


**Fourth Week of Advent**  
 1. Isaiah 7:10-14 2. Romans 1:1-7 Mathew 1:18-25  
 18th December 2022

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Theodora Ah Wong	Moevao Hugo Feagaiga	Vincet Lautua
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Mavicle Auva'a Siatua Gabriel	Helen Le Marque James Bingwor	Margaret Soo Choon Jane Castrillo
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Atelina Hunt Anthony Thomas Peter Foster Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga	Filimoni Feagaiga James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz	Gerard Witbooi Tea Sharp Tea Venu Falaniko Malaki Tahnee Tepuia Afoa Elizabeth Tugaga
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Fomai Sapolu Frankie Aita Martin Thomas	Vinesse Sapolu Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone	Oliver Kiutau (cross) Kiean Platon John Paul Feagaiga

 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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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)  
 1. Isaiah 35:1-6,10 2. James 5:7-10 Mathew 11:2-11  
 11th December 2022

**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)

In August this year, All Blacks Head Coach Ian Foster was in danger of getting sacked. After losing a three match test series to Ireland at home and being beaten by the Springboks, serious questions were asked about his future. Fortunately, he has since been given the chance to redeem himself. He has been backed by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union to carry on in his role - that is, until the men's Rugby World Cup next year. Which witnesses to the virtue of patience. Just as in sport, life won't always work out as well as we would like it to. There is always a tension between our own and others' expectations on one hand and the reality of our human limitations! Only with patience can we draw the lessons that we need to win in the end. The truest test of character is our response to life's problems, disappointments, and challenges. Without suffering, we wouldn't know joy. As it says in a line from Sir Henry Newbolt's poem "Invictus": *To set the cause above renown/to love the game beyond the prize/and what you are the race shall be...*

In our Gospel for this Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist also has to learn about patience. Instead of being the great religious and military leader who would boot out the occupying Romans to restore Israel's fortunes, Jesus wants to play at being a country doctor if you please! Looking out from the bars of his death-row prison cell, it seems his expectations of Jesus have come to nothing. Is Jesus the one or must John look for someone else? Jesus is indeed Israel's promised messiah, but not in the way John has been led to expect! By opening the eyes of the blind, unsealing the ears of the deaf, cleansing lepers, raising the dead and proclaiming good news to the poor Jesus not only fulfils Isaiah's vision of a restored Israel but also restores humanity itself. Through John's disciples, Jesus bestows upon John an ironic blessing reserved for those who won't lose faith in him. What have they come out into the wilderness to see? They have come not to see a reed swaying in the breeze as the playing of competing opinions or the trappings of false pomp and circumstance, but something that John will never live to see realised, something so much greater than the sum of John's limited imaginings, wants and desires. For all his greatness as the forerunner of the Messiah John belongs to the past, for the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he is. Jesus is the way to the future. Those who are not scandalised by what Jesus does to defy all expectations are blessed, in that they show that God's grace is already at work in their hearts preparing them for life in the Kingdom. In the light of the Gospel, patience is its own reward.

So how patient are we? For so many of us in the lead up to Christmas with a probable economic recession in sight, the tension between expectation and reality has never been greater. As in the case of John the Baptist's initial pain and disappointment over Jesus, loss of perspective can make us impatient to the extent of complaining against others, to the extent of becoming blind and deaf to anyone else's suffering apart from our own. Anxiety, fears for the future, everyday frustrations and disappointments can test our patience to rob us of our joy altogether, causing us to doubt God's love and to doubt ourselves as though our personal ills will never be healed. Nevertheless, we still have cause for joy. Like the harvest that James speaks of in our second reading the ultimate outcome of Jesus' mission will come slowly but surely, in the silence of growth that too often goes unseen. As the Lord of Advent who sets prisoners free to fulfil the Psalmist's song of joy, Jesus frees us from prisons of our own making. He is the just judge who is already to be seen waiting at the gates of history. All he asks of us is that we embrace the present moment to be surprised by unexpected joy. He is the one, after all. We need not look for another. Unlike the Ian Fosters of this world, the Jesus of Advent is the only head coach we'll ever need who will reward our patience by guiding us to victory in the test match we call life. To set the cause above renown/to love the game beyond the prize/and what we are the race shall be...

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.

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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.....Tel no.....Email Add .....

*Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake (Victor Hugo 1802-1885)*



## 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, Mila 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:

David Bruce Pullan, Catherine Schuller, Michelle Toxopeus, Trevor Norman Davis, Lesley Frances Peace, Ignatius Giborees, Winifred Pollard, John Joyce, Megan Jefferies, Angela Alcano Adsett, Charles Alfred Sims, Kevin James Ross, John Blinkhorn, Ann Simms, Florence Loomans, Ngaire Elizabeth Ross, Nora Gertrude Prince, Maria Johanna Hall, Harold Thomas Downs, Willebrordus (Kees) Borsboom, Lauvale Eneliko Lui Paulo, David Ian Paton, Teresa Hawkins, Josephine Mabel Eeson, Emily Alicia Baardman, Daphne Josephine McEntee, John Bernard Costello, Anne Surgenor, Margaret Elsie Whitham, Eric Andrew Kozanic, Helen Rosemay Kidd, Anne Barron, Mary Benton, Vida Joan Hareb, Herman Joseph Kroef, Helen Martha O'Connor

### 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, Neil Stewart

### 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, 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>



### 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



**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.

**St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College**  
An Ignatian education in Southern Auckland

**ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024 YEAR 7, 8 & 9**  
Visit [www.saintignatius.school.nz](http://www.saintignatius.school.nz)

**Retirement Village Mass—Fr James will be celebrating Mass for the residents at Longford Park Village (1 Longford Park Drive, Takanini, on Tuesday 13th December 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 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.

### New to the Parish

*Welcome*

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

### 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)

Please join us with our **Christmas NOVENA**  
**15<sup>th</sup> — 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at 7:00pm except 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6:30pm**

**R.C.I.A. Do you BELIEVE? belong**

**ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO BELONG? ST MARY'S PAPAOKURA CATHOLIC CHURCH YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER? ARE YOU BAPTIZED CATHOLIC & LOOKING FOR MORE?**

**SACRAMENTAL RITES OF INITIATION FIRST EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION DO YOU DESIRE TO DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE FAITH OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH? WHERE DO YOU BEGIN? ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST MARY'S FAITH FAMILY BECOMING CATHOLIC BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY WITH US CONNECT WITH US [office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)**

**Parish Safeguarding Training**  
on **26th February 2023** after 10:30 am mass.  
All Volunteers must attend.

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration

Calling **volunteers** to help with our Christmas Masses **24<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm and 11pm and Christmas day 25<sup>th</sup> December 9am.**

If you are able to help with the following - **first aider, car park warden, ushers** please contact office.

**Daily Mass Calendars for \$3 and 2023 Columban Art Calendars for \$17** available from the office

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Food parcel items that would be greatly appreciated are: Canned Mackerel / fruit, Milk Powder, Biscuits, Peanut Butter, Jams and Toiletries

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

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

Week 12th —17th Dec.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Psalm</b>	25 p.34	34 p.44	85 p.90	30 p.39	67 p.74	72 p.79
<b>1 Reading</b>	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13	Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-26	Isaiah 54:1-10	Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8	Genesis 49:2,8-10
<b>Gospel</b>	Mathew 21:23-27	Mathew 21:28-32	Luke 7:19-23	Luke 7:24-30	John 5:33-36	Mathew 1:1-17