



Second Week of Lent
 1. Genesis 12:1-4 2. Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9
 5th March 2023

| Sunday | Saturday 5pm | Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 10:30am |
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| Welcome/Intercessions  | Tevita Koloamatangi | James Bingwor | Vincet Lautua |
| Ministers of the Word  | Margaret Fairweather Jennifer Fyn | Violet Aita Joy Treasurer | Ana Silva Timy Mario |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist  | Dick Power Letisia Koloamatangi Raquel Sanga Anthony Thoman Telesia Tuala | Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz James Obeng Celerina Robertson | Atelina Hunt Gerard Witbooi Marietta Vaotuuu Anna Cullen John Franks Bernadette Pause Filimoni Feagaiga |
| Altar Servers  | Georgina Lautua Albertus Lautua Emerziana Lautua | Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Aja Lucia Vatau | Oliver Kiutau (cross) James Santos 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 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.sfhighschool.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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FIRST WEEK OF LENT
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)
 1. Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 2. Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
 26th February 2023

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

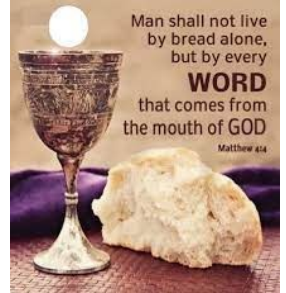
Clevedon Community 8:30am
 1st Sunday of month
 Clevedon District Centre
 (Postponed until further notice)

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 for \$20
 Daily Mass Calendars for \$3
 2023 Columban Art Calendars for \$17
 Available from the office

Has anyone ever read Sir John Kirwan's book "All Blacks Don't Cry"? Selected for the All Blacks aged just 20, JK appeared to lead a charmed existence. But nobody knew that he was going through a private hell. Afflicted with depression for years, his panic attacks were so bad that he almost walked off the field during one test match against Argentina. Fortunately, JK found it in himself to reach out, learning gradually to identify his fear as just a feeling that couldn't harm him. He learned to "cuddle the fear" to acknowledge it, defeat it and hold on to the hope of recovery. While he would never wish it on anyone, JK believes that his experience of and eventual recovery from depression has left him a much better, stronger, more compassionate person. I don't know about you, but as I mark my 18th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, JK's experiences resonate with me. Adversity is not a stumbling block but a stepping-stone to greatness. As the great Reggae artist Bob Marley once said: *Overcome the demons with a thing called love.*

On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus' time of testing by the devil in the desert conveys a very similar tale of overcoming one's demons. As in his fatal seduction of Eve in Genesis, what the devil says to Jesus sounds perfectly reasonable. If Jesus is hungry, why shouldn't he turn stones to bread? If Jesus really is the Son of God, why shouldn't he throw himself down from the temple for angels to protect him? If Jesus really is the Christ, why shouldn't he come amongst his own as a conqueror? And not just as another one of life's victims? On a human level, you can bet Jesus is very tempted. But it's precisely by doing the opposite that Jesus reveals his true identity. This episode of testing is the climactic one for Matthew that sets in place Jesus' status as God's beloved son for the rest of his Gospel narrative. Jesus will place his cause in the Father's hands right up to the final moment of his obedience on the cross, because the Father he reveals and whose mission he serves is worthy of our trust. For man (or woman, for that matter) does not live on bread alone.

As the new Adam who restores humanity's lost innocence by the free gift that far outweighs the fall of Adam, as Paul so majestically puts it in Romans, Jesus, the new Adam, overcomes all the irrational mental strongholds that old "Uncle Hairy legs" just loves to build up in us in order to tear us down. The greatest lie that Satan spins is to con us into thinking that he doesn't exist! But where human brokenness abounds through sin, God's grace abounds all the more. The wilderness that is Lent takes many forms where we have to face ourselves honestly as we are to strip away every fig leaf of self-deception, to stand "naked" before God without cause for shame. Have we ever been in a situation where we have been forced to choose between what was good in itself and what was best, regardless of the personal cost involved? Pope Francis calls the contemporary world a "desert devoid of meaning". Can we let the Spirit lead us into the unknown, to reclaim meaning in today's secular wilderness of doubt? What inconvenient truths must we confront to avoid the forbidden fruits that would otherwise destroy us? Through observing the disciplines of Lent, we too, like Jesus, can foil the tempter's power to rob us of our eternal destiny in God. True greatness doesn't consist of instant success via instant self-gratification. It's enough for us to "get real" about our vulnerabilities, as the Lenten desert of death to self is turned into the Easter spring of resurrection. As we overcome our demons with a thing called love.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
 I do not see the road ahead of me.
 I cannot know for certain where it will end.
 Nor do I really know myself,
 and the fact that I think I am following your will
 does not mean that I am actually doing so.
 But I believe that the desire to please you
 does in fact please you.
 And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
 I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
 And I know that, if I do this,
 You will lead me by the right road,
 though I may know nothing about it.
 Therefore I will trust you always
 though I may seem to be lost
 and in the shadow of death.
 I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
 and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
 (Fr Thomas Merton osco, Thoughts in Solitude, 1958)*

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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, Mila Moredo, Marcie Thorburn, Francis Morine, Aleksander Goryl, Patricia Anne Burke, Seamus O'Sullivan, Douglas Smith, Janice Moran, Colleen Wilma Foster, Anthony Michael Charman

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Bernhard Johan Van Kan, Veronica Mary Bayliss, Joseph Vogrincic, Keith David Scharvi, Felaniko Stowers, Kerry Marie McKenzie, Zita Mary Hawthorn, Maureen Frances Wallace, Galumalemana Fiti Kolai Tilo, Angeline Lucas, Philip Talbot, Hendrika (Ricky) ter Huurne, Robert (Bob) Paepke, John (Jack) Coppins, Ngaire Catherine Stephens, Amelia Mary Broderick, John Francis Pereira, Anthony Bruce Afoa, Maria van Lieshout, Veronica Mary Bayliss, Cyril Edward Wilkie, Timothy Matthew Franks, Eleanor Amelia Kallil, Kathleen Mary Coppins, Gertrude(Kay) Chapman, Zorka Dancca Sumich, Ethel Gabrielle Butler, Antonia Johanna van Gaal, William (Budd) Gibbons, Ivan Erceg, Cornelis Orson, Laurel Zoe McGlade

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, Margaret (Jean) Soo-Choon, Lorraine Duley, Neil Stewart, and Terry Brunton

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.**

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.

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.

Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz
09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAURA



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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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 COLLEGE

Enrolments for

St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024

Our St. Mary's College Open Day will be held on

Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two information & tour sessions - 2.30pm and 6.30pm

Both sessions contain the same information – No registration is required

Please visit our website www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments

for more information about the enrolment process.

Enrolments close Friday 17 March 2023

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - join our Mercy family

21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE—OPEN DAY – Thursday 9th March 2023 / 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ
183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby

SMYFS
St Mary's Youth Family

"With God we will grow together in faith, family and love, leaving no one behind"

When: Friday every fortnight 7-8:30pm
Where: Church Hall
Who: 10 years and up

Term 1 Dates:
Feb 10 Mar 10
Feb 24 Mar 24 Mar 31

Follow us on our socials:
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Youth Co-ordinator: Tracey Luamanu
Contact: 027 388 1556
Email: stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com

PROLIFE FACTS

Open adoption is a legal arrangement whereby birth parents allow others to take on the responsibilities of raising their child, but still remain in contact with and have a relationship with their child. However, each year over 13,000 babies are aborted and only 21 on average, adopted. If you would like support in choosing life for your baby, please reach out to your local branch of VFL. **For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Last week to register for the **Theology of the Body Beginners Course: Human Love in the Divine Plan** based on Pope Saint John Paul II's catechesis on human love and dignity. Dates: **Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023**, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland.

This course is for adults (20 years and older). For more information and to register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com

Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer

This training is being offered by the Liturgy Centre from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturdays...

Day 1: 18th March | Day 2: 29th April | Day 3: 27th May | Day 4: 24th June | Day 5: 29th July

Day 1 will be held at Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, St Mary's Bay)

Lunch is going to be provided – please bring a one-off koha of \$10 on the 1st Day session. Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register or for more information, please follow the link: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer or contact us: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Retirement Village Mass—Fr James will be celebrating Mass for the residents at Longford Park Village (1 Longford Park, Takanini), on 21st March, Tuesday at 10.30am. Please note that there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion in our church at 9.00am that day.

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 the office or email us at office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration



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.



Happy 18th Priesthood Anniversary

FR. JAMES MULLIGAN

26th February 2023

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd March 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. **All Welcome**

In loving Memory of **Mary Elizabeth Taylor**

February 16, 1938—February 11, 2023



27th February, 7pm—Rosary Vigil at St. Mary's Catholic Church

28th February, 11am—Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Burial 1:30pm—Ararimu Cementery

Wake 2:00pm—Ararimu Hall

STATION OF THE CROSS—Every Friday 7pm during Lent

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**

| Week 27th—4th Mar. | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Psalm | 19B p.29 | 34 p.44 | 51 p.60 | 138 p.147 | 130 p.140 | 119 p.130 |
| 1 Reading | Lev. 19:1-2,11-18 | Isaiah 55:10-11 | Jonah 3:1-10 | Esther 4:17 | Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Deutoronomy 26:16-19 |
| Gospel | Matthew 25:31-46 | Matthew 6:7-15 | Luke 11:29-32 | Mathew 7:7-12 | Matthew 5:20-26 | Mathew 5:43-48 |