





Fifth Sunday of Easter
1. Acts 6:1-7 2. 1Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12
7th May 2023


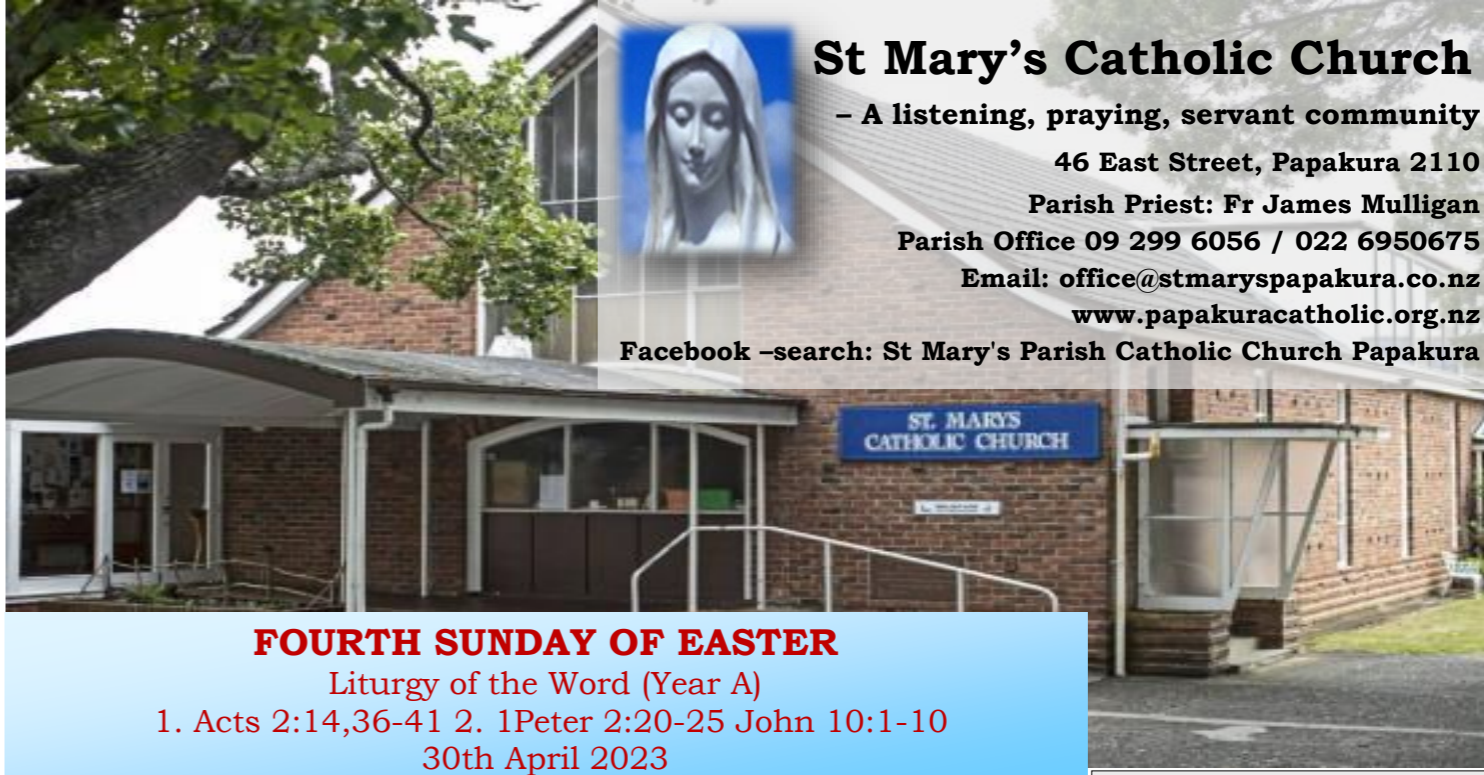
	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:30am
Welcome/Intercessions 	Barbrianna Soo Choon	Evan Maratass	Timmy Mario
Ministers of the Word 	Maricris Amposta Siatua Gabriel	James Bingwor Violet Aita	Margrette Soo Choon Jovina Auvaa
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 	Jane Castrillo Raquel Sanga Telesia Tuala Anthony Thoman John Franks	Vincent Ortiz Polly Ortiz James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Atelina Hunt	Marietta Vaotuua Falaniko Malaki Letisia Koloamatangi Anna Cullen Tea Venu Tea Sharp Gerald Witbooi
Altar Servers 	Georgina Lautua Albertus Lautua Emerziana Lautua	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Aja Lucia Vatau	Oliver Kiutau 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.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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Liturgy of the Word (Year A)
 1. Acts 2:14,36-41 2. 1Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10
 30th April 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)
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)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

When I worked on a sheep farm in my younger years, my perception of a New Zealand sheep farmer was of one who rides around his farm on a horse or motorized transport, screaming blue murder at his trusty sheep-dogs, as they try to muster together hundreds or thousands of scattering fear-filled sheep.

Was that the image Jesus meant when he called himself the **Good Shepherd**?

New Zealand is so far away from the overseas markets that the costs of freighting refrigerated meat from New Zealand must be covered by a greatly increased volume of export. Therefore, with more good land available than in Palestine, a New Zealand shepherd has hundreds more sheep than in Palestine. He cannot know all his sheep by name and he uses the bark or stare of sheep-dogs to gather his sheep.

But in Palestine it was very different in Jesus' day. Palestinian shepherds had only a few sheep each and much lower overhead costs to cover, and so they had a different way of mustering and looking after their sheep.

In Palestine, each shepherd led their few sheep into a common village sheepfold enclosure at night, and a guardian shepherd lay across the gate opening as the night watchman. He provided security to protect the sheep from thieves and fierce wild wolves. In the morning the various shepherds came through the gate to gently call out their own sheep by name, and lead them out to good pasture.

Jesus calls himself the gate of the sheepfold. Thieves will be afraid of waking the shepherd by entering through the gateway over his body. Instead, they will try to jump the fence with less success. But both the true shepherds and their sheep freely come and go past the guardian shepherd who acts as the gate for them. Likewise, we come and go in life only through Jesus who lays down his life to help and protect us.

Jesus is also the Good Shepherd. He is the one who leads us, his flock, into security and also out into life. He is the only one we can trust fully. Out in the field, the shepherd spends the whole day with his sheep, protecting them from the wild wolves and any enemy. The sheep feel safe with him and hear his voice as one to be trusted and followed. We need to spend time with him too. **Jesus is the only Way, the Truth and the Life.**

Yet a real danger today is that we may not try to truly hear the Good Shepherd's voice *but only our own.*

On talkback radio or in conversation, we often hear childish phrases like: "I have my own beliefs", said as if that gives those beliefs immediate validity and truth. But if our subjective beliefs are not in line with objective truth, what good are they to guide us properly through life here below, and win us eternal life thereafter?

Even thieves, murderers, and people perpetrating horrific violence and war, all act from their own beliefs. They believe them to be valid and true so firmly that they even try to defend them in international courts of justice.

There is a big need for the consistent truth of the Gospel to be taught correctly. The Good News of truth, justice and peace, forgiveness and mercy, compassion and hope, and the need to fight against temptation to selfishness, and to be led by good. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is himself the gateway to all moral truth. He doesn't just talk, but he lives truth, in passionate love, in the pain of Calvary and through to his victorious resurrection. We need to listen to his voice. We need people he chooses to speak his voice in the world.

Today is Vocations Sunday. In his wisdom, Jesus chooses to continue his work of shepherding and teaching the flock through all the baptised but in a special way through those he consecrates in the priesthood and consecrated life. Jesus begs us pray earnestly for more labourers to be sent into his harvest.

Locals Supporting Locals

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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

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, Joseph Subritzky, Tom Mulligan, Rose Violet Martinovich and Ian Milliken

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:

Bryan William Westley, Allegonda (Connie) Duin, Joan Mary Wallace, Laurence Noel O'Toole, Agnes Alma O'Connor, Joyce Mary Nicol, Mary Annie Wallis, Kevin John Cole, Helena Joan Glen, Vaeamuni Otukolo, Aubyn John Gunson, Ruth Van Veen, Akanese Pati, Valerie Norma Morine, John Berg, Beverley June Toki, Evangeline Buhagiar, Ethne Monica Ethne, Florentyna Monica Tautava Iosefo, Agnes Flint, Stephen John Prince, Jean Ethel Mooney, Henry Mulligan, Margaret Isabel Reed, Sheryl Ann Dunn, Suzanne Faumuina, Matthew Thomas Gilmour, Sydney James Alexander, Veronica Adlington, Margaret Banks, Maria Buxton, Marguerite Jocelyn Brunton, Patricia Mary Finestone

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, Helen Moverley, Margaret (Jean) Soo-Choon, Lorraine Duley, Neil Stewart, Terry Brunton, Mele Tuila and Teresita Carezo

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
09 291 9194 or 021 379 845

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PAPAOKURA

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!
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Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

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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

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



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.

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

29th & 30th April at all masses

To support our 2 youth leaders to travel Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.

Any Donations will be gratefully received.

St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura is seeking a minute taker for our board meetings - once per month; Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. This is a paid role.

If you have experience/skill in this area and are able to support us, please contact Audrey Kippen on **09 2984450** or email audreyk@stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Call out to all keen gardeners!
Do you love gardening? Do you have some spare time through the week?

St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura is working hard to establish a vegetable garden and fruit orchard to support our children's learning and wellbeing. We would love your help, advice and expertise please. Seed or seedling donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Contact Mrs Rebecca Waite on rebeccaw@stmaryspapakura.school.nz or call 09 2984450 if you have some time to help or something to donate.

SAFEGUARDING

WORKSHOP

ST. MARYS
52 EAST ST. PAPAOKURA

SUNDAY
30TH APRIL 2023
11.30AM AFTER 10.30AM MASS

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

REGISTER NOW

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katoika

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 5th May 7:00pm
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

Fr. John's talk sacrament of reconciliation 30th April, Sunday at 2pm.
All are welcome

Last week mass collections
22nd & 23rd April
\$ 2,071.90

Tax Receipts / Envelopes will be available 2nd week of May. If you wish an electronic tax receipts copy please email Parish Office.
Thank you.

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

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**

Week 1st—6th May	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm	42 p.49	87 p.93	19A p.28	89 p.95	2 p.15	98 p.107
1 Reading	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 11:19-26	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Acts 13:13-25	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52
Gospel	John 10:1-10	John 10:22-30	John 14:6-9	John 13:16-20	John 14:1-6	John 14:7-14

New to the Parish
Welcome

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