


**First Sunday of Advent**  
 1. Isaiah 2:1-5 2. Romans 13:11-14 Mathew 24:37-44  
 27th November 2022

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Apaula Lautua	Leni Erlano	Rosaline Petelo
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Tanya Rowe Martin Lautau	Helen Le Marque James Bingwor	Tevita Koloamatangi Sela Kaloni
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Letisia Koloamatangi	Fuli Vaasili Tea Venu Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Aries Ortiz	Anna Cullen Celerina Robertson John Franks Mirriam Mantes Lucy / Nelson De Jesus Marietta Vaotuaa
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Emerziana Lautau Albertus-Magnus Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Patelesio Kiutau (cross) Skyler Fonseca Nitya Roshin

 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 275 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**  
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**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.....Tel no.....Email Add .....



## St Mary's Catholic Church

- A listening, praying, servant community

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**CHRIST THE KING**  
 Liturgy of the Word (Year C)  
 2Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:35-43  
 20th November 2022

Three years ago, Queen Elizabeth II did a very rare thing. She pardoned a convicted murderer. In November 2019, Steven Gallant was out of prison on day release to attend a prisoner rehabilitation conference in London when he was among a group of people who banded together to foil a terrorist attack. Gallant confronted the terrorist, chasing and tackling him to the ground before Police arrived. Imprisoned since 2005, Gallant had managed to turn his life around with the help of a good friend who was tragically killed in the attack. Because Gallant's exceptionally brave actions helped prevent further lives being lost despite the tremendous risk to his own, the Queen acted on the advice of officials to grant him his freedom. The Queen tempered justice with mercy to recognise that people like Gallant can change if given a chance to redeem themselves and their pasts. "The quality of mercy is not strain'd... 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes The throned monarch better than his crown (William Shakespeare, "Merchant of Venice")."

On this Feast of Christ the King, Jesus' encounter with a repentant criminal at the point of death testifies to his own royal power to pardon. In contrast to his partner in crime, the good thief is not a contradiction in himself but has been given a privileged insight into Jesus' true identity. Appearing under the cover of apparent powerlessness, Jesus' exercise of power is completely counter intuitive. Ironically labelled King of the Jews by the Romans who are executing him on trumped up charges, as an alleged terrorist rebelling against the might of Rome, Jesus now reigns from the Cross as King of all creation. The good thief's way of addressing Jesus by name is stunning in its intimacy. His appeal to Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom isn't simply an appeal for mercy addressed to a superior but a spontaneous show of discipleship. Jesus' promise of paradise in response to our friend's profound act of faith carries within it the promise of resurrection, transforming their relationship from being that of ruler and subject to one of radical equality and friendship. As in the anointing of his ancestor David, Jesus' kingship is founded not on using royal authority to save himself as others would expect, but on being of the same flesh and blood. As one just like ourselves. Even as death approaches Jesus completes a final act of liberation, connecting his ministry first declared in Nazareth to the good news for this poor one hanging in solidarity at his side. A captive is released. An oppressed one goes free. Jesus' emphatic use of "today" – "today you will be in paradise" - points to now and links this with moments of salvation and revelation described throughout Luke. Mercy becomes the throned monarch better than his (or her) crown.

In times of rapid change, today's Feast gives us a much-needed sense of continuity and reassurance. As Paul writes in Colossians, Christ is the image of the unseen God who has already taken us out of the power of darkness. To transfer us into a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Like the good thief we are invited to discover the reign of God among us, where real leadership is based not on self-serving pretensions to power at the expense of others' dignity but on service, to the point of self-sacrifice, to make visible Christ's hope, love, and mercy in this world as it is. As we come to the close of another year, how close have we come to making the reign of God a reality? How can we become a humbler, more open church that is open to all without compromising our faith in Christ in whom everything holds together? Just as he met the good thief to help him "steal" heaven's victory of paradise from the jaws of earth's defeat in death, Christ our King will meet us as his equals to remember us, at the end of our lives. He will reward our loyalty to his rule with pardon when he comes to claim the whole universe for himself. To reconcile everything in heaven, and everything on earth...

*Look at the power,  
The power of gentleness;*

*The strength of the strong man  
Who weeps at the death of a friend  
And cares not that others might see*

*The compelling power  
Of the helpless child in trouble,*

*The strong magnetic power  
Of the simple words, "I need you."*

*In all these and more  
In earthly terms are written  
Small images of the gentle power  
Shown by the Son of Man,  
Lifted high upon a cross  
To spend his strength,  
Gently,  
Powerfully,  
That you and I might live  
Eternally.  
(Andrew Daughters, Christ the King, 1988)*

**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  
 ADORATION—Saturday after 5:00pm  
 mass led by Alpha

**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)



**"God's word 2023"**

\$20.00 each or \$25.00 after Christmas.  
 If you want a copy please call Parish Office at 09 2996056  
 Thank you.

## 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 6:15pm, 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:** Food parcels please phone for an appointment. Mob: 021 026 71430

**St Vincent de Paul Shop:** Mon—Fri 10:00-3:00pm Sat 10:00-1:00pm 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052



### We pray for those who have died ....

Florentyna Monica Tautava Iosefo, Ben Hamilton, Milla Moredo, Marcie Thorburn, Francis Morine, Aleksander Goryl, Patricia Anne Burke, Seamus O'Sullivan, Douglas Smith, Janice Moran

### And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Mary Bell 2013, Veronica McKinsty 2012, Johanna Browne 2008, Martin O'Brien 2011, Elaine Tessa Nikolao 2016, Leydon James Papps 2006, Sandra Ann Lynch 2006, Marie (Pat) Eckhoff 2016, Charles Benedict Waith 2020, Catherine Mary Fay 2000, Mafatua Pune 2010, Beverley Leslie Leila Neal 2020, Mary Verona Nash 2015, Bill van den Bogaart 2018, Eleanor Yee 2018, Kenneth Fabris 2009, Henry O'Brien Gardiner 2001, John van Lieshout 2016, Elsie Smith 2018, Josephus Magilsen 2000, Morris Nash 2011, Mary Patricia (Pat) O'Sullivan 2017, Barbara Margaret Spuur 2018, Tunu Lemisio Lepou 2021, Trevor Harold Orr 2006, Luzminda Reyes-Grundy 2017, Paea 'I La'ie Hafoka 2020, Franciscus (Hank) Kleinsman 2014, Vitale Faleniko Lama 2007, Alma Dawn Talbot 2015

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

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Pauleen McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Christopher Bird, Ian Milliken, Helen Moverley, Sue Waine and Margaret (Jean) Soo-Choon, Lorraine Duley, Teresita Carezo, Colleen Foster, Helena Inoke Tatafu

### 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 by appointment. 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.

### 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, PAPA KURA

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>



### 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

### 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 4 dates:**

28 October 25 November  
11 November 9 December

Parent contact: **Tracey Luamanu**

Phone Number: 027 388 1556

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

Phone number: 021 084 4848

### Planned Giving

Please join our Planned Giving Scheme and receive a 33% tax deduction for your donation.

### 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)



**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.

### The St Mary's School Gala is Back!

We will relaunch our annual community gala as a MINIGala on **20 November 2022** at St Mary's School, Papakura from 10am to 2pm. Bring your family and friends along to enjoy some great shopping, family fun and lots of great food.

All welcome.

St Mary's School PTFA is raffling an amazing Playhouse. A great Christmas present for some lucky kids. Check out pictures on our school Facebook page.

Get your tickets now to be in to win!

Tickets are \$5 each and available from the school office or via bank transfer. Thank you to all who have supported our Playhouse Raffle so far. The winner will be drawn at our MINIGala on 20 November

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### New to the Parish

*Welcome*

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

Week 21st—26th Nov.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	24 p.32	96 p.105	98 p.107	100 p.109	84 p.88	95 p.104
<b>1 Reading</b>	Apocalypse 14:1-5	Apocalypse 14:14-19	Apocalypse 15:1-4	Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9	Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2	Apocalypse 22:1-7
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 21:1-4	Luke 21:5-11	Luke 21:12-19	Luke 21:20-28	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-36



### St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree.

You are invited to take a gift tag (or two) from the Christmas tree in the church and buy a gift for the child indicated on the tag. No clothing please as sizes vary within any age group. Please return your gifts (unwrapped and tag attached) by Sunday

November 27th at the latest. If you prefer to give a donation instead towards gifts/hampers, the St Vincent de Paul bank account number is 12-3031-0679646-00 Reference Christmas. Thank you for your support.

### Eucharistic Ministers Seminar

on Tuesday **22nd November** at 7pm. Inside the Church.

For more details phone Benita or email [pastoral@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:pastoral@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)

All are welcome!

### Please support our Parish Fundraising (last baking sale for this year)



**On 26th & 27th November**  
After all masses  
Please bring cash



**INVITES YOU TO COME AND SHARE A BBQ DINNER ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 @ 6.00PM @ CROSSROADS METHODIST CHURCH 25 BROADWAY PAPA KURA**

### 2023 Calendar

for \$17.00 each. Please call parish office.



### SOCIAL NIGHT!

(26 November, Parish Hall at 7pm)

Social Night host by our Tongan Community. Entrée \$10 Donation and Supper available at \$10

Come along and Support please.

### St Mary's Parish Children's Liturgy Leaders needed -

Come and join our wonderful team of Children's Liturgy Leaders! If you have wanted to be more involved in our parish but weren't sure how then this is the opportunity for you. Resources and support are provided as well as a great opportunity to bring the Word of God to our children at their level. Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass during term time. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please email Anna Buckley [annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz](mailto:annab@stmaryspapakura.school.nz) we would love to have you join our roster for 2023.

### 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 Shop Papakura

This is a continued call for volunteers. Please contact **Rosanne 021 073 8236**

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration



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. Changes have been made on East street parking please observe. Many thanks for your co-operation.