

Twenty Third Week in Ordinary Time  
 Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33  
 4th September 2022

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions	Hilda Pritchard	Evan Maratass	Holy Trinity
 Ministers of the Word	Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua	Helen Le Marque James Bingwor	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Peter Foster	Shyamalee Krone Pio Ioane	Holy Trinity
 Altar Servers	Georgina Lautua Albertus-Magnus Lautua Martin Thomas	Frankie Aita Jeevani Krone Vinesse Sapolu	Keela Williams Arabella Williams Luke 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 Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm and 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](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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## Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word (Year C)

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14

28th August 2022

Max Rashbrooke is a writer based in Wellington. Last year, he published a book called *Too Much Money – How Wealth Disparities are Unbalancing Aotearoa New Zealand*. In writing the book, he interviewed a lot of people like Pete, who had this to say about his own experience of poverty in a land of plenty: "You get rich people that just look down on you like you're a nobody. They look at your appearance and the way you dress ... They can't wait to get away from you because you're not on their level." As a nation, we like to tell ourselves that everyone is equal, that everyone has the same opportunities regardless of upbringing. But that isn't the case at all. Snobbery has been defined as the craving for what separates us rather than for what unites us, to treat others as if inferior to ourselves. An arrogant person considers himself perfect. This is the chief harm of arrogance. It interferes with a person's main task in life- to become a better person (Leo Tolstoy).

In our Gospel, Jesus also confronts social inequality. Seeing the naked snobbery of his fellow guests who compete for places of honour at a dinner party hosted by an important pharisee, Jesus immediately challenges them to adopt the virtue of humility. In a biblical culture that was built on inequality, the Pharisees were very much into maintaining their own status whilst keeping lesser beings firmly in their place. The place where you were seated at a formal function was an important indicator of where you were "ranked" in the social food chain in relation to others. Anyone who was anyone wanted to be seen reclining around the main table with the host, whilst the assembled hangers-on and servants could look on but dare not speak unless spoken to. As a tradesman from an obscure rural blue-collar working-class background, Jesus knew full well that his own presence at that dinner was confronting to say the least! Echoing the praise of Ecclesiasticus for those who conduct their affairs with humility, Jesus issues a very personal invitation of his own to them to take the lower places, to save a place at their own tables for the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind and to give generously to those who won't be able to pay them back. Jesus isn't just giving practical advice on good manners. Rather, Jesus is preparing a home for the poor in fulfilment of the Psalmist's promise. As the goodness of God made flesh Jesus turns the tables on his host for us to choose humility in homage to the God in whose presence the just rejoice. The greater we are the more we should behave humbly to receive the welcome into the hospitality of God that lasts forever. Privilege and responsibility go hand in hand.

As we renew our Parish, building an atmosphere of true hospitality will be of crucial importance. Hebrews presents a vision of Christian hospitality based on radical equality; in which everyone is a "first-born son" and a citizen of heaven. Even though this is not as yet known to the senses, we can still come to the feast through building a genuine sense of community; to transform our mindset from one of mere "consumerism" to one of full, active, and conscious participation in the Eucharist that will lead to the transformation of society as we know it. What do our ways of showing hospitality say about us? The Eucharist is the sign of the whole Church, the Church's primary sacrament of unity. How can our gatherings around this table motivate us to reach out with hospitality, welcome and inclusion towards those whom society neglects? As the mediator who brings a new covenant of unity between God and humanity, Jesus is the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener in every conversation who invites us to seek him not where we will feel comfortable but where our egos will be challenged. That we may be transformed to become our better selves. If we take the lowest place as Jesus did then he in turn will move us up higher to seat us in the real places of honour at the resurrection of the righteous. For everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted...

*Give me the lowest place: not that I dare  
 Ask for that lowest place, but Thou hast died  
 That I might live and share  
 Thy glory by Thy side.*

*Give me the lowest place: or if for me  
 That lowest place too high, make one more low  
 Where I may sit and see  
 My God and love Thee so.*

(Christina Rossetti 1830-1894)

### 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 Liturgy  
 Tuesday 9:00am  
 Wednesday 6:30pm  
 Thursday 9:30am  
 Friday 9:00am  
 First Fridays of month 10.00am  
 Saturdays 8:30am Liturgy

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament  
 Fridays 9:30am - 12:00 noon  
 (10am—12noon First Friday of month)



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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.



Kelly & Darren Brady, Harveys Papakura

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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](http://www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz)  
**Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School:** Ph 296 9039 **Web Site:** [www.holytrinity.school.nz](http://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 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:** 10-1pm Monday to Saturday (on a temporary basis); 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052



### 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, Ethel Turner, Ben Hamilton, Mila Moredo, Marcie Thorburn, John Turner, Francis Morine

### We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Seamus O'Sullivan, Pauleen McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Christopher Bird, Ian Milliken, Helen Moverley, Sue Waine 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 Parish Office at **09 299-6056.** No paper-work - no baptism.



## Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Learn Love Serve  
Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini  
School website: [www.holytrinity.school.nz](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)  
School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)  
Contact us at 296 9039  
Enquiries and school visits welcome

### 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** – [dandict@gmail.com](mailto:dandict@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



### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAOKURA

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 IGNATIUS of LOYOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Burt Road, Drury

**"To educate the young is to transform the world"**

*Jesuit education pioneer*

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College will provide a Catholic education in the spirit of St Ignatius and the tradition of Jesuit education. Bishop Steve Lowe, Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland is the Proprietor of the college.

The new Diocesan college will open Term 1, 2024 with 340 Year 7 to 9 students. The roll will grow to 900 Year 7 to 13 students by 2030. Through its enrolment scheme priority will be given to preference students from St Joseph's Catholic School Pukekohe, St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura and Holy Trinity Catholic School, Takanini.

Earthworks have been completed and the design is now also closed out. You can take a look at the first stage of the College using this flythrough:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbvT1h3VdIU>

Artists impression of what the school may look like



### St Mary's Youth Group

'You are the Church of today'

"Everyone is welcome to the smyfs family"

When: Friday evenings every fortnight 7:00pm- 8:30pm

Where: Church hall

Who: Ages 10 and over

Term 3 dates:

5 August 2 September

19 August 16 September

30 September

Parent contact: **Tracey Luamanu**

Phone Number: 027 388 1556

Youth leader contact: **Tahnee TePuia-Afoa**

Phone number: 021 084 4848



### St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura

Greetings parishioners and friends of St Mary's Catholic School. Our senior school camp is planned for 15-18 November at Chosen Valley Camp, providing an amazing range of opportunities for our children to grow and gain confidence through the camp experience. For some of our families, this cost can be quite challenging, given the present economic difficulties presented by COVID-19.

If you would like to support a child at our school with camp costs, please contact the school on 09 2984450 to discuss further. Our school bank details are as follows :

Bank : ASB  
Account Number : 12-3031-0725198-01  
Account Name : St Mary's Catholic School Papakura  
Ref : Camp Donation

### Mata kaupapa Mihana — The Diocesan Mission Map

As part of the Diocesan plan to be a missionary Church, St Mary's Papakura invites you to refresh your faith and life's meaning. The Alpha team invites you to come along and see, with no obligation to continue if it is not for you.....

ALPHA is an opportunity to deepen our Christian faith and relationship with God in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is free and each session begins with a meal, followed by a short interesting DVD, then open discussion and sharing.

For more information or to register phone Benita 0211549563; or email [alpha@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:alpha@stmaryspapakura.co.nz) OR scan the QR code inside Church doors for a registration form.

### New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week 5th-10th September	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	5	149	45B	13	84	116B
1 Reading	1 Corinthians 5:1-8	1 Corinthians 6:1-11	1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Micah 5:1-4	1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-27	1 Cor. 10:14-22
Gospel	Luke 6:6-11	Luke 6:12-19	Luke 6:20-26	Mathew 1:1-16, 18-23	Luke 6:39-42	Luke 6:43-49



**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.

**Planned Giving**—If you wish to receive a 33% tax deduction for your donation, please join our Planned Giving Scheme.

For further details please call Parish Office at **09 299 6056**

**Hall Hireage** — Parish hall is available for bookings for all occasions.

Please check availability at Parish Office or email us at [office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)

### Komunio Tonga Sangata Malia Papakura

'Oku fakahoko 'a e ako hiva teuteu ki he Misa 'a e Palokia he falaite kotoa taimi 7pm 'i he Ryder Room. Fakaafe'i atu ha taha pe 'e fie kau mai ki ai. Fakaikiiki kataki fetu'utaki ki he **021 0683145.**

### 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 Laulu - 0278000271**



27th & 28th Aug



### St. Vincent de Paul—

Food parcel items that would be greatly appreciated are: Breakfast foods, sugar, tea, soup in tins and flour.

### St Vincent de Paul Papakura Shop

**URGENTLY** needs volunteers. Please contact Rosanne 021 073 8236



**The St Vincent de Paul Papakura Shop** is requesting for a donations, furniture, clothing, bric a brac and anything suitable for **Father's Day— Sunday 4th September.** We also need supermarkets brown bags. Please contact shop manager Catherine Matthews on 296-5052.

To Fr. James & to the members of my parish family.

My heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers and love, support and understanding during a difficult time when my beloved daughter Marcie Thorburn passed away. Also for all the flowers, letters & cards, thankyou. May God bless you all.—**Jean Keown**