question about which is the greatest of all the commandments, Jesus asserts that love of God and love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin of salvation, the two legs on which the whole body of the law of Moses stands. Which leads to a rare meeting of minds between neighbours! To his credit, the Scribe could see as Jesus did that the outward trappings of Israel's religious worship were not ends in themselves but were supposed to serve a greater purpose. Namely, to ensure a state of right relationships. Our friend was not far from the Kingdom of God. In fact, the Kingdom of God was already present, in Jesus' own person. Here Jesus fulfils what Moses sets out for Israel to hear, listen to, and obey in our first reading from Deuteronomy. So that the words he urges on us this day may be written on our hearts. To love God with all our heart, understanding and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves, is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. Far from being the preserve of so-called experts and/or a vague promise of future reward for doing it right for the sake of outward respectability, the Kingdom of God is a dynamic reality that already lies within our lived experience. The front door of our next-door neighbour is our threshold to the divine.

During this time of lockdown, the words of Jesus have become so much more relevant and urgent. Because he lives forever to intercede for all who come to God through him (as the author of Hebrews writes), Jesus has transformed the whole world to become a global neighbourhood; to overcome what Pope Francis calls the globalisation of indifference. With every day of Delta, we're having to strike a fine Gospel balance between fulfilling our obligations as good citizens and protecting our legitimate individual rights and freedoms. As a community of faith, we cannot expect to live in splendid isolation from our wider community without a concern for social justice. Neither can we give love if we haven't received it in the first place. Who are our neighbours right now? Do we seek connection only with those of a like mind down the rabbit holes of Covid conspiracy theories on social media, or do we try to reach to those whose views on politics, the economy and society in general may be very different to our own? Can we love and value ourselves without self-centredness and/or watering down the ideals of the Gospel for the sake of personal convenience? Like the scribe, we are never far from the Kingdom when we recognise that our love for the God we cannot see must be translated into the tangible fruits of love for the neighbour who lives alongside us, when the human need of one becomes the common concern of all. The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in our hearts. We make our friends, we make our enemies, but God will always make our next-door neighbour. And that is no joke...

- 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)

31st Sunday In  
 Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word  
 (Year B)

Deuteronomy 6:2-6;  
 Hebrews 7:23-28;  
 Mark 12:28-34



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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.....

Postcode.....

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

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

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 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>.



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

All Saints' Day  
 November 1

Dear holy saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to yours this day. With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived – always thinking of others, always recognizing our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, happy are you, all you holy saints of God. Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among God's Holy Ones.  
 Amen.

We specially remember all our dearly departed this November month.

All Souls' Day  
 November 2

Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask You, please, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.  
 Amen.



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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.



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Click the link to view the latest digital issue

Some headlines from the latest issue:

Challenges for Church with 'traffic light' system. Synod process opens in NZ dioceses. Love and marriage in lockdown. Running parishes at higher capacities.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/313cd39d7-5e24-4a5f-b027-31769480dd31>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (DayTime):

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursdays, 04 and 22 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/ Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-2/>

Online Sessions (Evening):

Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies. Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.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/>



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



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.

PROLIFE FACTS

Voice for Life recently sent out a newsletter on the latest abortion statistics and the report from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry's report is a disturbing example of Orwellian Newspeak. Bearing in mind the following relates to the institutionalised killing of pre-born babies, here are some examples: "The Ministry of Health's values and our vision for abortion services". "Manaakitanga – we show care, inclusion, respect, support, trust and kindness to each other. Kaitiakitanga – we preserve and maintain an environment that enables the Ministry and our people to thrive. Whakapono – we have trust and faith in each other to do the right thing. Kokiri ngatahi – we connect and work together collectively towards a common purpose." For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).



Join us.....A Career with a Mission

Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, is seeking a mature married couple, or single woman, to live in at our beautiful and well appointed home in Pukekohe - to provide acceptance, love and care for pregnant mothers in need, and for their babies and perhaps toddlers, in a faith based setting. This is a position for a missionary minded couple, or single woman, who perhaps have a medical background, and who are passionate about the sanctity of life. The position is supported by a day time staff member, a reliever for the parents, and also volunteers. To learn more and to obtain a Position Description, and Terms of Employment, please email: Dame Colleen Bayer DSG [col.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:col.fli@xtra.co.nz) OR Mrs Clare McClean [clare@fli.org.nz](mailto:clare@fli.org.nz) (Co-ordinator - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support).

We pray for those who have died ....  
**Thelma Ryan 22/10/21**  
 (Memorial service arrangements after lockdown)  
**All Saints 1 November**  
**All Souls 2 November**  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** James Koewn, Gerard Kroef, Mary Bell, Veronica McKinstry, Johanna Browne, Martin O'Brien and Elaine Nikolao.

We pray for those who are sick including:  
 Elizabeth Nau, 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.



New to the Parish

Welcome

Contact form P.T.O and foyer (blue box) or Parish Office

Week Nov 1st - 6th	Monday All Saints	Tuesday All Souls	Wednesday	Thursday St Charles Borromeo	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	24		112	27	98	145
1 Reading	Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3		Romans 13:8-10	Romans 14:7-12	Romans 15:14-21	Romans 16:3-9,22-27
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12		Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-8	Luke 16:9-15