



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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Imagine the scene. It's August 1969. A group of Protestants have just rioted in a street in Belfast in the north of Ireland, attacking the homes of local Catholics. 9-year-old Buddy, a Protestant, is caught in the crossfire. As time goes on, life gets more violent. Buddy's Dad comes under increasing pressure to take sides against his Catholic neighbours, which he refuses to do. Realising that they are no longer safe, the family decides to go to England. Such is the plot of Kenneth Branagh's new film *Belfast*. Loosely based on his own childhood experiences during the "Troubles", *Belfast* has been described as a sublime love letter to Branagh's hometown; dedicated to "those who stayed", "those who left" and "all those who were lost". There are some marvellous one-liners in the film that show a healthy sense of humour, like "If you can't be good, be careful!" They were "lucky" in a way. *Belfast* is a film about the ironic blessings that come out of life's tragedies. As they say in Ireland, *Dá fhada an lá tagann an tráthnóna* – after a long day, the evening comes. After a breakdown there is always a breakthrough.

Which is the essence of this weekend's Gospel. In contrast to his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' Sermon on the Plain not only includes Jesus' classic beatitudes or blessings of good news for the poor, the hungry, the grieving and the despised but also four warnings that are meant to challenge. Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh, for you will weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for you may get caught out after being more careful than honest! Preaching in a time and place where ordinary peoples' lives were just as if not more affected by violence and injustice, Jesus made very plain the great paradox that lies at the heart of the human experience. True fulfilment is measured not by success in the conventional sense but by spiritual fruitfulness that will last beyond our lifetimes. To borrow from Isaiah in our first reading: those who trust in the providence of God are like the evergreen tree that stretches out its shoots by the waterside to yield fruit in every season, whilst those with unrealistic expectations of an earthly paradise without pain will end up withered in deserts of their own making. The Beatitudes present a positive attitude for being that fulfils the Psalmist's promise of happiness for those who choose to live in hope. After a break-down always comes a break-through.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul reinforces the words of Jesus when he affirms the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, which has led us from the ultimate breakdown of death to the ultimate breakthrough of eternal life. If this were not so then we would be the most unfortunate people of all, Paul writes, for we would surely perish. Were it not for the resurrection of the dead, the Beatitudes would make no sense. The past two years of pandemic have been a lesson in living out the Beatitudes, in that we have had to die to our own agendas for the sake of the common good. Have we ever been faced with situations where we had no choice but to taste something of death before our death? Think of the warnings that Jesus has for those who are self-satisfied to the point of indifference. Are we as able, as Jesus was, to speak on a piece of level ground with all people whose experiences of avoidable violence, suffering, injustice, and abuse still need to be acknowledged and remedied? In the light of the Gospel, the most difficult experiences are gifts that can still be used for good. Blessed are those who find their life's purpose even when their world turns upside-down, for the Lord of the Beatitudes will find them right side-up! After a breakdown there is always a breakthrough...

*Blessed are the poor...
 not the penniless
 but those whose heart is free.
 Blessed are those who mourn...
 not those who whimper
 but those who raise their voices.
 Blessed are the meek...
 not the soft
 but those who are patient and
 tolerant.
 Blessed are those who hunger and
 thirst for justice...
 not those who whine
 but those who struggle.
 Blessed are the merciful...
 not those who forget
 but those who forgive.
 Blessed are the pure in heart...
 not those who act like angels
 but those whose life is transparent.
 Blessed are the peacemakers...
 not those who shun conflict
 but those who face it squarely.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted
 for justice...
 not because they suffer
 but because they love.
 (Chilean Beatitudes, 2011)*

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)

Sixth Sunday Of
 Ordinary Time
 Liturgy of the Word
 (Year C)
 Jeremiah 17:5-8;
 1Corinthians
 15:12,16-20;
 Luke 6:17,20-26

But to you who are listening I say:
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES!
 DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU.
 BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU.
 PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU.

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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, 5:30p.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

Keith Scharvi (funeral 10/2/22)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: John Coppins, Ngaire Stephens, Amelia Broderick, John Pereora, Anthony Afoa, Veronica Bayliss, Cyril Wilkie, Timothy Franks, Eleanor Kallil, Kathleen Coppins, Anna Van Gaal, Francis Pepke and Gerarda Van Lieshout

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



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

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.



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



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 .



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.

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

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



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



Some headlines for this issue: Sixteen men from Vietnam hope to be priests in NZ. Catholic abuse stats in NZ revealed. Social housing project in Christchurch. Leading Tauranga layman farewelled. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d85454b0-a062-4280-8afb-9a123f98b1d3>



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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 14th - 19th	Monday Ss Cyril & Methodius	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	119N	94	15	34	112	12
1 Reading	James 1:1-11	James 1:12-18	James 1:19-27	James 2:1-9	James 2:14-26	James 3:1-10
Gospel	Mark 8:11-13	Mark 8:14-21	Mark 8:22-26	Mark 8:27-33	Mark 8:34-39:1	Mark 9:2-13

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

How are DHBs handling abortion services since the Abortion Reform Legislation Act was passed in March 2020? In August 2020, the Ministry of Health sent out a questionnaire to all the DHBs. The responses were collated and provide an interesting snapshot into this most sensitive and controversial area. Ken Orr, director of Right to Life, used the Official Information Act to obtain the documents and their responses. In Auckland and Northland, most abortionists are approaching retirement age and there is no known succession plan for providing later-term abortions. In the Bay of Plenty and Northland, less clinical staff are "willing to be involved with termination of pregnancies procedures, for personal and religious reasons." A disturbing proposal is to require all trainee obstetricians and gynaecologists to qualify in abortion procedures.



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