



Fifth Week of Lent
1. Ezekiel 37:12-14 2. Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
26th March 2023

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30am
Welcome/Intercessions 	Martin Lautua	Evan Maratas	Sela Kaloni
Ministers of the Word 	Theodora Ah Wong Vincet Lautua	Joy Treasurer Timy Mario	Tevita Koloamatangi Rosalie Petelo
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 	Richard Power Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Anthony Thoman Atelina Hunt	Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz James Obeng Taahne Te Puia Afoa	Letisia Koloamatangi Rolando Reyes John Franks Filimoni Feagaiaga Tea Venu Anna Cullen Gerard Wifibooi
Altar Servers 	Emerziana Lautua Ethan Carlito Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Patelesio Kiutau (Cross) Skyler Fonseca Kean Platon

 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



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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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)
 1. Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 2. Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
 19th March 2023

How many of us know someone who is visually impaired? In Christchurch over January, I caught up with a friend of mine named Ken Joblin. A very talented musician who can play any tune solely by ear, Ken has been blind since early childhood. 20 years ago, he was a classmate of mine at Holy Cross Seminary. Nowadays he edits the Christchurch Diocese's publication Inform and is its adviser on sacred music. Ken leads as normal a life as you can get. Once you get to know him, you forget that he is blind. Despite his obvious physical impairment (probably because of it), Ken has developed the gift of insight; the knowledge of life's deeper realities that lie beneath the surface of everyday existence. Not all forms of vision impairment come with a guide dog and a white stick. The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision (Helen Keller).

Jesus' healing encounter with a man born blind also speaks to us of the quality of insight. While we never know why he was born blind in the first place, the darkness surrounding him was much more than that caused by physical disability alone. It was just as much social, psychological and spiritual as it was physical. In the time of Jesus, disability and sickness were seen as signs of divine punishment for sins committed. Thanks be to God that we have moved on from such wrong-headed thinking! Jesus' gift to our friend of physical sight reveals the greater blindness of his opponents who have no vision. Our friend's eyes have come to be opened not simply to see his parents for the first time but to see John's Jesus as the light of the world. He who once used to sit and beg for the crumbs of those indifferent to his fate has now become a light in the Lord for those around him who refuse to acknowledge Jesus as the source of light. What ultimately emerges from John's narrative, then, is a sense that faith, far from being a flight into unreality and make-believe, entails the gift of insight to see and accept truth. Our friend is living proof of the works of the God who has drawn him out of self-pity to delight in his newfound insight into who Jesus really is. The worship our friend offers is the sign of his being brought out from the darkness of isolation into the light of participation in a life less ordinary, as his faith grows in John's unfolding drama of salvation. One man's journey from darkness to light spells the difference for us between life and death. In Christ the divine physician, the original image of God is restored, by faith in this world and by sight in the world to come. Through life's dirt and spittle, the Kingdom is creation healed. Like Samuel in our first reading, we do tend to judge others solely by appearances. That ancient Israel's great prophet should anoint a weedy looking kid like David as King of Israel, instead of his better-looking older brothers, shows us that God has a strange sense of humour! In a world where the gap between perception and reality is huge, Lent challenges us not to see as man sees, but to look at the heart. Writing in Ephesians, Paul reinforces this by urging us to shun the works of darkness to live as children of light. Are we really open to living in the light of complete goodness, right living and truth, or are we more comfortable with the futile works of darkness? The most crippling disabilities are often less obvious than those of people like Ken, who have more to teach us about life than we realise! How can our Parish be more welcoming for those whose obvious disabilities and special needs call for compassion on our parts? Just as he opened the eyes of a man born blind, Jesus invites us to see him in those whom society ignores for lack of real insight. Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you. It might be good for us to open our eyes and see.

What would we see, Lord, if you healed our blindness today?
Would we see you at work in the ones we think to be sinful?
Would we see you at work among the outcasts of the world?
Would we see your love for the poor, the homeless, the hungry?
Would we see your compassion for the weak, the helpless, the afraid?
Would we see you in the stranger, the foreigner, the refugee?
Would we see your likeness - can we grasp it - in each one of ourselves?
Help us to see, Lord. Heal our blindness today.
 (Andrew King, Help Us To See, 2017)

Mass Times

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

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

Locals Supporting Locals

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 We can help you get your home sold or rented!

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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

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, Filippo Vitolo, 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



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54 Clark Road

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Together We Learn, We Pray, We serve

Me Whakakotahi, Kia Maarama, Kia Pono, Ki Te Karakia

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SAFEGUARDING

WORKSHOP

ST MARY'S
52 EAST ST, PAPAURA

SUNDAY

30TH APRIL 2023

11.30AM AFTER 10.30AM MASS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
BENITA KIUTAU
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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: Tracev Luamanu
Contact: 021 084 04602
Email: stmarysyouthfamily@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

Young adults group 18 and up

Coming April 2023...

Follow SMYFs CONNECTED on Facebook for updates.

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.

Sunday Afternoon Entertainment

The Franklin Tenors are coming to entertain us in St Anthony's Parish Hall in Waiuku on **Sunday 26th March** from **2-3pm** and will be followed by afternoon tea .

All are welcome from our surrounding parishes and entry will be by a gold coin donation or Koha.

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.

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

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.

New to the Parish	Week 20th –25th Mar.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Welcome</i>							
	Psalm	89 p.95	46 p.54	145 p.154	106 p.118	34 p.44	40 p.47
	1 Reading	1. Samuel 7:4 -5,12-14,16 2. Romans 4:13,16-18,22	Ezekiel 47:1-9,21	Isaiah 49:8-15	Exodus 32:7-14	Wisdom 2:1,12-22	1. Isaiah 7:10- 14:8:10 2. Hebrews 10:4-10
	Gospel	Matthew 1:16,18-21,24	John 5:1-3,5-16	John 5:17-30	John 5:31-47	John 7:1-2,10,25-30	Luke 1:26-38

Lent

2023
a season of renewal

2 April — PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:30 pm

8 April — HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 pm—Saturday Vigil

6 April — MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm

9 April — EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am

7 April — GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am—Station of the Cross
3:00 pm—Veneration of the Cross

Tithes and OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Last week mass collections

11th / 12th March

\$ 2,684.80

Altar Servers Holy Week Practice

Thursday 23rd and 30th March at 6.30pm

inside the church. Practice is for those serving during Holy Week

ALPHA OPEN DAY – Sunday April 23rd 12 midday

(after 10:30 am Mass) in the Hall. Come and see if Alpha is for you, a friend or family member.

Lunch provided. Information about Alpha. View the introductory DVD.

Alpha starts Term 2, Sunday May 7th until Sunday June 30th.

No obligation or pressure to continue if it's not for you.

Enquiries phone Benita @ Parish Office 299 6056 or alphastmaryspapakura.co.nz