

EASTER SUNDAY
1. Acts 10:34. 37-43 2. Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9
31st March 2024

	Saturday 7:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions	Sela Kaloni	James Bingwor	Violet Aita
Ministers of the Word	Violet Aita Evan Maratas, Leni Erlano	Joy Treasurer Lisa Gurney	Ana Silva Rosaline Petelo
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Christian Sison, Anna Cullen Jane Castrillo, Marietta Vaotuu, Falaniko Malaki, Atelina Hunt, Apaula Lautua, Arnel Mantes, Tea Venu, Anna Soo Choon	Shyamalee Krone, James Obeng, Celerina Robertson, Jovita Parker, Taahne Tepuia Afoa	Nigel De Jesus, Lucie De Jesus Fakalelu Paseka, Tea Sharp Bernadette Paulse
Altar Servers	Pedan Peter Tulaga (cross & bell) Aja Lucia Vatau (Easter candle & torch) Frankie Aita (thurible), Albertus Lautua (boat) Adrianna Anthony (candle), Skyler Fonseca (candle)	Sheshan Krone (thurible & bell), Jeevani Krone (boat), Poching Natoealofa (cross), James Soo Choon (candle), Enzo Collado (candle)	Frankie Aita (thurible) Luke Kiutau (boat) Patelesio Kiutau (cross & bell), John Paul Feagaiga (candle) Nitya Roshin (candle)

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Please contact Parish office for receipts.

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Contact Details

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Vince O'Loughlin – loch.ness@xtra.co.nz
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Synod 2021-2023
For a synodal Church
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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

A listening, praying, servant community

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24TH MARCH - PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

Mark 11:1-10 1. Isaiah 50:4-7 2. Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

Time for Hope Te Wā mō te Tūmanako



The act of anointing, or pouring oil on someone's head, is a traditional act of compassion and affection. The value of the ointment emphasises the love that the woman feels for Jesus. This was obviously an object of high value, and she certainly wouldn't have used it to anoint someone unless they were very dear to her. The people with Jesus when this happened didn't know that his Passion was coming; Jesus tells them that she anointed his body for burial, but this wouldn't have made much sense to them at that time.

The act of anointing ties back to the theme of preparation from the first week of Lent, as the woman is unknowingly helping Jesus to prepare for his death. Jesus knows that he is about to enter his Passion, and he shows appreciation for the kindness that the woman showed to him, saying, "She has done what she could." Perhaps this woman's act of love gave Jesus hope and reminded him of the reason for the suffering that he was about to face.

The Gospel reading itself fulfils what Jesus says: "Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." This story can be found before the accounts of the Passion of Christ in the Gospels of John, Mark, and Matthew. The woman's act of love reminds us that there are many ways to love and honour God, and that the path we take is our choice. We are also reminded of the power of our actions. What we do can touch the lives of others and create a legacy of love for years to come.

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)

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism

Grayson Christopher
Madison Jade
Francine Link NZ Rose
Corey Milo
Ollie Beau
Aelswith Constantine
Alana Reina Hester
Dean John
Iris Elizabeth
Ryko Zayn

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

Bequests: Have you remembered St Mary's in your Will.

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.

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society

A big Thank You to the Staff and Pupils of St Marys Primary School for the very large.

Contribution of Tinned food for our Foodbank which will go a long way to help the Vulnerable in our Town. A wonderful gesture.

Again, Thank you.

Community Open Day
St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College, Burt Rd, Drury

An invitation to all in the community to join a guided tour of our new college. All are welcome.
Saturday, 6 April 2024
9.30am-12.30pm

NZCatholic
The national Catholic newspaper

Worin priest appointed as rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland 2

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Belonging in Church?
Mood in the pews explored in survey - pg 3

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper

Parish Newsletter

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

Announcements from Diocese



"Archives are places of Church memory, which must be preserved, transmitted, renewed, appreciated because they represent the most direct connection with the heritage of the ecclesial community." Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church

The archives of the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be providing a presentation, exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups.

The presentation and tour will take approximately an hour on a Saturday morning. Bookings will be essential.

The times will be 9.30 am and 11.00 am and the dates are;

27 April 2024
25 May 2024
22 June 2024
27 July 2024

Please register by email to **pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz**

University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10 (graphic attached)

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, the Apostolic Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand, has left for Rome as he continues his recovery from a stroke. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, the President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, asks Catholics to keep Archbishop Rugambwa in their prayers. He suffered a stroke last 27 October and has been recovering and undergoing rehabilitation in Wellington. "It is with much sadness that we farewell Archbishop Novatus," says Bishop Lowe. "The bishops acknowledge our deep gratitude for his services to the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. We pray for his safe travels to Rome, and we invoke the prayers of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, our New Zealand patroness, for his healing and continued wellbeing."

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

This year, we look forward to continuing our tradition of a Stations of the Cross procession through the Auckland CBD on Good Friday. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. Each year, hundreds of people from across the Diocese come together for this commemoration of our Lord's passion. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland. All are welcome to attend! Please bring comfortable walking shoes, bottled water, and a hat. (Graphic attached)

CDA Connect The latest issue, a roundup of happenings in the diocese and what's coming up is now out. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

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: 12 April, 7:00—9:00 pm.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group—Reflected on the incredible life and times of Mary the mother of Jesus. Her path had many precious moments and held many sacred memories, but that path had its pain too, as she witnessed people's violent reaction to Jesus and his message. In the fullness of time, Mary stood at the foot the cross watching her son die a torturous death. (John 19:25) Her joy was great when he rose from the dead victorious over the powers of evil.

The hallmarks of Mary's heart, compassion, humility and gentleness, may we never cease asking her for the grace to resemble her.

PASTORAL VISIT—Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with you over a cuppa. He is happy to pray 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.

Gifts for the Poor: Families are requested to bring their non-perishable gifts for the poor on Holy Thursday. There will be an opportunity to bring them during the Offertory Procession place them in the basket.

Good Friday Collection: This collection goes towards the upkeep and service of Evangelization in the Holy Land. You may wish to make a generous contribution

Reconciliation: A priest will be available for Reconciliation on Good Friday after the Way of the Cross. There will be no Reconciliation on Holy Saturday.

Stories for the newsletter: We encourage parishioners of all ages, background and talents to write the stories of their faith journey. What does faith mean to you? How does your faith help you to live your life with its promises and hopes? What does your prayer life mean to you? It is for faith sharing and encouraging one another and to get to know the members of our parish family. The stories can be a maximum of 500 words. Send them to the parish office with a Passport size photograph for publishing in the newsletter.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

There will a parents' meeting of the children registered for the programme on **Wednesday, 3 April at 7:00 pm** in the hall.

The Easter Vigil.

It is traditional to bring a candle to the Easter Vigil. This is appropriate as the first part of the Easter Vigil is called the Service of Light. It is important to ensure your candle does not drip any wax onto the floor. Make a candle holder out of a plastic bottle turned upside down and secure your candle in it. If your candle drips on the floor, blow it out immediately.



Dates for your Diary

Mon, 25 March	7:30 pm - Chrism Mass, Cathedral
Mon, 25 March	7:00 pm - Youth Meeting, Church Hall
Tue, 26 March	6:15 pm - Legion of Mary Senior Presidium Meeting, Committee Room
Tue, 26 March	7:00 pm - PPC/SLT Meeting—Parish Planning, Ryder Room
Fri, 29 March	5:00-6:00 pm - Legion of Mary Junior Presidium Meeting, Fr. Ryder Room
Sun, 28 April	12:00 noon - Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall

Easter Triduum Celebration 2024

Thu, 28 March	9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's supper, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (until midnight)
Fri, 29 March	9:00 am - Morning Prayer of the Church 10:00 am - Way of the Cross 3:00 pm - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Sat, 30 March	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 am - Morning Prayer of the Church 7:30 pm - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sun, 31 March	8:30 am & 10:30 am - Easter Mass during the Day

Please Note

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

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Helen Moverley, Karen Mary Leonard

RECENT DEATHS

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

Dennis Sewpershad, Veronica Butler & Joan Williams

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 24th—30th March:

Norman Scharvi, Marie Janet Stretton, Kathleen (Kath) Wannell, Sosefina Ah Kau, Arthur (Don) Ralph-Smith, Hilda Daphne Gobie

Weekday Readings, 25th - 30th March

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps.27; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps.71; John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps.69; Mathew 26:14-25
Holy Thursday	1.Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 2.1Corinthians 11:23-26; Ps.116B; John 13:1-15
Good Friday	1.Isaiah 52:13-53:12 2.Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; Ps.31; John 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Romans 6:3-11; Ps.118; Mark 16:1-8