

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER
 1. Acts 4:32-35 2. 1John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
 7th April 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome / Intercessions	Tevita Koloamatangi	Mahonri Auva'a	Rosaline Petelo
Ministers of the Word	Jennifer Fyn Barbrianna Soo Choon	Evan Maratas Leni Erlano	Ofu Schmidt Sela Kaloni
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Letisia Koloamatangi Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Nigel Boyhan Jackie Boyhan	Celerina Robertson James Obeng Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz Fakalelu Paseka	Falaniko Malaki, Gerhard Witbooi Filimoni Feagaiga, Tea Venu Marietta Vaotuu, Anna Cullen Kumi Sei Kaloni, Bernadette Paulse
Altar Servers	Frankie Aita Nitya Roshin Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Aja Vatau Luca Vatau	Oliver Kiutau Arabella Williams Adrianna Anthony

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



Online Donations:

PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-004

REF: Build Fund

For automatic pledge giving:

PAPAKURA PARISH ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-000

REF: Pledge Number or Name

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

A listening, praying, servant community

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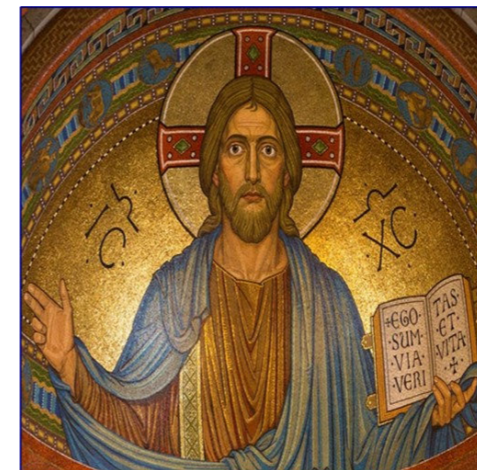
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31ST MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1. Acts 10:34. 37-43 2. Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9



**Christ
 is Risen!
 Alleluia!**

**May this Easter bring us new hope as we
 become more compassionate
 and spread love, joy and peace
 to one another.**

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

9:00 - 10:00am, 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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

8:30 am, First Saturdays of the month

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

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



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"

— John 11:25-26



Our hearts go out in appreciation of so many people who helped us through out the Lent to prepare for Easter.

We thank the sacristan, the musicians and the choirs, the altar servers, flower arrangers and decorators, cleaners, parking wardens, Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, ushers, the RCIA team, Schools, Parish Staff and many other volunteers who most graciously offered their talents and gifts to make this Easter a special Easter for us.

The Parish Liturgy Committee deserves a special applause!

May the Risen Lord bless us all.

Happy Easter

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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.

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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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean?
 Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles
 Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.
 Available in English, Fijian and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage in NZ <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.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

Towards October 2024 Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

Accountant - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. 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 19 April 2024.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Executive Assistant (EA) vacancy to support the Chief Executive Caritas. Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

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.

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/> (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

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.

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.

EFTPOS Machines—Available before and after each masses.

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_](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

Earlier this year, a group of students set up a pro-life club at Manchester University. Their first meeting attracted a large crowd of students who supported abortion. The pro-abortion students were beside themselves with rage, contorted faces, screaming and spitting, shouting threats of violence. The Police were called to protect the pro-life students. **For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Community Open Day
 St. Ignace of Loyola Catholic College, Burrill 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

Dates for your Diary

Tue, 2 April	6:15 pm - Legion of Mary Senior Presidium Meeting, Committee Room
Thu, 4 April	7:00 pm - Parish Liturgy Meeting
Fri, 5 April	5:00-6:00 pm - Legion of Mary Junior Presidium Meeting, Fr. Ryder Room
Thu, 13 April	10:00am - 4:00 pm, Parish Planning Meeting
Sun, 28 April	12:00 noon - Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall
Sun, 5 May	11:30am, ALPHA Programme

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - Easter Monday & Tuesday

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.

Justin Aranda

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

Normita & Eugene Tolentino (Silver Wedding Anniversary)

SICK PARISHIONERS
 We pray for those who are sick, especially;

Helen Moverley, Karen Mary Leonard

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
 We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 31st March—6th April:

Bryan William Westley, Allegonda (Connie) Duin, Joan Mary Wallace Laurence Noel O'Toole, Agnes Alma O'Connor, Joyce Mary Nicol, Mary Annie Wallis,, Francis Joseph Huwyler

Weekday Readings, 1st - 6th April

Monday	Acts 2:14,22-32; Ps.16; Mathew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps.33; John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps. 105; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps. 8; Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps.118; John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps. 118; Mark 16:9-15

Parish Newsletter

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