



THE MOUTH SPEAKS WHAT THE HEART IS FULL OF.
27th February 2022
Eighth Sunday Of Ordinary Time
1Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; 1Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45.

Day	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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Over the past week, the grounds of Parliament have been occupied by many people protestors demonstrating against the Government's vaccine mandates. Whilst most are simply exercising the right to protest peacefully, tensions have risen. Waves of protestors have challenged the police, have spat at media, and have hurled abuse at commuters, local workers and anyone wearing a mask. I even heard one of the protestors saying on radio that she had left her husband, just because he dared to get a job! Not since the Springbok tour has our society become so divided over a single issue. What has our country come to if we can't exchange differing points of view without demonising those we disagree with? Discussions are always better than arguments, because an argument is to find out who is right, and a discussion is to find out what is right. Sometimes, the hating has to stop.

In our Gospel, Jesus' appeal to his disciples to love their enemies leaves no room for argument whatsoever. As the last Adam, as the life-giving spirit of whom Paul writes, Jesus presents his ideal of non-violence as the only cure for a scourge even more deadly than Covid. Namely, the virus of vengeance. Given what we know of human nature at its worst throughout the history of conflict, the ideals of Jesus still seem so unattainable as to against the very grain of human nature. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly. Turn the other cheek. Lend without hope of ever being repaid. For the people of Jesus' time and place, the thought of carrying a Roman soldier's heavy pack for two miles instead of one would've had them protesting on the streets! But Jesus isn't telling his disciples to be passive doormats. Rather, he is telling them not to give in to vengeance. Even though he knew that what he was saying and doing had made him plenty of enemies already, Jesus is able to rise above the

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)

same temptation that David overcame in our first reading. By not killing Saul when Saul had already set out to bump him off as a potential rival for his throne, David prepares the way for Jesus who embodies the Gospel of non-violence in his own person, who offers us a new way of dealing with those whom we tend to demonise, a different way of responding to conflict that has the potential to break endless cycles of retaliation. Christian pacifism is not cowardice but consists of the courage needed not to resort to violence to resolve disputes between individuals and nations. Peace is the only battle worth waging.

In an increasingly divided and overcompetitive world, Jesus' call to treat others as we would like to be treated isn't just a nice idea to be acted on when we feel like it but a universal ethic which calls us to be compassionate just as the Father is compassionate. Compassion means empathy which is the ability to appreciate another's point of view, even when we disagree! How do we usually react when someone has hurt us? Could it be that the worst enemy we have is the one that lies unrecognised within ourselves? Could it be that the opposite of love isn't hatred but indifference? In an ideal world, all that would be left if we had no one left to hate would be mercy poured into our laps shaken and flowing over, measure for measure. Even as we struggle for now with the politics of Covid, where the first casualty of conflict is truth, the amount of unconditional love we bestow on others will determine the gifts that we ourselves will receive for a post-pandemic future. May peoples' pointless arguments over who is right give way to mutual understanding and dialogue for the cause of right living. The hating just has to stop...

Human beings suffer, they torture one another, they get hurt and get hard. No poem or play or song can fully right a wrong inflicted or endured.

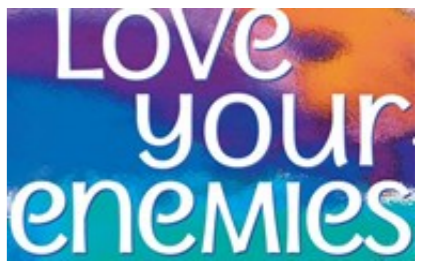
History says, Don't hope on this side of the grave. But then, once in a lifetime the longed for tidal wave of justice can rise up, and hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change on the far side of revenge. Believe that a further shore is reachable from here. Believe in miracles and cures and healing wells.

Call the miracle self-healing: The utter self-revealing double take of feeling. If there's fire on the mountain Or lightning and storm And a God speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing the out-cry and the birth-cry of new life at its term. It means once in a lifetime That justice can rise up and hope and history rhyme.
 (Seamus Heaney, *The Cure at Troy*, 1990)

Seventh Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Word (Year C)
1Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23;
1Corinthians 15:45-49;
Luke 6:27-38



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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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Parish Office: Angie Hodge Ph 299 6056
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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—Richard Powell



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Gertrude Chapman, Zorka Sumich, Ethel Butler, Anna Van Gaal and William Gibbons

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 and Marcia Thorburn

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



Wednesday Mass Time Change:

From this **Wednesday 9th 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.



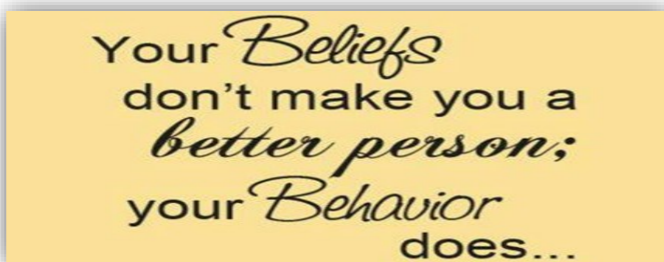
Parish Building Project Fundraising Team Contact Details

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
09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz
09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

With Gratitude: After three and a half years outstanding service as our Parish Secretary, Angela Hodge will be finishing up in the Office next week. Her last day is Friday 25th February. We give thanks for Ange's invaluable contribution to our Parish Team and wish her and her husband Ian all the very best with their future endeavours.



St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura is in search of a learning support person. A love for children is essential, along with loads of patience and kindness.



A minimum of 3 hours per day. Experience not necessary but would be an advantage. This is a fixed term position until the end of Term 2. The successful applicant will need to undergo a police vet. The position starts immediately. Please contact Anna Buckley at annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz or ring our school office on 2984450. We look forward to hearing from you.



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, 2023 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close on Friday 18 March, 2022.



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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 21st - 26th	Monday	Tuesday Chair Of Peter, Apostle	Wednesday St Polycarp	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	19B	23	49	49	103	141
1 Reading	James 3:13-18	1 Peter 5:1-4	James 4:13-17	James 5:1-6	James 5:9-12	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 9:14-29	Matthew 16:13-19	Mark 9:38-40	Mark 9:41-50	Mark 10:1-12	Mark 10:13-16

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 (Evening):

The Holy Spirit – A Driving Force with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 21 and 28 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-holy-spirit-a-driving-force-3/>

For more information and registration: 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

Donald Vincent Brebner, member of Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (now Voice for Life) from the 1980s, and Chairman of Voice for Life, Bay of Plenty, for 14 years, passed peacefully on January 19, 2022. Throughout his life, he was a mighty warrior for the less fortunate, a fierce advocate for the unborn child and the threatened elderly, and a champion of social justice for the hungry and the homeless. . Don was tireless in his defense of the unborn child, planning and organising countless Pro-Life projects - such as facilitating united interdenominational responses to local and national abortion challenges, organising pro-life petitions and the Voice for Life pro-life song-writing contests, and engaging with the media. He served the community in Habitat for Humanity, Foodbank, Te Tuinga Whanau Trust, and the Commission for the Family in each parish he lived in. In 2013, his service to the community was recognised with the Queen's Service Medal. It is no exaggeration to say that Don's pro-life work, in every sense of the word, touched thousands of lives.

For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

