

13th February 2022  
 Sixth Sunday Of Ordinary Time  
 Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26.

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](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**  
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



# St Mary's Catholic Church

– A listening, praying, servant community –

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Has anyone noticed how much the North Island looks a lot like a giant stingray? According to Māori legend, the North Island of New Zealand is known as Te Ika a Maui – 'Maui's fish'. Maui was much admired for doing many impressive things. But he wasn't too popular with his brothers! One day they decided to leave him behind whilst they went fishing. Maui overheard them chatting, and secretly made a fishhook before hiding under the floorboards of his brothers' canoe. Once the canoe was far off-shore, Maui jumped out from under the floorboards and threw his fishhook over the side of the canoe. Suddenly, he felt the hook touch something, and it dug in fast. With the help of his brothers, Maui hauled the fish to the earth's surface. But before he could ask permission from the God of the Sea, his brothers began to carve out bits of the fish – which are the mountains, lakes, valleys, and rocky shorelines of the North Island. Even though this story isn't literally true, it contains a deeper, underlying truth as we mark this Waitangi Day. This wonderful land was gifted to us by those who were willing to leave behind the familiarity of home to launch out into the unknown for the sake of something better. In the words of the great Italian explorer Christopher Columbus: *You can never cross the ocean unless you have courage to lose sight of the shore.*

Which is something that Simon-Peter also had to learn. In our Gospel, he and his brothers have just spent the whole night fishing. Washing their nets, they have to face the very raw and humbling experience of failure. They've worked hard all night long and have caught nothing. Given that they weren't even listening to Jesus speaking to the crowds on the shores of the lake in the first place, Jesus' command to Simon-Peter and the others to put out into deep water to pay out their nets again for a catch must have seemed strange! But what Simon-Peter didn't know was that Jesus was about to transform failure into freedom. The enormous catch of fish that Simon-Peter and the others made in response to Jesus' command was overwhelming. No wonder Simon-Peter was brought to his knees! As in the calling of Isaiah, Simon-Peter embraced his new vocation to catch people instead of fish with the painful awareness of his great unworthiness. Just as Isaiah's lips were purged of impurity, Simon-Peter's fear was replaced with faith. The great responsibility that Jesus called Simon-Peter to assume would demonstrate God's power working through him, not despite of but because of his very human frailties. Simon-Peter's willingness to launch out into the deep was reflective of God's own faith in him personally. Jesus didn't call Simon-Peter because he was perfect but because he was utterly real. Great moves of God are usually preceded by simple acts of obedience. You can never cross the ocean unless you have courage to lose sight of the shore.

**Here are working men with hands that are calloused not consecrated. They are used to the burn of ropes, sweat and smells of fish, fraying nets and the squinting worry of work. This time they are the ones caught, though they try to close their eyes, like fish, they are lidless and they are seen. Somehow they are known by this stranger who smells like blood on wood. (Joseph Ross, DISCIPLES, 2013)**

As Paul's very personal witness to God's mercy in 1 Corinthians shows us, the only way for us to cross the ocean of life and faith is through being as open to conversion as Paul was! He writes that he is the least of the Apostles, that he was born at a time when no one expected it. But by God's grace that is what he is, and his work has not been fruitless. When it comes to facing our frailties, can we regard them in the same forgiving way that God does? What nets of negativity and unhelpful attitudes must we cast aside to freely follow the radical call to discipleship without reserve? Are we as willing to take the risk of engaging with "the other" in a spirit of partnership and dialogue as Jesus was with Simon-Peter? To acknowledge and heal our nation's chequered history? As we celebrate our national day to remember the Treaty that was signed at Waitangi to make us one people, Jesus' call to launch out into the deep means so much more than the mythical tale of Maui's fish. To be fishers of people now means to persevere in commitment to the Gospel we have received and in which we are firmly established. Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Let down your nets for a catch.

### 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 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)

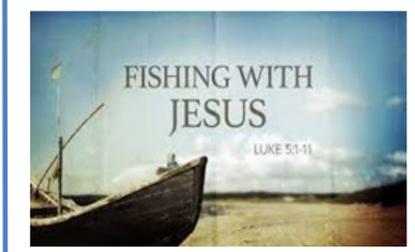
Fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year C)

Isaiah 6:1-8

1Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11



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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.....

**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 ....**

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Bernard Van Kan, Veronica Ayers, Joseph Vogrincic, Felaniko Stowers, Kerry McKenzie, Zita Hawthorn, Maureen Wallace, Angeline Lucus, Philip Talbot, Henrika Ter Huurne, Robert Paepke and Galumalemana Tilo.

**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, Christopher Bird and Marcia Thorburn



**Wednesday Mass Time Change:** From this **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** onwards, our time for **Mass on Wednesday** will be changed to **7.00pm** to cater for those who work during the day. Many thanks to you all for your flexibility, support and understanding during "Red".

**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



A big thank you to Fr Gregoire for celebrating Mass for us for the month of January while Fr James was away. We hope your stay on the North Island was a good one and that you will come back and visit us again.



**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



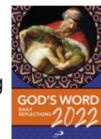
**Builder/Handyman**

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 volunteer your services, please contact Angie in the office on 2996056 or e-mail [office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)



**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.

*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](http://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](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)

2. School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)

Enquiries and school visits welcome

Phone school office (09) 296 9039



**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

**Online Sessions (Evening):**

**The Holy Spirit – A Driving Force** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 14, 21, 28 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-holy-spirit-a-driving-force-2/>

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/>

**PROLIFE FACTS** An estimated less than 20 New Zealanders have undertaken assisted suicide by 20th January 2022, made legal by the End of Life Choice Act. An Irish study published in February 2021, commissioned to assist legislators consider a bill to legalise euthanasia, found that the "Wish to Die" is most often linked to loneliness and depression. However, there were improvements in wellbeing if the person was diagnosed and received counselling. The Wish to Die (WTD) fluctuated if the (mainly older) person didn't feel so lonely. The study found that most of the people who had a WTD had an undiagnosed depression and were not receiving treatment. Very few people who request euthanasia or assisted suicide are sent for a psychiatric evaluation. Canadian psychiatrist, Dr Harvey Chochinov, author of books and articles on Dignity Therapy, emphasises that with proper care, the Wish to Die can often be replaced with a Wish to Live. **For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).**

**New to the Parish**

*Welcome*

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

Week Feb 7th - 12th	Monday St Paul Miki & Comps	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday St Scholastica	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	132	84	37	106	81	106
<b>1 Reading</b>	1Kings 8:1-7,9-13	1Kings 8:22-23,27-30	1Kings 10:1-10	1Kings 11:4-13	1Kings 11:29-32,12:19	1Kings 12:26-32:13:33-34
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 6:53-56	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	Mark 7:24-30	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:1-10

*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.



**Appeal for convent in Nazareth**

Local members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are raising funds to renovate a convent in Nazareth.

The Order was established in Auckland in 2011, with Bishop Pat Dunn as Prior. Bishop Steve Lowe is also a member. The Order's main function is to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Flyers with details of how to donate are in the foyer of the church. If you wish to make a cash donation, please place the money in a clearly marked envelope with Nazareth on it and place it in the collection tray or hand it in to the church office.

**This Year: Be structured enough for success and achievement and flexible enough for creativity and fun.**



Since we are all back at the "red" traffic light setting, we are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue. We invite you to distribute this widely, including posting it to your social media outlets. A cover graphic and 'click link graphic' are also attached to assist with this.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/91a009bd-7a0c-4a13-ab64-7297600e2e3c>