

CHRIST THE KING

21st November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37.

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
Acc Number: 02-0400-0111981-097
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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Just last week, I watched a segment on TV1 news about the lasting effects of climate change on the inhabitants of a small village in Alaska. For 20 years the frozen ground around the Yup'ik Eskimo village of Newtok has been sinking and shrinking due to warming weather. Everyone will have to shift to a brand-new location. For thousands of years, the Yup'ik were nomads who lived off the land as hunter-gatherers. Forced to live in one place, they've seen their traditional way of life turned completely upside down in just a few generations. Whilst many are not happy to leave the only home they've ever known, they are a strong community who are looking forward, not back. History is filled with stories of people like the Yup'ik who have had to adapt to survive in times of rapid change. When written in Chinese, "crisis" is composed of two characters, one representing "danger", the other representing "opportunity". Every crisis has both its dangers and its opportunities. Each can spell either salvation or doom (Martin Luther King jr).

In our Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples a very similar lesson in crisis management. Believing that the end of the world was imminent, Mark wrote his Gospel towards the end of the first century. He used the words of Jesus to provide comfort and reassurance at a time of great change and uncertainty in the early Church. The Temple of Jerusalem had been destroyed in the year 70 AD, hence Mark's eschatological discourse – which is just a fancy word that scripture scholars use for his description of how the world would end. Echoing Daniel's own prophetic vision of the end of days in our first reading, Jesus told his disciples that the world as they knew it was on the brink of disaster! The moon would lose its brightness. The stars would fall. The powers in heaven would be shaken. But for all his language of the greatest danger Jesus was also presenting them with the greatest opportunity of all. Heaven and earth would pass away but his words would never pass away. Even if they would never know the day or the hour of his return, his words would remain with them always. To spell the difference between salvation and doom.

At this time of apparent crisis due to climate change and Covid, the difference between danger and opportunity has never been starker. The difference between promise and fulfillment seems just as wide as it has ever been! Nevertheless, the parable Jesus uses of a fig tree sprouting into leaf as a sign of the arrival of summer speaks of how every event in history is a sign of Jesus' nearness at our very gates. Because he has offered one superior sacrifice for sins and has taken his place for ever at the right hand of God (Hebrews), Jesus' assurance that we shall not pass away before all these things have taken place still holds true for us just as it did for the earliest Christians; calling us to discern what Vatican II terms the "signs of the times". Do we see unforeseen change as a threat or an unexpected gift? How can we be faithful to the words of Jesus to experience his presence in the Church and in the world as the Lord of history? As we near the end of another year, have we made the most of our enforced spare time of fasting from the Eucharist to grow spiritually through meditating on Jesus really and truly present in the Word? Depending on our answers, the choices we make now will decisively influence our future, for eternal life. Already, the Son of Man is leading creation to its ultimate moment of fulfillment and transformation. *The more this passing world changes around us through crisis and life altering change, one thing at least will always stay the same. Heaven and earth may pass away but Jesus' words will endure for all time. To guide us from danger to opportunity, from doom to salvation. Just take a lesson from the fig tree...*

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am 10.30am

Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12.30pm

Samoa 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)

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Daniel 12:1-3;

Hebrews 10:11-14,18;

Mark 13:24-32

Locals Supporting Locals

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We can help you get your home sold or rented!

Kelly, Darren and their family have been part of our parish and the school for over 20 years.

We offer a full real estate service to our fellow parishioners and when successful not only do you get rewarded, so does the parish. We look forward to being of service to you.



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Pastoral Associate: Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)

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

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.....

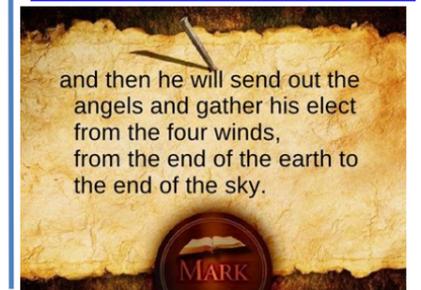
Postcode.....

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

So we begin to contemplate the End
 With shadowed glimpses of apocalypse.
 How can we even start to understand?
 The heavens shaken, and the vast eclipse
 Of everything that we have ever known.
 Then, suddenly revealed, the power and glory
 Once-veiled in symbols of the lamb and throne,
 The all-revealing climax of our story.

About that day, you tell us, no one knows
 But we must wake and watch for you, look up.
 Yet hidden in this warning you disclose
 A tender yearning, a deep stirring hope,
 And bid us, in the visions that you bring,
 To see the world's end as a sign of spring.
 (Malcom Guite, World's End: A New Advent Sonnet, 2014)

and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.



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

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

St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree

The Gifting tree inviting Parishioners to take a tag and donate a gift for age and gender of the child listed on it, is usually put up in the Church at this time. With the uncertainty of when the Church will be accessible again, and the difficulty of arranging drop-off, sorting, wrapping and delivery of the gifts we have very reluctantly and sadly had to make the decision NOT to give gifts this year. We thank the generosity of Parishioners for your support of the gifting tree in past years. We will still be giving Christmas Hampers of the donated food and probably a Supermarket voucher to about 75 struggling families from various local agencies and schools and our Foodbank. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this instead of a gift, that would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly into the St Vincent de Paul Account Number 12-3031-0679646-00
 Reference: Christmas Thank you.



Sacramental Program is taking enrolments for 2022 for more information and enrolment forms email: sacprog@stmaryspapakura.co.nz

World Youth Day 2021 Sunday 21 November, 7pm To celebrate World Youth Day, we are excited to come together on Facebook Live for what promises to be our biggest online youth event yet! Featuring our Bishops, music from The Satians, and plenty young people, don't miss this incredible opportunity to STAND UP with the youth of the Auckland Diocese. **Social Media Graphic Attached** <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

Converge // Youth and Young Adult Leaders Gathering Sunday 28 November, 7pm In the wake of World Youth Day, our youth and young adult leaders are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation and sharing their feedback. Featuring Fr Rob Galea and plenty of familiar faces, we're excited to dive into the conversation of how we can journey together! **Social Media Graphic Attached** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>

The Great Diocesan Christmas Quiz Sunday 5 December, 7pm Back by popular demand! After having such a blast at our first quiz night, we're back with another opportunity to win up to \$500 for your parish school or faith community. Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun! **Social Media Graphic Attached** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

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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 Follow us on Facebook too!
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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 2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz
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 Phone school office (09) 296 9039

CMF CENTRE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF LIFE AND LOVE
 Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart. A Festival on St Joseph presents a virtual talk by Fr. Donald Calloway, bestselling author of *Consecration to St Joseph*, now a global movement. This event will be held on Nov. 17 (Wed.) at 7:00 pm. All events are FREE. Visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact 0220289737/info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details.

World Day of Prayer of the Poor
 Sunday 14 November 2021 is the fifth World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of "let us love, not with words but with deeds." We are called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor." He challenges us to get to know those who may have been invisible to us and to understand and change the structural causes of the poverty in our midst.
Prayer
 God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public square as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.
 (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Nov 15th - 20th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday St Elizabeth of Hungary	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	119P	3	17	50	1Chronicles	9
1 Reading	1Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43, 54-57,62-64	2Maccabees 6:18-31	2Maccabees 7:1,20-31	1Maccabees 2:15-29	1Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59	1Maccabees 6:1-13
Gospel	Luke 18:35-43	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 19:11-28	Luke 19:41-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 20:27-40

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



Information on the Synod We are currently at the start of the 2021-2023 Synod For A Synodal Church. To find out more about this process including how to get involved head to the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> where you can read all about it and download information.

SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

Bishop Patrick Dunn, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the

Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College.

This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022.

The closing date for applications is 3 December 2021

Please contact Catherine Ryan catheriner@cda.org.nz for further information

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 OR Mrs Clare McClean clare@fli.org.nz (Co-ordinator - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support).

We pray for those who have died
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Charles Wiaght, Beverley Neal, Eleanor Yee, Kenneth Fabris, Henry Gardiner, John Van Lieshout, Elsie Smith.
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, Daphne Bankien and Christopher Bird.

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly.
 (Richard Bach American Writer)

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.

