

Advent Week 1:
We wait with hope

28th November 2021

1st Sunday Of Advent

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36.

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

If any of you want to contribute he has an account with **BNZ**:
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When I was in High School, my Seventh Form English class had to study a play written by William Shakespeare, entitled Macbeth. At the start of the play, Macbeth is a leading nobleman and brave soldier who meets three witches, who foresee him becoming King of Scotland. At his wife's urging Macbeth murders King Duncan to grab the throne for himself. No sooner is he crowned than his life spirals out of control as he commits murder to keep the throne. In a famous speech, Macbeth sums up his whole approach: "what need we fear who knows it when no one can call our power to account?" He and his wife descend into paranoia and death. Macbeth is a cautionary tale of what happens when someone seeks and abuses power for power's own sake. The pursuit of power is much more dangerous nonsense than the pursuit of truth or goodness because it affords a stronger temptation to the ego. As Shakespeare also writes: Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown!

On this Feast of Christ our universal King, the mounting drama and tension surrounding his encounter with Pontius Pilate makes the tragedy of Macbeth seem like a scrap in a schoolyard! Even though Pilate wasn't a king himself, he was well used to the trappings of earthly power. As Roman Governor of Judea, it was Pilate's job to maintain control over an outpost of empire that was small but very volatile. On first appearances, Jesus appeared to be nothing more than just another troublesome native agitator who had to be punished for defying the might of Rome. Ever the pragmatist, Pilate was intent on nipping rebellions in the bud to preserve the peace. But Pilate knew that Jesus had been brought before him on trumped up charges. "Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asks. "Yes", Jesus affirms. He is indeed a king, but completely unlike any other King or Emperor whom Pilate has ever encountered! Pilate is just a bit player in John's narrative of the Passion. Pilate has unwittingly joined John the Visionary in witnessing to the revelation of Jesus as the faithful witness, the first born from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. Because his kingdom does not belong to this world, Jesus' everlasting dominion (in fulfillment of Daniel's vision) is based not on the empty gesture of violence but on the moral force of self-sacrificial love. To the point of freeing us from sin by his own blood. For this he was born and for this he came into the world, to testify to the truth about himself. Robed in majesty according to the Psalmist's promise, Jesus' sovereignty over all the peoples of the earth raises us to share in his royal dignity. Pilate's futile power play of state-sponsored judicial murder by crucifixion will never silence him. All who are on the side of truth still listen to his voice.

In a post-Christian environment like ours where many modern Pontius Pilates do pursue power at the expense of truth, today's feast offers us some fundamental principles to live by as Christian citizens in the public square. To quote from Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes*: "While earthly progress must be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom to the extent that the former can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the Kingdom of God." In what ways are we being called to witness to Christian truth that does not depend on majority opinion? When it comes to the politics of Covid restrictions and vaccination mandates, how can we

fulfill our Gospel obligation towards the common good without compromising hard won democratic freedoms? Are we prepared to speak truth to power, to those in Government who are indifferent to if not dismissive of the vital role that faith-based institutions still play in New Zealand society? As the only King whose realm will never be destroyed, Jesus exercises his rule not through ego but through the taking the side of those who dare to pursue truth and goodness regardless of the cost. Vivat Christus Rex - long live Christ the King.

*The very air that Pilate breathes, the voice
With which he speaks in judgment, all his powers
Of perception and discrimination, choice,
Decision, all his years, his days and hours,
His consciousness of self, his every sense,
Are given by this prisoner, freely given.
The man who stands there making no defence,
Is God. His hands are tied, His heart is open.
And he bears Pilate's heart in his and feels
That crushing weight of wasted life. He lifts
It up in silent love. He lifts and heals.
He gives himself again with all his gifts
Into our hands. As Pilate turns away
A door swings open. This is judgment 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)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Universal King

Liturgy of the Word
(Year B)

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



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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.....

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: Josephus Magilsen, Morris Nash, Mary O'Sullivan, Barbara Spur, Trevor Orr, Luzminda Grundy, Franciscus Kleinsman, Vitale Lama and Alma Talbot.

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, Christopher Bird and Marcia Thorburn .

Sacramental Program is taking enrolments for 2022 for more information and enrolment forms email:



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

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.

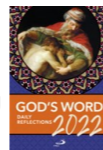
Many THANKS for the donations received so far. If you require a receipt please send to this email choochoo01@xtra.co.nz your name and address and amount & date of donation.



St Vincent de Paul shop is **OPEN**
 275 Great South Rd, Papakura
 Mon - Fri 10.00 - 3.00 Sat 10.00 - 12.00
 Incoming goods will be accepted from 22nd November onwards.
 Thank you for your support.

God's Word Daily Reflections

Monica Bryce has copies of God's Word 2022 for sale at \$25 each. If you wish to buy one please ring her on 2961139.



Columban Calendars 2022 are available for \$12.

While the church is closed, please e-mail the office on office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz or call and leave a message on the answer phone. The office is only attended on a Thursday during lockdown.

Prayer to Jesus Christ the King
Almighty, everlasting God, Who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy Mercy that all the families of nations, rent asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. Who with Thee lives and reigns world without end. Amen.



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
ENROL NOW! PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST!

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

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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of Nazareth: The Man Closest to Christ. Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact 0220289737/info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details. All events are FREE

PROLIFE FACTS Since Voice for Life began in 1970, New Zealanders' values and attitudes to abortion have markedly changed. As we know from the Road Map to Abortion Law Reform commissioned in 2010, by the Women's Health Action Trust, sympathetic journalists have played an important role in changing public opinion. Abortion used to be seen as a course resorted to only in desperate situations. Now it is seen as an absolute right and symbol of freedom. Efforts to justify abortion based on difficult cases are now rare, presumably because society does not need abortion to be justified. Whether the unborn baby is a fellow human person is considered irrelevant. The attitude is that the baby has no intrinsic value and the mother has the right and freedom to her own body integrity. A pregnant women can decide to abort her baby and not consult with, or inform the father. There is the contradiction of parents having to consent to medical procedures for their daughters who are minors, but not those procedures involving contraception and abortion. **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 Nov 22nd - 27th	Monday St Cecilia VM	Tuesday	Wednesday St Andrew Dung-Lac Priest & Comp	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	Cant Daniel 3:1-4	Cant Daniel 3:1-3	Cant Daniel 3:4-6	Cant Daniel 3:7-3:2	Cant Daniel 3:2-5	Cant Daniel 3:6-9
1 Reading	Daniel 1:6,8-20	Daniel 2:31-45	Daniel 5:1-6,13,14,16,17,23-28	Daniel 6:12-28	Daniel 7:2-14	Daniel 7:15-27
Gospel	Luke 21:1-4	Luke 21:5-11	Luke 21:12-19	Luke 21:20-28	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-36

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



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



It is with great joy and excitement that Fr Tony, the Acting Vocations Director, and I, would like to invite you to share in a prayerful celebration to conclude the Year of St Joseph.

On Monday 29th November, we will begin a Diocesan-wide Novena, live-streaming the event daily from the Cathedral via our website, Facebook and Zoom, culminating with a live-streamed Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday 8th December. We would love for you join us in this event please let us know if you will be praying with us!

For more information: www.aucklandvocations.org.nz/novena