

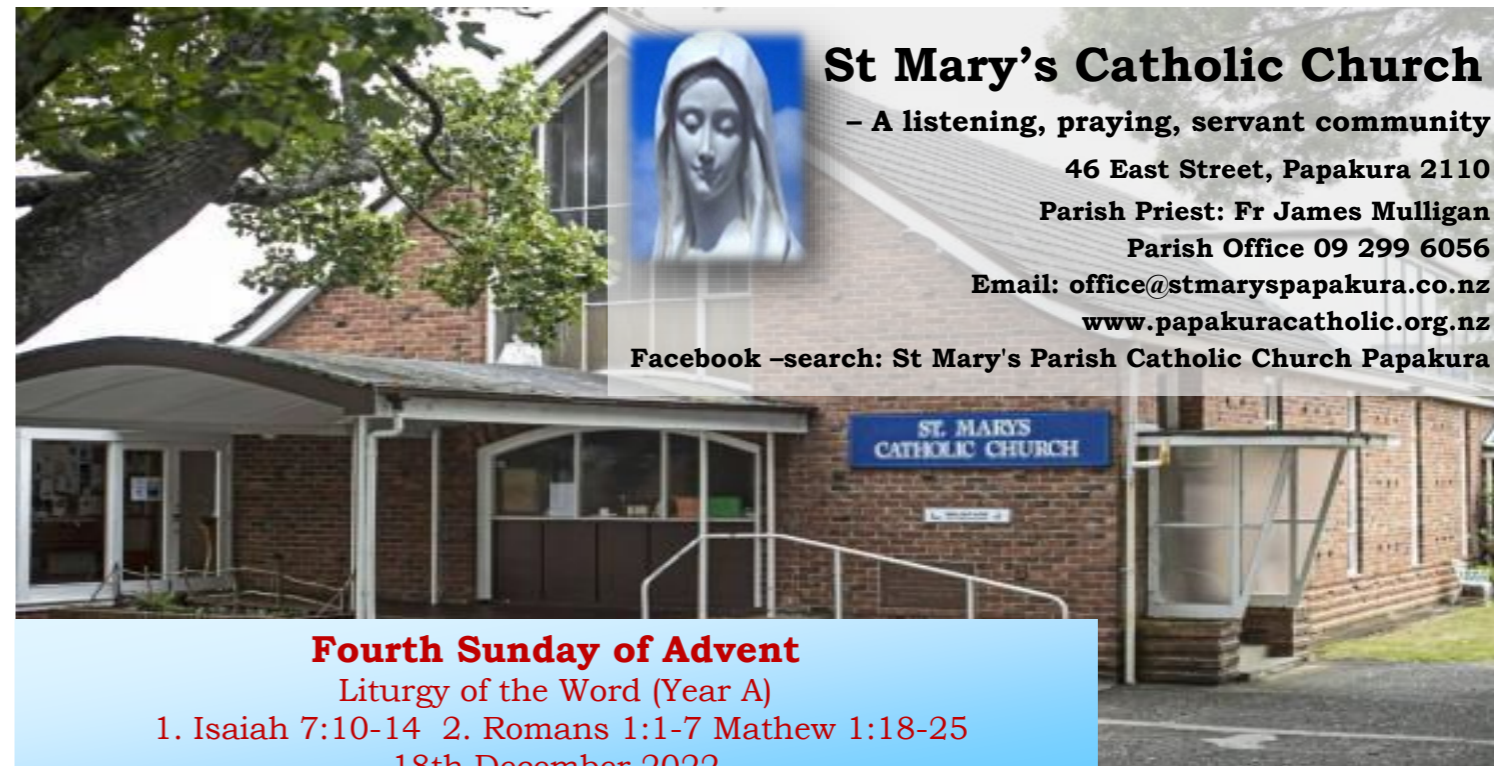
Christmas
1. Isaiah 52:7-10 2. Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
25th December 2022

Sunday	24th December Saturday 7pm	24th December Saturday 11pm	25th December Sunday 9am
 Welcome/Intercessions	Barbrianna Soo Choon	Tevita Koloamatangi	Violet Aita
 Ministers of the Word	Mavicle Auva'a Rosaline Petelo	Joy Treasurer Timy Mario Juvina Auva'a Normita Tolentino Arnel Mantes Ofu Schmitz	Jennifer Fyn Helen Le Marque
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Peter Foster Atelina Hunt John Franks Raquel Sanga Gerard Witbooi Celerina Robertson	Letisia Koloamatangi Tea Venu Filimoni Feagagai Falaniko Malaki Miriam Mantes Tea Sharp Anna Cullen	Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Vincent Ortiz Marietta Vaotuuu Jane Castrillo
 Altar Servers	Oliver Kiutau (Cross) Luke Kiutau Patelesio Kiutau	Fomai Sapolu (Cross) Skyler Fonseca Frankie Aita Sheshan Krone (Thurible Holder) Jeevani Krone (Boat)	Frankie Aita (cross) John Paul Feagaiga Nitya Roshin Fomai Sapolu (Thurible Holder) Vinesse Sapolu (Boat)

 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.

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

St Vincent de Paul Shop Papakura
This is a continued call for volunteers. Please contact **Rosanne 021 073 8236**



St Mary's Catholic Church
- A listening, praying, servant community
46 East Street, Papakura 2110
Parish Priest: Fr James Mulligan
Parish Office 09 299 6056
Email: office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz
www.papakuracatholic.org.nz
Facebook -search: St Mary's Parish Catholic Church Papakura

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Liturgy of the Word (Year A)
1. Isaiah 7:10-14 2. Romans 1:1-7 Mathew 1:18-25
18th December 2022

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)

Who has ever seen a movie called *The Game Plan*? Starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, *The Game Plan* was released in 2007. Joe Kingman, an American pro-football player and playboy nicknamed the King, whom no woman can ever say no to, suddenly discovers that he has an eight-year-old daughter. Peyton's unexpected arrival on his doorstep turns Joe's self-absorbed world upside down. Joe's selfishness gives way to selflessness. His history of broken relationships is replaced with fidelity. Despite Hollywood's obsession with happy endings, *The Game Plan* illustrates the power of fatherhood to change one man's life; transforming him into becoming twice the man off the field compared to when he was playing the field in more ways than one! Anyone can have a child. That doesn't make you a parent. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a parent. The meaning of family isn't just based on biology but on the giving and receiving of unconditional love. In the words of Desmond Tutu: *You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.*

In our Gospel, St Joseph's experience of the birth of Jesus is about to transform his own life. In contrast to Joe Kingman, Joseph the Nazarene's personal circumstances couldn't be more different. His discovery of Mary's pregnancy through the Holy Spirit gives him reason to believe that she has been playing the field herself! Thus, he is faced with a terrible moral dilemma. According to the Law of Moses, Joseph is well within his rights to have Mary stoned to death for committing adultery. Instead, he chooses to break off the engagement quietly, with his honour left intact, if not Mary's. Joseph is no fool. He realises that Mary will be vulnerable to public shame and lifelong humiliation. But then God proceeds to land a touchdown on his field! In a dream, an angel reveals to Joseph that the child of Mary's womb is not the result of a one-night stand. The child is God's own Son of whom Isaiah speaks: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son. Whom she will call Emmanuel, God-is-with-us. Because Joseph is able to trust in what would seem unbelievable to anyone else, he succeeds where Ahaz fails. Joseph becomes an authentic father figure fit for a King, modelling the mercy that Jesus will make flesh. Which is the true meaning of righteousness. Even though he is not given a speaking part in this unfolding Gospel drama, Joseph proves his courage and integrity through his actions of care, service, love, and protection, the virtues of authentic manhood that he will form in Jesus. This fraught and not unfamiliar human situation is the receptacle for the power of the Spirit and the emergence of salvation. No less than his subsequent obedience, Joseph's initial ignorance, anguish of mind, and basic human decency are all part of the story and help to make it a story we can enter and recognise as our own. God does not wait till all is right, ready, and perfect before entering the human scene. God enters it as it is. To heal it from within.

*I am Joseph, carpenter,
Of David's kingly line,
I wanted an heir; discovered
My wife's son wasn't mine.*

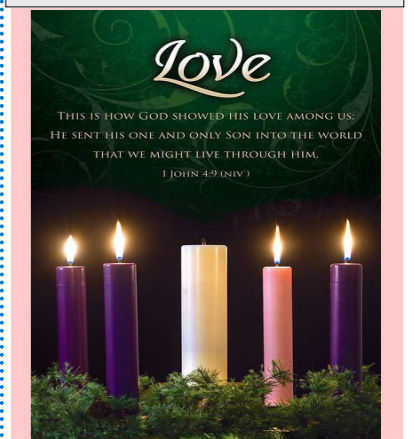
*I am an obstinate lover,
Loved Mary for better or worse,
Wouldn't stop loving when I found
Someone Else came first.*

*Mine was the likeness I hoped for
When the first-born man-child came.
But nothing of him was me. I couldn't
Even choose his name.*

*I am Joseph, who wanted
To teach my own boy how to live.
My lesson for my foster son:
Endure. Love. Give.
(U.A Fanthorpe (1929-2009), I am Joseph)*

Right at the start of his letter to the Romans, Paul makes clear that Joseph's dream has been fulfilled. As God's chosen "servant" and "apostle", Paul preaches good news that enables us to make a home for the Advent Christ. Every time we are drawn out of ourselves to show goodness, we are called to move from fear of the unknown to trust in the future without undue anxiety. Are we as willing to trust in Christ's coming as Joseph was? In the face of a secular culture of death where sexual infidelity abounds and where family relationships are anything but stable, are we prepared as missionary disciples to proclaim the Church's teachings on sexuality and the family with honesty and non-judgemental love to the people of our time, regardless of what it may cost us? Regardless of what others may think? This Advent, Jesus' arrival as a child on our doorsteps fulfils God's dream for humanity; to turn indifference into love that sacrifices, embraces, and includes. We don't choose our family. They are God's gift to us, as we are to them. For an ordinary Joe, that is the ultimate Game Plan...

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)



Locals Supporting Locals

HARVEYS REAL ESTATE EST. 1918

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.

Newsletter proudly sponsored by Harveys Papakura

Kelly & Darren Brady, Harveys Papakura
021 635 583 | 09 298 4000 | darren@myharveys.co.nz | Southern Suburbs Realty Limited - Licensed Agent REAA 2008

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

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 2nd & 4th 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:

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
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!

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:



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024 YEAR 7, 8, 9

Visit www.saintignatius.school.nz



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 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



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.

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 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 we would love to have you join our roster for 2023.



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

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

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week 19 th —24 th Dec.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	71 p.77	24 p.32	33 p.43	1 Samuel p.166	25 p.34	89 p.95
1 Reading	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25	Isaiah 7:10-14	Songs 2:8-14	1 Samuel 1:24-28	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	1. Isaiah 62:1-5 2. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel	Luke 1:5-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-56	Luke 1:57-66	Mathew 1:1-25



Christmas and New Year Masses Schedule

24th December
7:00 pm—Vigil Mass

10:00 pm—Carols

11:00 pm—Christmas Eve Mass

25th December
9:00 am—Christmas Mass

31st December
5:00 pm

1st January 2023
8:30 am / 10:30am

Parish Safeguarding Training

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

"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.

Daily Mass Calendars for \$3 and 2023 Columban Art Calendars for \$17

available from the office



Please join us with our

Christmas NOVENA

15th —23rd December 2022 at 7:00pm except 21st December at 6:30pm



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



Parish offices will be closed from **24th December 2022**, re-opening on **1st February 2023**.

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration



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.