

26th December 2021  
 The Holy Family  
 Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52.

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](http://www.sfhighschool.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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**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](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.....



# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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**Facebook –search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura**

One of the great pleasures of life post-lockdown is being able to go to the cinema again. Just recently I watched a beautiful new Kiwi film entitled Juniper. Grieving for the very recent loss of his mother, Sam has just been packed off to boarding school and is on the verge of suicide when he discovers that his English grandmother has moved in. Ruth is an ex-war photographer with a lust for life and a love of the bottle – in her case, Gin! She also swears like a trooper. Juniper is a key ingredient of Gin, hence the name of the film. Their first meeting is awkward; their second violent. Things get worse when Sam finds himself stranded alone with her and her nurse Sarah for the school holidays. Despite their initial battle of wills, they grow to love each other as they recognize their similarities. Sam is able to embrace life again and Ruth is able to die in peace. Juniper is a story of inter-generational healing. The elderly have so much wisdom to share with the young about spirituality, love, work, friendship and the meaning of life at its natural end. In turn, the young have so much to share with the elderly about a rapidly changing world. When it comes to sharing something of life's deepest realities, age differences shouldn't matter at all. No generation has a monopoly on wisdom. Across generations there is as much to learn as there is to teach. Mā te tuakana te teina e tōtika, Mā te teina te tuakana e tōtika - the older will lead the younger and the younger will lead the older.

In our Gospel, Mary's visit to Elizabeth also speaks of healing across generations. At a time when it was considered unsafe for women to travel long distances unaccompanied, young Mary's setting out in haste to visit her pregnant older cousin Elizabeth was daring to say the least. No doubt Mary would have wanted to get away for a while from gossiping neighbours and Elizabeth in turn would have been very grateful for Mary's practical assistance and moral support. Afterall, the complications of childbirth at home in those days often proved messy and fatal for both mother and child, especially if the mother was older than average! For all its warm, intimate domestic simplicity, Luke's Gospel scene is pregnant with salvation. In fulfillment of Micah's prophecy of greatness to come from the smallest of clans spreading literally to the ends of the earth, Elizabeth's affirmation of Mary as the mother of her Lord confirms the reality of the incarnation. Elizabeth's joyful recognition of Mary's giftedness marks them both out as equals, as John the Baptist dances a jig in Elizabeth's womb at the sound of Mary's voice. To bless the fruit of her own womb, Jesus. Wisdom born of age and the inspiration born of youth's endless possibilities are joined together in perfect harmony, as Mary and Elizabeth reflect on what can only be passed on by lived experience. By literally carrying the Gospel within her, Mary is the first missionary disciple, embodying what can only be described as the "sacrament of presence". The older will lead the younger and the younger will lead the older.

At this time of pandemic, God's Word in Advent is a powerful witness to the sanctity of life. The author of Hebrews presents Jesus' sacrificial death as the perfect act of obedience. By offering up his body once and for all to replace the old Mosaic covenant with the new, Jesus brings all generations together to share in the wisdom of the ages, for eternal life. In a society where abortion and euthanasia are endangering the lives of young and old alike, how can we emulate the example of Mary and Elizabeth in the defense of life? As we head into a "Red" (as opposed to a "white") Christmas, Mary's Visitation to Elizabeth invites us to rise above ourselves to reach out to reverence each other's gifts, just as Sam and Ruth did. Blessed are we who believe that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled.

Here is a meeting made of hidden joys  
 Of lightning's cloistered in a narrow place  
 From quiet hearts the sudden flame of praise  
 And in the womb the quickening kick of grace.  
 Two women on the very edge of things  
 Unnoticed and unknown to men of power  
 But in their flesh the hidden Spirit sings  
 And in their lives the buds of blessing flower.  
 And Mary stands with all we call 'too young',  
 Elizabeth with all called 'past their prime'  
 They sing today for all the great unsung  
 Women who turned eternity to time  
 Favoured of heaven, outcast on the earth  
 Prophets who bring the best in us to birth.  
 (Malcolm Guite, Hidden Joys; A Sonnet for the Visitation)



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)

Fourth Sunday Of  
 Advent  
 Liturgy of the Word  
 (Year C)  
 Micah 5:1-4;  
 Hebrews 10:5-10;  
 Luke 1:39-44



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



We pray for those who have died ....  
**Anne Simms (14/12/2021)**

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Lauvale Paulo, David Paton, Teresa Hawkins, Josephine Eeson, Emily Baardman, Daphne McEntee, John Costello, Anne Surgenor, Margaret Whitham and Eric Kozanic

**We pray for those who are sick including:**  
 Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Peg McConnell, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald, Antoinette Anton, Daphne Bankien, Christopher Bird and Marcia Thorburn .



Parish Office Annual Closure

Please remember that the Parish offices will be closed from 24th December through to the 31st January 2022, opening on Tuesday 1st February 2022.

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](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

Mass/Liturgy Of The Word Roster For The Coming Week:

**Mon 20 Liturgy:** Morning 9am **Vaccine Cert Required**  
 Evening 7pm **No Vaccine Cert Required**  
**Tues 21 Mass:** Morning 9am **Vaccine Cert Required**  
 Evening 7pm **Vaccine Cert Required**  
**Wed 22 Liturgy:** Morning 9am **No Vaccine Cert Required**  
 Evening 7pm **Vaccine Cert Required**  
**Thurs 23 Mass:** Morning 9am **Vaccine Cert Required**  
 Evening 7pm **No Vaccine Cert Required**  
**Fri 24 Mass:** Evening Church 7pm **Vaccine Cert Required**  
 Evening Hall 7pm **No Vaccine Cert Required**  
**Sat 25 Mass:** Morning Church 10am **Vac Cert Required**  
 Morning Hall 10am **No Vac Cert Required**  
**Sun 26 Mass:** Morning Church 10am **Vac Cert Required**  
 Morning Hall 10am **No Vac Cert Required**

From 27th December no bookings will be required as the office is closed.

Many THANKS for the donations received so far. If you require a receipt please send to this email [choochoo01@xtra.co.nz](mailto:choochoo01@xtra.co.nz) your name



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.

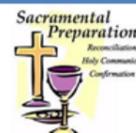
God's Word Daily Reflections

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](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz) or call and leave a message on the answer phone. The office is only attended on a Thursday during lockdown.

**Sacramental Program** is taking enrolments for **2022** for more information and enrolment forms email: [sacprog@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:sacprog@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)



**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.  
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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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 Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki  
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 2. School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)  
 Enquiries and school visits welcome  
 Phone school office (09) 296 9039



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God has a unique way of communicating with each of us. He's designed us to hear, see, feel and touch Him in a way that no one else can. We can learn about possibilities from other people's journeys .. But only by experiencing Him personally can we know Him the way He intended.

Builder/Handyman

Having lost our wonderful go to maintenance man to the brighter lights of a neighbouring village, the church is in need of a new "Mr Fixit". If you have the time and experience and would like to help, please contact Angie in the office on 2996056 or e-mail [office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)



New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Dec 20th - 25th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday The Nativity Of The Lord (Christmas)
Psalm	24	33	1Samuel	25	89	96
1 Reading	Isaiah 7:10-14	Songs 2:8-14	1Samuel 1:24-28	Malachi 3:1-4,23-24	Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25	Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-56	Luke 1:57-66	Matthew 1:1-25	Luke 2:1-14

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.

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

Interview with **Pat Lythe** on **Synods:** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/09/pat-lythe-on-muffin-talk/>



**St. Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies** has immediate and urgent needs:  
**Nappies & Stretch 'N Grows** and **Essential mother/baby items**  
 Part-time midwife  
**Mums and babies transitioning from the home need temporary help with housing, transport, food vouchers, and more.**

This Christmas please give life, hope, and joy to mothers and babies in need.

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Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School is seeking a Caretaker for 15 hours per week with responsibilities for property maintenance and repair and gardening care. Please send letters of application to our school office - [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz) Start will be late January 2022.

For further inquiries, please contact our Office Administrator - Carmel Stewart ph: 0210533628