

Third Week of Lent
 1. Exodus 17:3-7 2. Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42
 12th March 2023

Sunday	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30am
 Welcome/Intercessions	Babrianna Soo Choon	Mavicle Auva'a	Christine Gustillo
 Ministers of the Word	Martin Lautua Apaula Lautua	Evan Maratas Leni Erlano	Maricris Amposta Jane Castrillo
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Anthony Thoman Atelina Hunt Raquel Sanga Letisia Koloamatangi Volunteer	Falaniko Malaki Elizabeth Tugaga Tea Venu Filimoni Feagaiga Telesia Tuala	Lucie de Jesus Nelson de Jesus Rolando Reyes Christopher Cuya Denden Cuya Joseph Santos Miriam Mantes
 Altar Servers	Oliver Kiutau Ethan Clarito Luke Kiutau	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Keela Williams (cross) Finn Butler Arabella Williams

 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**:
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SECOND WEEK OF LENT
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)
 1. Genesis 12:1-4 2. 2Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9
 5th March 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

At this present time, many people around the country are trying to rebuild their lives and homes after the recent floods and cyclone. If you suddenly find yourself homeless, the first thing you want to salvage isn't so much a bed or a lounge suite or a TV but family photographs. My own family is no different! Fortunately, my dad Peter and his wife Lorraine were able to recover most of theirs. Photographs have a sentimental value that money can't replace, representing events that provide precious memories to sustain us when the present is tough, and the future is far from certain! It only takes one thought, one second, one moment or positive memory for the light of hope to gradually seep in again when all seems lost. As they say in France: *La gratitude est la mémoire du cœur - gratitude is the memory of the heart.*

In Matthew's Gospel narrative of his transfiguration, Jesus provides a similarly precious, sustaining memory for his adopted family. High up on a mountain peak, Jesus makes obvious what has been well hidden until now, revealing glory that no photograph could adequately capture. For Peter, James, and John, it is wonderful to be there. No wonder Peter wants to preserve the moment forever! But it's only by descending back down the mountain of that they will ever make sense of what they have just seen and heard. At the sound of God's voice, the two truths they find so hard to reconcile are joined. As "Messiah" and "Son of the living God", Jesus must suffer the apparent disaster of his suffering and death. In Matthew's narrative, it is precisely as God's beloved Son that Jesus will suffer and die. In what the Irish call a "thin place" (a surreal, physical space like a mountain, where heaven and earth seem to touch), Jesus completes what Abraham begins in response to God's call and promise in Genesis, revealing his glory to our friends as a foretaste of resurrection. There is something wonderfully human about this episode. By moving so swiftly from glory back to simple humanity, Matthew's narrative magnificently affirms the sense of divine presence and divine self-gift in the person of Jesus. Lest they have the experience but miss the meaning, our friends will have to leave behind the comfort of the familiar to face an unknown future. For the joy which lies in the future, the "Transfigured one" now shares his glory so that neither they nor we will be completely broken by the ordeal of the Cross to come. Suffering and joy are two sides of the same coin. Joy is not necessarily the absence of suffering. It is the presence of God. It's all a matter of perspective. The real meaning of Transfiguration consists not of seeking paradise on earth but of seeing life as it is with new eyes.

In this season of Lent we are called to display self-transcendence, to rise above the limits of narrow self-interest. In our second reading, Paul implores Timothy to bear with him the hardships that come for the sake of the Good News. Paul (or more likely someone else writing in Paul's name) is encouraging Timothy as he faces challenges in his ministry of church leadership. The more things change the more some things stay the same. Looking back to Abraham, Paul advises his young colleague to rely only on the power of God and not on his own efforts. God has saved Timothy and has called him to be holy, not because of anything he himself has done, but for God's own purpose and by God's own grace. In what ways is Lent challenging us to rely on the power of God? For those of us celebrating birthdays (like yours truly), can we look back on moments and places in our lives where we felt just as surprised by joy as Peter was? As we continue the process of our Parish's transformation from maintenance to mission, are our perspectives on life and faith broad enough and enlightened enough to see that nothing that is human is alien to us? That we cannot limit our vision of Church just to what we want to see and/or preserve without necessary change? As we climb upwards to meet the challenges of post-flood and cyclone recovery, we can still dance on the mountain top even as we remain grounded in present realities, without undue fear of the future. Just like a treasured family photograph, the Transfiguration is a moment in time that enables us to experience joy in unexpected ways, even as we walk with Jesus to the Cross through present sufferings. Gratitude is the memory of the heart that is enlightened by gazing on the face of the Transfigured Christ. It is good for us to be here.

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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, 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:

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.

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

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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

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Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini

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School email: office@holytrinity.school.nz

Contact us at 296 9039

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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:

Visit www.saintignatius.school.nz



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

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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

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.

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

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.

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.

New to the Parish

Welcome

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

Week 6th—11th Mar.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	79 p.83	50 p.58	31 p.40	1 p.14	105 p.116	103 p.113
1 Reading	Daniel 9:4-10	Isaiah 1:10,16-20	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Gen.37:3-4,12-13,17-28	Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Gospel	Luke 6:36-38	Matthew 23:1-12	Mathew 20:17-28	Luke 16:19-31	Matthew 21:33-43,45-46	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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.

What can I say? As I mark my 18th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, I am amazed and humbled at everyone's loving affirmation and support for my ministry. The time has gone so quickly! There is already much to look back on and still so much more to look forward to. I still have a long, long way to go. Sure, I am grateful for them, and that I am grateful to God for the gift of my ministry and for my sharing in the Priesthood of Christ. As a good priest friend of mine said at his Ordination in Christchurch in December 2004: I promise to be faithful, but I cannot promise to be perfect! Please pray for me that I will continue to be a faithful priest in your service, for the rest of my life.

Cheers and Blessings to you all - Fr James

Caritas AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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

HAPPY Birthday

FR. JAMES MULLIGAN & BENITA KIUTAU
God bless you both.

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00pm 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**