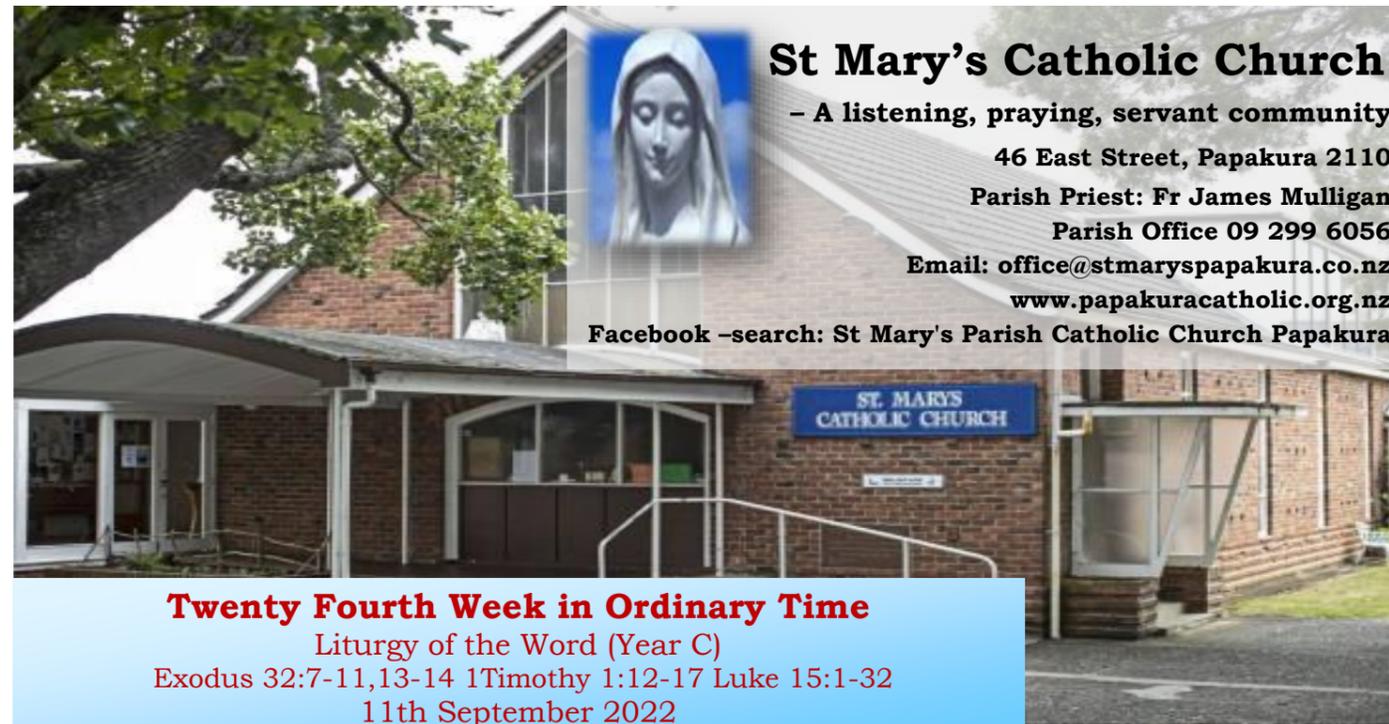


Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
18th September 2022

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
 Welcome/Intercessions Hilda Pritchard	Hilda Pritchard	James Bingwor	Tevita Koloamatangi
 Ministers of the Word Siatua Gabriel Theodora Ah Wong	Siatua Gabriel Theodora Ah Wong	Olita Sua Timy Mario	Juvina Auva'a Ofu Schmidt
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Peter Foster	Peter Foster	Shyamalee Krone	Tea Sharp John Frank
 Altar Servers Frankie Aita Emerziana Lautua Albertus-Magnus Lautua	Frankie Aita Emerziana Lautua Albertus-Magnus Lautua	Vinesse Sapolu Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone	Oliver Kiutau (cross) Skyler Fonseca Finn Butler



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- A listening, praying, servant community
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Twenty Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Word (Year C)
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32
11th September 2022



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



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

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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.....

How many of us have ever heard of or seen a Takahe? For a long time the flightless bird was thought to be extinct. But one person had other ideas! As a small boy Dr Geoffrey Orbell was shown a picture of a Takahe by his mother, which inspired a life-long interest in studying birds. In 1948, Orbell was in Fiordland on a hunting trip. Armed with a hand-held movie camera, he filmed a live Takahe in the bush! The re-discovery of the Takahe made headlines around the world. Even though the Takahe is still on our list of endangered species, its population is growing. Creatures like the Takahe have an inherent value simply by virtue of their existence. To lose even one species makes us all the poorer. As Pope Francis writes in his great letter on caring for the earth as our common home, *Laudato Si*: "Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus' parables of losing and finding present the loving caress of God's mercy. Jesus used such stories to explain why he mixed freely with those who really were an endangered species; namely, tax collectors and other public sinners whose lifestyles prevented them from being part of Israel's worshipping community. The fact that Jesus even ate with such people left the scribes and pharisees in a tizz! From a modern perspective, these parables defy logic. Why would a shepherd go to such lengths to recover just one sheep? Why would a housewife throw a party for the sake of just one coin? Far from rewarding bad behaviour or excusing immorality, Jesus gently confronted the sinners of his day with the truth in love, helping them to find and realise their potential for goodness. As the human face of God who relents from punishing Israel at the sound of Moses' appeal for mercy, as the inexhaustible patience of God made visible, Jesus makes possible what Paul celebrates in 1 Timothy. Here is a saying that we can rely on, and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. As in Israel's journey from slavery to freedom, Jesus' parables of losing and finding are a defence and justification for celebrating the hospitality of God. To arise and go to our father is to realize what the Psalmist anticipates: that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over all who have no need of repentance. Contrary to the negative, false meanings that secular culture attaches to it, repentance is a sign of positive change; a matter of knowing the God of lost and found.

But can we even admit to being lost? As people of faith, it's easy for us to be judgemental, to live in denial of being lost in the first place. Just as Paul was judged worthy to be appointed to God's service despite past mistakes committed in ignorance we have been entrusted with so much, despite ourselves. Many of us have family and loved ones missing from the Church, whose experiences of the Church haven't been positive. In the wake of Covid, how can we build a non-judgemental, safe, and inclusive community where all are welcome? Are our images of God and understanding of Church teaching based on a fear as false as the golden calf or on a love that heals and reconciles? As we remember the events of 9/11 21 years on, how can we find our way back to ourselves? To be at home within our own skins and with each other? With the earth and our fellow creatures? In the light of the Gospel, the things we lose have a way of coming back to us in the end, if not always in the way we expect! No individual is surplus to requirements. No one gets left behind. In the losing and in the finding, everything is a caress of God. Just take a lesson from the Takahe...

*Stand still. The trees ahead and bushes beside you
Are not lost. Wherever you are is called Here,
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission to know it and be known.
The forest breathes. Listen. It answers, I have made this place around you.
If you leave it, you may come back again, saying Here.
No two trees are the same to Raven.
No two branches are the same to Wren.
If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still. The forest knows
Where you are. You must let it find you.*
(David Wagoner, *Lost*, 1999)

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 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)



Planned Giving — Please join our Planned Giving Scheme and receive a 33% tax deduction for your donation.
If you would like a copy of your 2022 tax receipt. Please call or email Parish Office.

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



We pray for those who have died

Florentyna Monica Tautava Iosefo, Florencio Navarro, Ben Hamilton, Mila Moredo, Marcie Thorburn, Francis Morine, Aleksander Goryl

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Peter John Hunter, Freda Holmes, Margaret (Peggy) Mullane, Wilhelmus (Wim) van Gaal, Clifton Willoughby Bingham, Josephine Frances Payne, Helen (Nel) Pippin, Richard James O'Brien, Maree Patricia Pohio, Anna Maria Hulsbosch, Manutagi Toleafoa,

We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, Elizabeth Schuber, 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.

NO PARKING 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.

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

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

09 268 1884 or 027 489 4404

Vince O'Loughlin – 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

Follow us on Facebook too!

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Burt Road, Drury

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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>



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Learn Love Serve

Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

School website: www.holytrinity.school.nz

School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Contact us at 296 9039

Enquiries and school visits welcome

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

Retirement Village Mass—Fr James will be celebrating Mass for the residents at Summerset Karaka (49 Pararekau, Karaka), on Tuesday 13th September at 10.30am. Please note that there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion in our church at 9.00am that day.

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

Please support our Parish Fundraising!!



Every last Sat/Sun of the month. After all Masses

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. Starts on **9th October** in the **Ryder rm at 12noon.**

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

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 Lulu - 0278000271

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week 19th-24th September	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	15 p.24	119 Ap.130	19A p.28	90 p.96	144 p152	90 p96
1 Reading	Proverbs 3:27-34	Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13	Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13	Eccles 1:2-11	Eccles 3:1-11	Ecclesiasticus 11:9-12:8
Gospel	Luke 8:16-18	Luke 8:19-21	Matthew 9:9-13	Luke 9:7-9	Luke 9:18-22	Luke 16:19-31



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.

Parish Site Development Project Fundraising Meeting – 12th September 2022

You are invited to attend a meeting at 7pm on Monday 12th September, in the Ryder Room. We will discuss the continuation of our capital campaign, and options for fundraising in support of our site development project. Please come along with fundraising ideas and a willingness to get involved to help make our site development project a reality.



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



Congratulations and Welcome: This week we celebrated the baptism of several children from St Mary's Catholic School in Papakura. We welcome Madison McDonald, Bella Lee, Katrina Tora, Pippa West, Evie West, Giarn-Ruby Lee, Jayelah-Mei Lee, Ashton Balu and Kaden Balu. Our heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes go to them and their families as they step forward in faith.



Plan your weekend around this. **THE WITNESS. 30th September 7:00pm, 1st October 7:00pm, 2nd October 3:30pm.** This is a spectacular musical which you simply must see. Plan to bring the family. It will delight you and leave you smiling.