



29th May 2022
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 1:1—11 Luke 24:46-53

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
Welcome/Intercessions 	Martin Lautua	James Bingwor	Maricris Amposta
Ministers of the Word 	Tanya Rowe Vincent Lautua	Olita Sua Dale Pio	Ana Silva Arnel Mantes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 		Shymalee Krone Celerina Robertson	Miriam Mantes Tea Venu
Altar Servers 	Georgina Lautua Emerziana Lautua Martin Thomas	Jeevani Krone Sheshan Krone Frankie Aita	Keela Williams Oliver Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau



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 Saturday from 10.00am-1.00pm 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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How many of us have seen Mel Gibson's film Hacksaw Ridge? Based on actual events, it tells the story of Desmond Doss. Because of his religious beliefs as a Seventh-Day Adventist, Desmond Doss refused to bear arms during World War II. Despite suffering much persecution, he was allowed to serve as a combat medic. During the battle for the Japanese island of Okinawa he saved the lives of many wounded soldiers, carrying them under heavy fire to the edge of a cliff on the coast of Okinawa that the Americans nicknamed Hacksaw Ridge. He roped them up around their waists to lower them down to safety below, each time praying to save just one more. Because of his willingness to put himself in harm's way without compromising his beliefs, he became the first ever conscientious objector to be given America's highest military award for bravery – the Congressional Medal of Honour. Non-violent forms of resistance to war and injustice have done more to change the course of history than the Vladimir Putins of this world will ever do! The pursuit of peace through non-violent means is not cowardice but one of the highest forms of bravery there is. We will never find peace and happiness until we are ready to commit ourselves to something worth dying for. Non-violence is a weapon of the strong (Mahatma Gandhi).

For Jesus, peace was the only battle worth waging. On the eve of his departure back to the Father, the peace Jesus bequeathed to the disciples was intimately connected with the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate whom the Father would send in his name to teach them and to remind them of everything he had said to them. Which points to Jesus' use of the word *Shalom*. *Shalom* (the Biblical Hebrew word for peace) is a word of greeting that is still as common in Israel today as the Maori greeting *Kia Ora* is for us. And yet it means so much more. *Shalom* conveys a sense of universal completeness, as represented in Revelation's image of the heavenly Jerusalem. It is a condition in which nothing is lacking, a state of wellbeing that belongs only to God. Jesus' gift of peace would empower the disciples to do works even greater than his. Up until now, Jesus' mission had been limited to a particular time and place by the constraints of his physical life as God's incarnate Son. His departure to the Father and the victory over the forces of darkness that it entailed would allow God's life-giving power to flow beneficially into the world without restriction. Jesus gave this explanation of his "departure" before it happened, so that when it did happen the disciples would not simply grieve over it. Instead of weakening or destroying their faith, Jesus' parting gift of peace confirmed it. Through Jesus' return to the Father, the power of love overcame the love of power. Our friends would know for themselves a peace that this world cannot give.

*You, created only a little lower than
 The angels, have crouched too long in
 The bruising darkness,
 Have lain too long
 Face down in ignorance.*

*Your mouths spelling words
 Armed for slaughter.*

*The rock cries out today, you may
 stand on me,
 But do not hide your face.*

*Across the wall of the world,
 A river sings a beautiful song,
 Come rest here by my side.*

*Each of you a bordered country,
 Delicate and strangely made proud,
 Yet thrusting perpetually under siege.*

*Your armed struggles for profit
 Have left collars of waste upon
 My shore, currents of debris upon my
 breast.*

*Yet, today I call you to my riverside,
 If you will study war no more.
 (Maya Angelou, On the Pulse of Morn-
 ing, 1993)*

As the experience of the early Church in Acts shows us, peace is not simply the absence of conflict but is the fruit of justice. We can do nothing better than to observe the essentials of Gospel living without imposing unnecessary burdens. To live by Jesus' Gospel ethic of non-violence means to draw from the strength his Spirit gives us to witness to peace and justice in our own lives. Have we realized that peace must come from within? Are we able to look beyond major cultural, religious, social, and political differences to see what makes us essentially the same? Even though the history of war is as old as that of humanity itself, the universal desire for peace is the surest sign that the Father and the Son have already made their home within us, through the Spirit's peaceful, non-violent power to transform the world from within. Even in the face of life's crises, the peace that the Risen Jesus gives protects us from the worries and fears that can literally make us sick. So, peace is the only battle worth waging, after all. *Shalom Aleichem – peace be with you...*

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy of the Word
 (Year C)

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
 Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
 John 14:23-29

Locals Supporting Locals

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Thinking about selling?

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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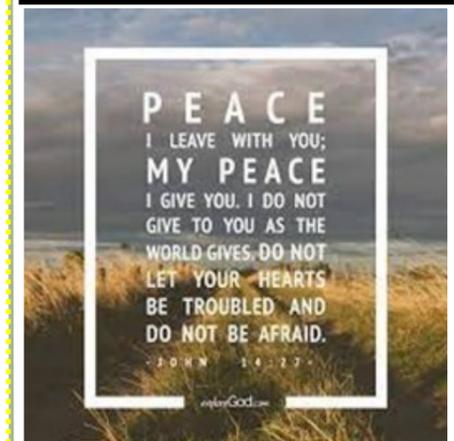
Pastoral Associate: Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)
Parish Office: Roleta Aranda Ph 299 6056
Sacramental Programme: Parish Office
Parish Office/Library: Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm **Parish Hall Hireage:** Parish Office Ph 299 6056
St Mary's Catholic School: Ph 298 4450 **Web Site:** www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz
Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School: Ph 296 9039 **Web Site:** www.holytrinity.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.....



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.)

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: 10-1pm Monday to Saturday (on a temporary basis); 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052

The Knights Of The Southern Cross—Richard Powell

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. **Please note that you can also make automatic pledge payments to the above Account Number. Your support is most appreciated!**



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

Samoan Catholic Youth Papakura

Greetings from the Samoan Catholic Youth Papakura! We have a monthly meeting held every fourth Sunday at 12:00pm in the Parish hall. If you would like to be a member of our growing youth, please contact our president for more information.

Walter Tanuvasa Lauulu - 0278000271

Many hands can work together to build God's Kingdom!

Faasilasilaga:

Talofa lava. E faasilasila atu, O le a toe Amataina nei Misisa Samoa i Papakura Aso—12 o luni 2022

Taimi—12 pm. (Aoauli)

Faaauau ai i Aso Sa Lua o Masina uma,

Vagana ua I ai se isi suiga.

Faafetai, Tuala F. Vaasili. (Peresitene)

To All "Sacramental" Parents:

As part of our Sacramental Preparation Programme for this year, you are warmly invited to attend special formation sessions led by **Fr. John Jolliffe sm**. These sessions will be very important for you and your children as you journey alongside them at this very important time in their lives. There will be two sessions each, at **12:00 noon and 1:30 pm on Sunday 22nd & Sunday 29th May**. See you there!

St Vincent de Paul Papakura Shop
URGENTLY needs volunteers.

Please contact Rosanne 021 073 8236



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



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.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week May 23rd -28th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	149	138	148	98	47	47
1 Reading	Acts 19:8-20	Acts 19:21-20:6	Acts 20:6-38	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 21:1-40	Acts 22:1-29
Gospel	John 15:26-16:4	John 16:5-11	John 16:12-15	John 16:16-20	John 16:20-23	John 16:23-28

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



NOTICES

Bishop Steve has endorsed the work of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission which is looking for some new members for our Affordability of Housing and Social Hazards Committees.

The Affordability of Housing Committee of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission advocates for everyone to have affordable, warm and dry housing particularly those in greatest need. It currently needs new members. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730

The Social Hazards Committee of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice & Peace Commission needs new members. It advocates to overcome exploitation of people, loan sharks and gambling and alcohol harm. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact : Peter Garrick Executive Secretary peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730

Joshua meeting

A warm invitation to all men to come and find out and meet Catholic men in a spirit of friendship and fellowship.

Date: Wed 25 May 7.30pm

Venue: St Josephs Centre, Takapuna

There will be a presentation on the topic: 'What will Heaven be Like?'



TO ALL PARISH GIVERS:

Tax receipts for the year 2021-2022 are ready for pick up. Kindly update your details at the office or email us at office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz. Thank you

Church Volunteers for Flower Arrangement

Anyone interested doing flower arranging. We love to have you on our monthly roster. Please contact **Sia** - 021 0472069. Flower donations are also welcome. Thank you.



We pray for those who have died

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Agnes Lepou, Margaret Isabel Reed, Sheryl Ann Dunn, Suzanne Faumuina, Matthew Thomas Gilmour, Sydney James Alexander, Akenese Pati, Florentyna Monica Tautava Iosefo, Florencio Navarro

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, William Marshal, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Ben Hamilton, Christopher Bird, Marcia Thorburn, Ian Milliken, Karen Leonard, Helen Moverley, Sue Wayne, Kumi Sei Kaloni and Margaret (Jean) Soo-Choon.

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 every **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month after the 10.30am Mass. Please note that there will be a monthly group baptismal preparation course in the **RYDER ROOM** on the **last Thursday of the month at 7.00pm**. Please contact Fr James to register and for further details on **298-5134. No paperwork - no baptism.**



Due to health and safety concerns, please note that **no parking** is permitted outside the front entrance of our church on the Wellington Street side. Many thanks for your co-operation.