



**Fourth Week of Lent**  
 1. Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 2. Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41  
 19th March 2023

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30am
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Mavicle Auva'a	Violet Aita	St. Mary's School
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Barbrianna Soo Choon Siatua Gabriel	Helen Le Marque James Bingwor	St. Mary's School
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Atelina Hunt Anthony Thoman Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Letisia Koloamatangi	Taahne Te Puia Afoa James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz	St. Mary's School
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Georgina Lautua Albertus Lautua Emerziana Lautua	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	St. Mary's School

 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  
 Bank Ref: Your Name / Scholarship



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**THIRD WEEK OF LENT**  
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)  
 1. Exodus 17:3-7 2. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42  
 12th March 2023

**Mass Times**

**Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm**  
**Sunday: 8:30am 10:30am**  
 Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12:30pm  
 Baptisms 2nd Sunday 12noon  
 (starting April 2023)  
 Samoan Mass 3rd Sunday 12:00pm  
 (starting April 2023)

**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)

**RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS**

21st March, Tuesday at 10:30 am at Longford Park Village. Please note that there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion in our church at 9.00am that day.

God's Word 2023 for \$20  
 Daily Mass Calendars for \$3  
 2023 Columban Art Calendars for \$17

Available from the office

In January 2007, I was lucky enough to stay for two weeks in the village of Faleasiu in Samoa. I was hosted by the family of a priest-friend of mine. As a Palagi (European) one thing that took some getting used to was going without running water. Every morning, I had to wash with rainwater collected into a rusty old septic-tank. I have been grateful for instant hot showers ever since! In New Zealand, we just expect the stuff to come at the turn of a tap. In many cultures, the collecting and carrying of water over long distances still carries great symbolic meaning. In his poem *First Things First*, W.H Auden ends with the line, *Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.* He mightn't have been completely right about the first bit, but he certainly was about the second! According to the United Nations, access to clean water for drinking and washing is an internationally recognised basic human right. We never know the worth of water until the well is dry (English proverb).

In John's Gospel, Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well also speaks of the importance of water. Of water with a difference. At first glance, Jesus' request for a drink seems simple enough. Just outside a strange town, during the hottest part of the day, Jesus is naturally thirsty. But Jesus is asking a Samaritan woman; someone any self-respecting Jew would never have had anything to do with normally. In biblical times, a woman wouldn't even have been seen with a man who wasn't a relative, let alone talk with him! That she is on her own at an unusual hour, when the other village women have already collected their water earlier, indicates she may have a reputation, that she is the object of malicious small-town gossip. Jesus and the woman are doing something rather scandalous. But then an extraordinary moment of encounter takes place. In exchange for her simple act of hospitality, Jesus will in turn give her the only kind of water that will never run dry. A spring inside of her, welling up to eternal life. To quench her even deeper thirst for love, belonging and acceptance. Jesus was so fully present to her in her need, and so accepting of her, that she must have instantly felt at ease without having to look over her shoulder for fear that prying eyes would misinterpret, judge and condemn. Jesus brings to the surface all she has ever done, not with moralising, but with mercy. As the saviour of the world, John's Jesus goes beyond the role of the Jewish Messiah that "the world" – not just Israel – may not perish but may have eternal life. As in Moses' drawing of water from the barren rock of Exodus (which must anticipate baptism), Jesus draws out of her a commitment to worship in spirit and in truth. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him (St Augustine of Hippo).

As graced sinners for whom Jesus was prepared to die whilst we were still helpless, as Paul writes, we stand in solidarity with the woman at the well. With her, Jesus leads us to ever deeper self-knowledge. As we allow him to tell us the story of our own lives, he gathers all the fragments, twists, turns and failures so that we see them woven into a coherent narrative of grace. Even in a country like ours that is blest with water in abundance, people still thirst for something more than the ordinary, for the God they cannot yet recognise. How thirsty are we? As we continue to journey through Lent, are we like the Israelites who put the Lord to the test in the desert, whose grumbings prevented them from appreciating their newfound freedom? Are we able, as Paul was, to witness to the love of God that has been poured like water into our own hearts through the Holy Spirit? As the wellspring of salvation, Jesus offers us a hope that is not deceptive. Whilst we cannot live without water, we cannot live without his love. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

*From the depth I came only to draw water in a jug so long ago, this brightness still clings to my eyes the perception I found, and so much empty space, my own, reflected in the well. Yet it is good. I can never take all of you into me. Stay then as mirror in the well.*  
*Leaves and flowers remain, and each astonished gaze brings them down to my eyes transfixed more by light than by sorrow.*  
 (Karol Wojtyla (Pope St John Paul II), *Song of the Brightness of Water*, 1950)

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**Pastoral Associate:** Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)  
**Parish Office:** Roleta Aranda Ph 299 6056 / 022 6950675  
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**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 .....

## 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

**The Knights Of The Southern Cross—Richard Powell**  
**Lay Camillian Family NZ Ministry to the sick—Dennis Sanga** dtbsanga@gmail.com

### 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 & Mary Elizabeth Taylor

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

Andrew Mullins, Violet Muriel Beazley, Joyce (Joy) Holley, Gordon Frederick Spragg, Lawrence Henwood, Colleen Ellen Young, John Charles (Ian) Owens, Pelenatita (Emma) Gribben, Hilda Marjorie Carson, Saisirita Kriechbaumer, Dorasamy (Johnny) Naidoo, William Esmond Pemberton, Marie Teresa Hood, Lio Nu'u, Adrianus (Jos) de Brouwer, Dora Alice Hayes, Kenneth (Kennon) Kalill, Regan Tait Stanners, Anthony Gilder, Leaupetele Siasoi, Samir Josif Dawoud Yassi, Aleksander Goryl, Filipo Vitolio, Veronica Joan Davies, Ailao Maria Paulo, Nina Monica Wilkins, Norman Scharvi, Marie Janet Stretton, Kathleen (Kath) Wannell, Sosefina Ah Kau, Arthur (Don) Ralph-Smith, Hilda Daphne Gobie, Francis Joseph Huwyler

### 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, Terry Brunton and Mele Tuila

### 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:

Starting **April 2023** Baptisms will be celebrated every **SECOND 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 paperwork - 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.

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](http://www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz)

Follow us on Facebook too!

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School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)

Contact us at 296 9039

Enquiries and school visits welcome

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# WORKSHOP

ST MARY'S  
52 EAST ST, PAPAURA

## SUNDAY

30TH APRIL 2023

11.30AM AFTER 10.30AM MASS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
BENITA KIUTAU  
PASTORAL@STMARYSPAPAKURA.CO.NZ  
09 299 6056

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**Where:** Church Hall  
**Who:** 10 years and up

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

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**Youth Co-ordinator:** Tracey Luamanu  
**Contact:** 027 388 1556  
**Email:** stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com

**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](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz)

### 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](http://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer) or contact us: [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

**Caritas Lenten Giving packs** are available in the foyer. You may return your sealed envelopes during the parish offertory collection or place inside postage paid envelope provided and send back to caritas directly. Please take note Do not send cash as NZ post cannot guarantee its safe delivery.

Thank you for your kind support

### Catholic Prison Chaplain (20 hours per week)

Currently there are Chaplaincy vacancies at Waikeria Prison and Springhill Correctional Facility. If you wish to obtain further information regarding this important Ministry please contact Sr Veronica Casey, Senior Catholic Prison Chaplain. Mobile: 027 523 3983 or email: [vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz)

**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.

## STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00pm

During Lent

Please continue to keep in your prayers the "Elect" (catechumens/candidates) who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. It is very encouraging to welcome those who will be joining our Catholic Family of Faith. We are very grateful for the assistance of our catechists, sponsors and godparents at this very special time.

**MISA TONGA**

'E fakahoko e Misa Tonga moe

Katinali Soane Patita Paini Mafi

'aho Tokonaki 18 Ma'asi 7:00 pm.

**Celebrate St. Joseph!**

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. As we approach the Feast of St Joseph on 19 March, we invite you to make a 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph which begins on 30 March and culminates on 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. We invite you to do it as a family, or register to join an online group. Go to [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz) or email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) for more details.

**COUNTIES CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will meet this Wednesday 15 March at St Anthony's in Waiuku, starting with mass at 7pm. New members welcome.

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration

**St Vincent de Paul Shop Papakura**

Pat & Leonie would love to tell you more about volunteering in the shop, give one of them a call Pat Martinovich 027 417 8865  
Leonie Power 021 027 99160

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank**

Food parcel items that would be greatly appreciated are: Canned Mackerel / Spaghetti, Peanut Butter or Marmite and cakes of soap.

New to the Parish	Week 13th —18th Mar.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Welcome</i>							
	<b>Psalm</b>	42 p.49	25 p.34	147B p.158	95 p.104	106 p.118	51 p.60
	<b>1Reading</b>	2Kings 5:1-15	Daniel 3:25,34-43	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9	Jeremiah 7:23-28	1.Jeremiah1:4-9 2. Acts 13:46-49	Hosea 5:15-6:6
	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 4:24-30	Matthew 18:21-35	Mathew 5:17-19	Luke 11:14-23	Luke 10:1-2,17-20	Luke 18:9-14

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