

HOW CAN WE DEFEAT THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATION?
6th March 2022
First Sunday Of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

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 red!

 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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No doubt we're all aware of New Zealand's current Royal Commission of Enquiry into the abuse of children and adults in state and faith-based institutions. Very recently, Catholic Church authorities in New Zealand revealed to the Royal Commission that roughly one in seven diocesan clergy have been accused of abuse since 1950. Sadly, this doesn't represent the whole story. At his installation last week, our new Bishop Steve Lowe alluded to the scandal which has cast a long shadow over the Church in recent years. When it comes to abuse that has been committed by those who have been held in high esteem (such as priests) we all become victims. Even if we haven't done anything terribly wrong, it's easy to overlook the reality of evil. We can speak with eloquence, pray in public and maintain respectable appearances but our actions behind closed doors always reveal our true character. Solid character reflects itself in consistent behaviour, while poor character seeks to hide behind deceptive words and actions. To quote from the movie Spotlight that was based on clergy sex scandals that came to light in Boston 20 years ago: *Sometimes it's easy to forget that we spend most of our time stumbling around the dark. Suddenly, a light gets turned on and there's a fair share of blame to go around...*

In our Gospel, Jesus draws from his experience of carpentry to assess the true moral character of his disciples. As a group of ordinary men with very human flaws, the disciples were no different from the rest of us. They had no more insight into their own faults than we do. Why do they notice the splinter in their brothers' eyes yet remain oblivious to the two-by-four wooden beam in their own? In fulfilment of Ben Sirach's vision, Jesus is inviting them to sift through the rubbish to reveal their inner truth. Their words and deeds will be measured by the fruits they will produce, that will depend on them drawing from the store of goodness in their innermost hearts. The success of their mission will depend on displaying a spiritual fruitfulness that will bear fruit through their integrity of life, to endure to eternal life. In our second reading, Paul defines beautifully what this means. When this corruptible nature has put on incorruptibility and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, death will be swallowed up in victory. The disciples' true character will be revealed only when they have emerged victorious from life's furnace as fully formed vessels that will be fit for resurrection. Only by never giving in to sin, only by not admitting defeat in their struggles against evil, will our friends ever grow the fruits of right living. The sound fruit that grows from a life of integrity is eternal life. The bitter fruit that grows from an unsound life without integrity is hypocrisy that poisons, as the blind lead the blind to fall into the pit of living death. This is the test of our humanity (Eccl 27:8).

In a society like ours where deceptive words and actions can warp anyone's moral character, we too are being challenged to draw from the store of goodness in our own hearts. How fruitful are we in the best sense? What prevents us from seeing how our words, actions and attitudes affect others around us? How might we flourish as the just do in our psalm? That we may ripen with wisdom and experience? On the cusp of Lent, we can take great comfort from the knowledge that even the most imperfect aspects of our lives provide rich soil for our personal growth. That is, if we're prepared to embrace self-awareness instead of deliberate self-deception. Only then can we remove the specks from each other's eyes. For good or ill, the fruit we bear now will determine how our own lives will be judged, in the light of our actions. If we know that victory over sin has been given to us already through our Lord Jesus Christ, we will never have to labour in vain (1 Cor 15:58)...

Having confessed he feels
*That he should go down on his knees and pray
 For forgiveness for his pride, for having
 Dared to view his soul from the outside.
 Lie at the heart of the emotion, time
 Has its own work to do. We must not anticipate
 Or awaken for a moment. God cannot catch us
 Unless we stay in the unconscious room
 Of our hearts. We must be nothing,
 Nothing that God may make us something.
 We must not touch the immortal material
 We must not daydream to-morrow's judgement—
 God must be allowed to surprise us.
 We have sinned, sinned like Lucifer
 By this anticipation. Let us lie down again
 Deep in anonymous humility and God
 May find us worthy material for His hand.
 (Patrick Kavanagh (1904-1967), Having Confessed)*

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 7:00pm
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)

Eighth Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Word (Year C)
1Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7;
1Corinthians 15:54-58;
Luke 6:39-45



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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, 5:30pm. 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.)

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—Richard Powell



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Ivan Erceg, Cornelis Orson, Laurel McGlade, Andrew Mullins, Violet Beazley and Gordon Sprag.

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Michael Sharp, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Ben Hamilton, Christopher Bird, Marcia Thorburn and Ian Milliken.

Transport Needed to Mass on Sunday for a gentleman living in Longford Park Village. If you can help, please call Dick on **2673653**.



Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm on 2nd March 2022. (Both Masses will be livestreamed to the Ryder Room for the unvaccinated.)

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

Thank You!

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all for your support, gifts and kind words. The last nearly four years have been a great experience and I leave with a heavy heart and an unknown future. Please remember me I your prayers. Angie

What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.
T.S Elliot



Society of Vincent de Paul

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME

We would love to see you at our monthly gathering in the Ryder Room - the 3rd Tuesday of a month 5.30PM - you will be kept informed of all the Society's activities in Papakura.



Click the link to view the latest digital issue

Some headlines from this issue: Bishop Stephen Lowe installed as Bishop of Auckland. Catholic korero on Treaty of Waitangi. Vocations talk at city pub. Seminary rector climbs mountains.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3->



St Vincent de Paul Papakura Shop

URGENTLY needs volunteers.

The roster operates on half days : 10:00 - 12:30 or 12:30 - 3:00 Monday - Friday. 10.00 - 12.00 Saturday.

If you can spare a full day 10.00 - 3.00 you will be very welcome.

Please contact Rosanne 021 073 8236



St.Vincent de Paul Foodbank

A very big thank you to all the donors of large and small gifts, your donations are warmly received. Our current requirements are for tinned food. If you can assist us, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you and May God bless you all.



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.



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Learn Love Serve
Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

1. School website: www.holytrinity.school.nz

2. School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039



40 Days for Life: Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!

March 2 to April 10 – Monday to Saturday – 7am to 1pm with extended hours on Wednesdays 7am - 7pm. Be a positive, peaceful, and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be a mother's last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. The vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour prayer slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Simon Archer 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS - Thursday 3 March 22 **BOOKINGS REQUIRED** (opening 9.00am Monday 21 Feb) Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.30pm Book at www.baradene.school.nz/enrol Book your time by 3.00pm 1 March. Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close on Friday 18 March, 2022.



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

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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

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week Feb/Mar 28th - 5th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Ash Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Ember Day	Saturday
Psalm	111	98	51	1	51	86
1 Reading	1Peter 1:3-9	1Peter 1:10-16	Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Deut 30:15-20	Isaiah 58:1-9	Isaiah 58:9-14
Gospel	Mark 10:17-27	Mark 10:28-31	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	Luke 9:22-25	Matthew 9:14-15	Luke 5:27-32

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 Online Sessions:

The Holy Spirit – A Driving Force with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 28 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-holy-spirit-a-driving-force-4/>

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Prayer Hour with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Friday, 25 March, 3-4pm. ZOOM. Koha/ Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS: The Free Speech Union recorded a 50-minute podcast on 8th February with Kate Cormack, president of Voice for Life, over concerns about the Safe Areas Bill. FSU spokeswoman Ani O'Brien does not share Kate's pro-life views, but agrees with Kate that the Bill sets a "dangerous precedent". MP Louisa Wall's Bill will criminalise any protest within a 150 metre "exclusion zone" near a clinic where abortions are performed. Kate Cormack said that no clinic or hospital has complained about the presence of pro-lifers praying or peacefully protesting. If there is a public nuisance, then Police can deal with it under Section 3 of the 1993 Harassment Act. According to Kate, the Bill (which has now passed its 2nd Reading in Parliament by a majority of 108-12), is "targeted discrimination". She says: "It's hard to figure out what will land pro-lifers in trouble, because of the ambiguities in the wording of the Bill. Voice for Life is the canary in the mine." You can listen to the podcast on Voice for Life's website, or the Free Speech Union. **For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.**

