

Fifth Week of Lent
1.Jer. 31:31-34 or Ezekiel 37:12-14 2. Hebrews 5:7-9 or Romans 8:8-11 John 12:20-33
17th March 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions	Barbrianna Soo Choon	Mavicle Auva	Leni Erlano
Ministers of the Word	Jennifer Fyn Rosaline Petelo	Helen Le Marque Joy Treasurer	Juvina Auva Normita Tolentino
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz Apaula Lautua Jane Castrillo Anna Soo Choon	James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Celerina Robertson Falaniko Malaki Atelina Hunt	Marietta Vaotuua Fakalelu Vehekite Letisia Koloamatangi Gerhard Witbooi Miriam Mantes/Rolando Reyes Sei Kumi Kaloni/Anna Cullen
Altar Servers	Georgina Lautua Enzo Collado Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Frankie Aita	Patelesio Kiutau Finn Butler Kean Platon

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"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"

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PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-004

REF: Build Fund

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Your support is most appreciated!

Please contact Parish office for receipts.

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



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.

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

St Mary's Catholic Church

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10TH MARCH—FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
Liturgy of the Word (Year B)
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Time for Love Te Wā mō te Tūtaki

GOD IS LOVE AND ACTS IN LOVE TOWARDS GOD'S PEOPLE

Today's Gospel (John 3: 14-21) begins with Jesus referring to the Old Testament (Numbers 21:4-9) where God provided a way of healing the Israelites from serpent bites by lifting up a bronze serpent on a pole. Whenever the Israelites who had been bitten by poisonous serpents looked at the bronze serpent then they would survive the serpent bites. Likewise,



Jesus was to be lifted up on a cross and whoever looks to him will be saved. If you believe in Jesus, the world can be saved. If you believe in idols, you are already condemned to darkness.

The passage also reinforces God's love for all people by showing that God loved the whole world to the extent that God was willing to send his only Son as a sacrifice for the sins of all humanity. (John 3:16 and 1 John 4:7-16). Jesus is the sacrifice. Jesus was willing to go all the way to the cross – a sign of God's love rather than judgment.

People can choose whether to respond to God's love or not. God's will is that none perish (2 Peter 3:9) but God gives us free will to make our own choices. Light also has a symbolic meaning which can fit with the experience of new believers as they come to see things in a new light. For example, Nicodemus came by night but became enlightened (John 3:1-5).

At various stages in the life of God's people there are important moments of deep encounter with God. These kairos moments sit outside the normal chronological understanding of time. The Māori phrase "māte wā" captures something of this. There is a right time in the universe for important decisions. Ecclesiastes also captures a sense of kairos (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8). Ultimately there is an important time in which each of us must decide whether we are going to follow and believe in Jesus.

(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)

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

19th March, Tuesday—10:15 am at
Summerseat Karaka

STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, 7:00 pm during Lent



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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

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.



Announcements from Diocese

Vacancy Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha) – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employe a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week – days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services.

To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

Applications close 5 April 2024.

SUMMIT Young Leaders’ Weekend Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED? We can't wait to see you at the SUMMIT 22-24 March at Sonshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at felicity@cda.org.nz for details.

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/ refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

- 14th April | East (St Mark Pakuranga)
- 5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)
- 19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29th March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick’s Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz.

Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross . The ecumenical partners of Auckland, and Christians in more than 100 cities around the world, has come together and launched the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross. This is to pray, raise awareness and assist the suffering people of Gaza. More information is available at: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>, scroll down the page to ‘Join a walk’ and click on Aoteroa/NZ for updated details of the pilgrimage.

Parish News and updates

Giving Envelopes—Effective from 1st of April 2024, no more envelopes are issued. We encourage everyone to move to online banking. Please use your planned giving number as a reference.

SMYFs (St Mary's Youth Family)- Bringing Youth Closer to Christ. We welcome all youth aged 10 & up to join us for our monthly youth sessions. We delve into scripture while growing closer with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact 021 084 04602, stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_. All are welcome. Next youth session is: 15 March, 7:00—9:00 pm.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group—At the St. Mary's Woman's Group we discussed the story of the Woman Taken in Adultery, (Luke 8:1-11), a beautiful text about freedom. The woman was freed to become a moral agent again. "Go and sin no more", free to walk away from the place of death, welcomed back into her community. Writing in the sand, Jesus also releases the ensnared mob that tried to trick him, inviting them to become moral agents and refuse to be puppets of an unjust society. St Mary's Women's Group meets each Friday in the Fr. Ryder Centre on Fridays 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Please join us.

Baptisms—will be celebrated every SECOND SUNDAY of the month during 10.30am Mass. Please note that there will be a 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.

Parish Database —For those who haven’t been registered to our new parish database, please make 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.

PASTORAL VISIT—Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with you over a cuppa. He is happy to pray with your family and bless your home should you consider. If you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit, contact the parish office.

The Sick members of our parish—Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and please let Father Mathew know of anyone who may need spiritual assistance.

Volunteer—We are currently looking for volunteers who can help with Sacramental Programme, Children’s Liturgy, Catechism for Children in State Schools, Health and Safety, Flower Arrangements, Gardeners for the Church and Presbytery, Parking wardens for all masses. Please email pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz or call parish office.

Week 11th—16th March	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1Reading	Isaiah 65:17-21	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12	Isaiah 49:8-15	Exodus 32:7-14	Wisdom 2:1,12-22	Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm	Ps.30 p.39	Ps. 46 p.54	Ps. 145 p.154	Ps.106 p. 118	Ps.34 p.44	Ps. 7 p.19
Gospel	John 4:43-54	John 5:1-3,5-16	John 5:17-30	John 5:31-47	John 7:1-2,10,25-30	John 7:40-52

Dates for your Diary	
Mon, 11 March	PPC/SLT Meeting – Mercy of God, Fr. Ryder Room, 7:00 pm Go and Make Disciples Talk – Hope for Parishes in a Post-Christian Age, St Francis Friary Hillsborough, Organised by Divine Renovation, 7 pm – 8:30 pm (Registration necessary) Cost: \$15/-
Tue, 12 March	Legion of Mary Senior Presidium Meeting, Committee Room, 6:15 pm
Thu, 14 March	Parish Finance committee Meeting, Fr. Ryder Room, 7:00 pm
Fri, 15 March	Legion of Mary Junior Presidium Meeting, Fr. Ryder Room, 5:00-6:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 pm
Sat, 16 March	Parish Lenten Retreat – Mercy of God, Hall, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tue, 19 March	Parish celebration of Rite II Reconciliation, Church, 7:00 pm
Mon, 25 March	Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 7:30 pm
Mon, 25 March	Youth Meeting, Church Hall, 7:00 pm
Sun, 28 April	Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall, 12:00 noon

Please Note
(Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)

BIRTHDAYS

Our best wishes and prayers also to those celebrating their Birthdays this week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We offer our best wishes and prayers to those celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 10th—16th March:

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, Cyril Hugh Petersen

Parish Newsletter

Please send notices and announcements by **WEDNESDAY** for the coming Sunday Newsletter at office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz