

Third Week of Lent
1.Exodus 20:1-17 2.1Cor. 1:22-25 John 2:13-25
3rd March 2024

	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions	Tevita Koloamatangi	Evan Maratas	Hilda Nikolao
Ministers of the Word	Siatua Gabriel Maricirs Amposta	Joy Treasurer James Bingwor	Ofu Schmidt Ana Silva
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Vincent Ortiz Polly Ortiz Letisia Koloamatangi	James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Falaniko Malaki Fakalelu Paseka Atelina Hunt	John Franks Gerhard Witbooi Anna Cullen Marietta Vaotuuu Tea Venu / Tea Sharp Filimoni Feagaiaga
Altar Servers	Georgina Lautua Albertus Lautua Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Oliver Kiutau James Santos Skyler Finseca

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New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please visit our website at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz and register online or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office. (Office hours 9am– 3pm, Mon—Fri) Thank you

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SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1. Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18 2.Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10
25th February 2024

Time for Encounter *Te Wā mō te Tūtaki*

ENCOUNTERING GOD AND TIMES OF TRANSFORMATION



Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. Mountains and cloud often signify the presence of God with God's people. For example, God was present to Elijah on a mountain (1 Kings 19:8). God revealed Godself to Moses and gave the Ten Commandments on top of a mountain (Exodus 19:20). The Israelites were guided by pillars of cloud and fire in the wilderness (Exodus 13:17-22).

God continues to turn up in the lives of God's people. From a cloud God spoke in a voice saying that Jesus was God's Son "The Beloved" and urging the disciples to listen to Jesus. God continues to speak to God's people. The question is whether we are listening for God's voice.

Peter did not know what to say because the disciples were terrified. As we follow Jesus, we should not be surprised that as we encounter God there are times of confusion. At times God seems close to us and God's purposes seem to be clear. But at other times God seems distant, and God's purposes are not clear to us. At these times we are called to have faith in God. In a similar way while they were on the mountain, the disciples encountered Jesus in a new way – he was linked to the Divine. But their understanding was still limited and confused. Transformation always involves passing through darkness and the storms of life. Each day we have the invitation to rely on God for what we need through prayer and reading the Gospel message.

(Courtesy of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Lent Reflection Programme 2024)

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10:30am
Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12:30pm
Baptisms 2nd Sunday 10:30 am
Samoan Mass 3rd Sunday 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION 9 - 10am
Saturdays

Weekday Mass:

Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:00am
Wednesday 6:30pm
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9:00am
First Fridays of month 10.00am
Saturdays 8:30am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 9:30am - 12:00 noon
(10am—12noon First Friday of month)

Saturdays after 5pm Mass led by ALPHA

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00 pm
during Lent

Welcome to St Mary's Parish

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
St. Mary's Women's Group—Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 1796602
Parish Choir—Wednesday at 7pm

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our local Vinnies shop is in need of more volunteers to help out in our shop. We are open Mon-Fri 10am - 3pm and Sat morning 10am - 1pm. The weekdays have two shifts 10am to 12.30pm and the afternoon is 12.30pm to 3pm. Saturday is one shift only. For more details please contact Chris O'Loughlin on 0274767644.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank
Thank you for all your contributions.
Our current requirements are: Tins of Tuna, Tins of Creamed Corn, Tins of Chopped Tomatoes in Juice, Rice, Spaghetti Pasta.
If you have any spare reuseable shopping bags Please.

Ua Toe Amataina Le Aoga Aso Sa Ale Samoan Community a Sagata Malia I Papakura. Amataina 18.03.24
8.45—10.00 am
Contact—Elizabeth Tugaga 027 2031516

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.


40 DAYS FOR LIFE 14 February to 24 March
Help save lives this Lent by prayer, fasting, and public witness to the sanctity of all human life from the first moment of existence at conception.
Find out how to get involved here: www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife
Or contact Simon – 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz

JOSHUA NORTH SHORE
An open invitation to all men to join others in a spirit of learning, camaraderie, prayer and fellowship. And a special welcome to those who we have not seen for some time. We look forward to your presence.
Date: 28 Feb 2024 - 7.30pm-9.30pm
New Venue: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland
Speaker: Fr Carl Telford SM
Topic: Fostering a strong Prayer Habit
Private Confession would be available on request.

Wings.Ngā Parirau
Know your faith Share your faith
Meet Jesus - in his Word in others in yourself
Are you Involved with:
• Ministry of Word or Eucharist,
• Sacramental preparation, RCIA,
• Children's Liturgy
• living your faith
This is for you!
New Starting Date!
2nd March - 6th April - 4th May
Pompallier Diocesan Centre 10-3pm
30 New St. St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby
attend all three days for WNP Year One certificate
register: Dianna - dianna@cda.org.nz
Wake and Pray
Wednesday mornings in Lent
14th, 21st, 28th February & 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March at 6.15am
Meditation on Zoom
Register with Dianna Fouhy dianna@cda.org.nz

Important Notice
A Caritas Lenten Appeal is available for collection at the foyer of the church. Sets of Envelopes for the first Sunday of Lent to the last Sunday of Lent. Pope Francis has asked for your support to assist those countries who are suffering from health issues and Natural disaster. The gospel message of today reminds us of those who are isolated because of health issues and discrimination due to their illness .

Parish News and updates



HOLY COMMUNION
Our Sacramental Programme is on hold until Further notice.

RCIC / RCIA
8:30 am
25th February
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 30th March

Junior Praesidium
Friday 5-6pm
Senior Praesidium
Tuesday 6:15pm

ST MARY'S YOUTH FAMILY
TERM 1: 16th Feb 15th Mar
12th Apr
7:00pm—8:30 pm at the Church Hall
Youth Co-ordinator : Tracey Luamanu
Contact: 021 084 04602
Email: stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com

STATION OF THE CROSS
Every Friday at 7pm during lent.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group has now re-convened.
The group meets in the Fr. Ryder Centre on Fridays, 1.00pm until 3.00pm
The theme will again be Women in the Bible, this Term focussing on Our Lady.
Enquiries: Please contact Brigid 021.0234.5439 or Jackie 021.179.6602

VOLUNTEER
WE NEED YOUR HELP
We are currently looking for volunteers who can help with the following:
• Sacramental Programme
• Children's Liturgy
• Faith formation for Children in State School
• Health and Safety
• Flower Arrangements
• Gardeners
• Parking wardens for all masses
Please email pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz or call Parish Office

RECENT DEATHS
We pray for the loved ones who have died recently, specially
May Hill and Hine Johnstone
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed. Death anniversaries of the following are this week, 25th February—2nd March.
Ivan Erceg, Cornelis Orson, Laurel Zoe McGlade , Joseph Subritzky, Andrew Mullins and Violet Beazley
We pray for those who are sick: (Please email or call parish office to include names for next week newsletter)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
On Saturday, 2nd March during 8:30 am mass. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their sick family members and friends for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Church Events:
School Preference Forms: Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment time and give your contact details in case there may be changes. Many thanks for your co-operation.
Parish Baptisms:
Baptisms will be celebrated every **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month during 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**. **REGISTRATION** is required, please contact Parish Office at 09 299-6056. **No paperwork - no baptism.**

The family of May Hill extend their thank you for your friendship to May through the years and for your love & support over the last few weeks.
God bless you all.

PARISH DATABASE
For those who haven't been registered to our new parish database, please make a time to fill in the online registration form at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz and if you are having difficulty doing this please visit our parish office for assistance.

Week 26th Feb— 2nd Mar	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Parish Newsletter Please send notices and announcements by WEDNESDAY for the coming Sunday Newsletter at office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz
1Reading	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	
Psalm	Ps.79 p.83	Ps. 50 p.58	Ps. 31 p.40	Ps.1 p.14	Ps.106 p.116	Ps. 103 p.113	
Gospel	Luke 6:36-38	Mathew 23:1-12	Mathew 20:17-28	Luke 16:19-31	Matthew 21:33-43,45-46	Mathew 5:43-48	