





**Pentecost**  
**1. Acts 2:1-11 2. 1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23**  
**28th May 2023**


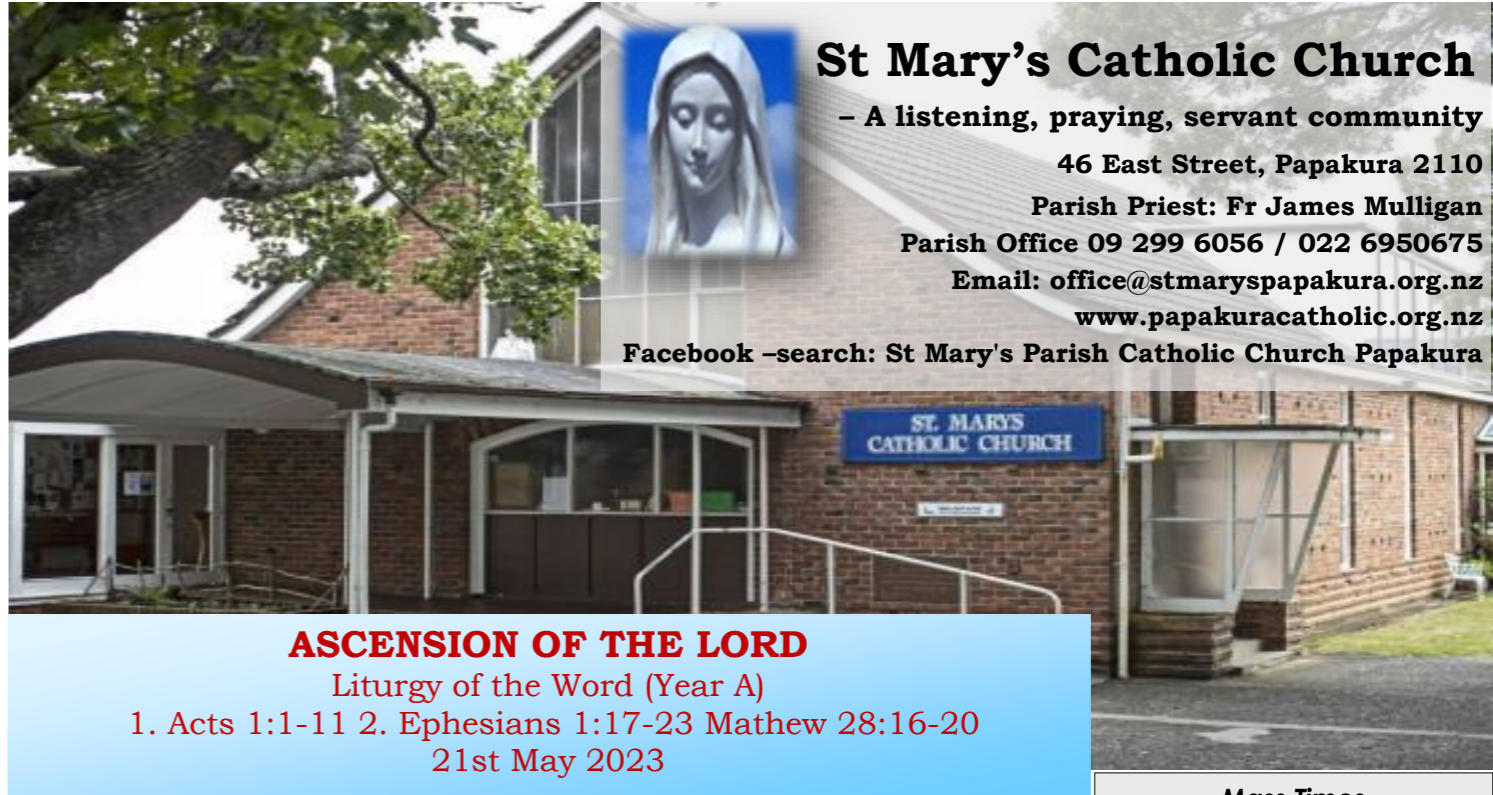
	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30am
<b>Welcome/Intercessions</b> 	Apaula Lautua	Mavicle Auvaa	Sela Petelo
<b>Ministers of the Word</b> 	Jennifer Fyn Samoan (Siatua Gabriel)	Violet Aita Afrikaan (Joy Treasurer)	Jovina Auva'a Philippine (Arnel Mantes)
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> 	Dennis Sanga Anthony Thoman Letisia Koloamatangi Raquel Sanga Jane Castrillo	James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Celerina Robertson Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz	Tea Venu Telesia Tuala Marietta Vaotuuu Atelina Hunt Noue Falaniko Malaki Filimoni Feagaiga/Anna Cullen
<b>Altar Servers</b> 	Emerziana Lautua Ethan Clarito Martin Thomas Frankie Aita (thurible)	Sheshan Krone (thurible) Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita (cross) Aja-Lucia Vatau	Oliver Kiutau (cross) Patelesio Kiutau (Thurible) Skyler Fonseca Kien 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](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

**St Mary's Catholic Church**  
 - A listening, praying, servant community  
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**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)  
 1. Acts 1:1-11 2. Ephesians 1:17-23 Mathew 28:16-20  
 21st May 2023

**ASCENSION and the Great Commission**

When we were created we were loved into life by God for a real purpose, to fulfil a mission so important that God took on human flesh as Jesus Christ to lead the way for us. On earth Jesus lived our lives as one of us. His other name "Emmanuel" means "God is with us." He called us to follow him as his companions. He suffered with us, died for us, and then rose again to conquer our sins and their deadly effects. Amazingly, he chooses us to work in partnership with him to spread to the whole world the Good News of his love and the salvation that he offers to us and to all who accept him. We experience the Good News when we follow him in life, and then witness to the truth of that experience by our way of life.

During April we deepened our relationship of love with Jesus as his disciples. We were his grateful companions during the Holy Week of the Lord's suffering, death and his resurrection in love for us. During the following weeks, Eastertide, Jesus deepens those graces within us and leads us to accept their consequences for our lives. We celebrate the Good News and the new life and salvation that the mystery of his life, death and resurrection offers us.

At Pentecost he fills us with his inner life, the Holy Spirit, to strengthen us for his important mission. Just before his Ascension into heaven, he entrusts his power to his Apostles and ourselves and sends us out on his mission of spreading the Good News. In that "Great Commission" he sends us out on his mission to spread the Good News of his love and salvation to the whole world, and he promises that he will be "with us all days even to the end of time". To empower us for that Commission, he gives us his inner life, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Today's Gospel describes the scene. The eleven remaining Apostles set out for Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. Jesus had taken the initiative as it was his mission that he was calling them to fulfil. So it was Jesus who then come up to them. "When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated." No wonder some doubted or hesitated! They knew their friend Jesus had been crucified and died. His resurrection was still a huge mystery to them. Additionally, we can all be over-awed by being given responsibility for such an enormous mission. And the responsibility he gave them was huge. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." But he also gave them, and us, his promise of always working with us, never abandoning us in times of difficulties. He promises, "and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

We can never understand why God would love us into life for such an important mission. Why would God bother to keep loving us, forgiving us, trusting us? Why does Jesus stay with us on our journey through life as our companions? We do not understand. But he calls us to trust in Divine Wisdom, to accept God's loving plan for us with gratitude, and with trust that Jesus will be faithful to his promise, "know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Life without God would simply not be worth living. So put our leap of faith into action.

**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

**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.



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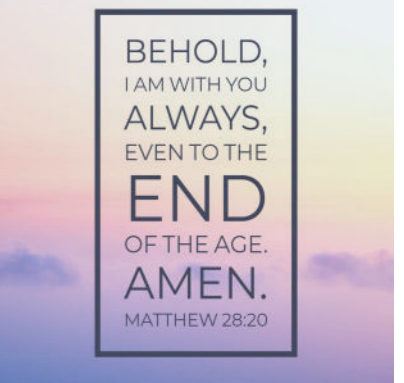
**Pastoral Associate:** Benita Kiutau Ph 299 6056 weekdays (except Wednesdays)  
**Parish Office:** Roleta Aranda Ph 299 6056 / 022 6950675  
**Sacramental Programme:** Parish Office  
**Parish Office/Library:** Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm **Parish Hall Hireage:** Parish Office Ph 299 6056  
**St Mary's Catholic School:** Ph 298 4450 **Web Site:** [www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz](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 ....

Anthony Michael Charman, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Joseph Subritzky, Tom Mulligan, Rose Violet Martinovich Ian Milliken, Teresita Carezo and Pauline Sorraghan

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

Lionel (Peter) O'Reilly, Therese (Pam) O'Reilly, Kathryn Pauline Grieve, Hendrica Maria Kroef, Collin Bernard Selman, John Robert Glen, Edward Phillip Neal, Mila Moredo, Wilna Lautua, Janet Stribling-Dew, Phillip James Smith, Desmond Joseph Brown, James Ramsay, Jannette McKee-Wright, Estelle May Farrell, Terence Markham, Maria (Mary) Ford, Jean Mary Roberts, Anton Jakor Stanisich, Agnes Flint, Jessie Wade, Joanna Catherine Schuller, Bill (William) McMahon, George James McLaughlan, Maria Katherine Johnston, Dennis O'meara, Elizabeth Hartley, Dennis Paul O'Connor, Montague William Bent, Elizabeth (Betty) Harris, Te Mutisa (Tisa) McDowell, Dulcie Adelaide Smith, Clifton Kingsford Franks, Monica Iva Spencer, Elisapeta Bureta, Rodney Conrad Baker, Morris John Garvan, Sean O'Sullivan, Francis (Tony) Lynch, Bruce McIntosh, Margaret May (Peggy) Gunn

### We pray for those who are sick including:

Elizabeth Nau, Alipati Afoa, Elizabeth Schubert, Marna & Tony Starbuck, Joe Loomans, Pauline McDonald, Daphne Bankien, Christopher Bird, 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 **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](mailto:loch.ness@xtra.co.nz)  
09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPA KURA



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!

### Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School



Learn Love Serve  
Ka Ako Ka Aroha Ka Manaaki

137 Airfield Road, Takanini  
School website: [www.holytrinity.school.nz](http://www.holytrinity.school.nz)  
School email: [office@holytrinity.school.nz](mailto:office@holytrinity.school.nz)  
Contact us at 296 9039  
Enquiries and school visits welcome

### 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.org.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)

### 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; Leonie Power 2949105 02102799160**

**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 2 Dates:**  
May 5 May 19 June 2 June 16 June 30

Follow us on our socials:  
**Facebook:** Smyfs Papakura  
**Instagram:** smyfs\_

**Youth Co-ordinator:** Tracey Luamanu  
**Contact:** 021 084 04602  
**Email:** stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com

To join ALPHA please scan the QR Code for registration



**Tax Receipts / Envelopes** are now available. If you wish an electronic tax receipts copy please email Parish Office.

Thank you.

**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.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd June 7:00pm** at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui 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.

### Ki he Tonga Kotoa

'Oku fakahoko ma'u pe 'etau Polokalama 'i 'Apisiasi

**Tokonaki 1—Fakataha 7pm**

**Tokonaki 2—Ako hiva 7pm**

**Tokonaki 3—Ako hiva 7pm**

**Tokonaki 4—Lau Losalio 6pm**

- Ako hiva

Fakaikiiki Fetu'utaki

021 02305678 / Sela Kaloni

**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 22nd—27th May	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	68 p.75	68 p.75	68 p.75	16 p.24	103 p.113	11 p.21
1 Reading	Acts 19:1-8	Acts 20:17-27	Acts 20:28-38	Acts 22:30;23:6-11	Acts 25:13-21	Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Gospel	John 16:29-33	John 17:1-11	John 17:11-19	John 17:20-26	John 21:15-19	John 21:20-25

Fr John's remaining one hour sessions for the First Sacrament programme.

**Topic = Confirmation/ Holy Spirit. 2pm Sunday 21st May. Repeated 7pm Tuesday 23rd May.**

Parents of the First Sacraments children are required to attend as an integral part of their programme.

Additionally, other parishioners are also invited to attend because the sessions double as part of the parish Adult Education programme.

### Fr Ryder Centre:

The Fr Ryder Centre has been decluttered and cleaned for everyone's comfort. Can those who use the Centre please leave the room tidy and take their rubbish away with them when they leave as bins will no longer be supplied. Thank you. Any queries please phone the parish office.

### Parish Library:

A book stand for parish library books has been installed in the front foyer of the church. Please enjoy browsing and take home any books you want to read. Parish policy is "Free to keep or read and return" so there won't be any library cards or forms to fill in. Just enjoy. If you have any queries, please phone the parish office. Thank you.

**Lost Pyx:** About two weeks ago I left my Pyx in the church. The Pyx was in a small black bag which had a monstrance on it. If anyone has found it, can they please phone me or hand it in to the parish office. Thank you. Margaret Joyce 2997889

To celebrate Pentecost we will be having a share lunch after 10:30 am mass.

Please bring a plate to share