

**FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**  
**Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8**  
**28th April 2024**

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Welcome / Intercessions</b>	Mavicle Auva'a	Evan Maratas	Sela Kaloni
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Siatua Gabriel Babrianna Soo Choon	Jennifer Fyn James Bingwor	Tevita Koloamatangi Rosaline Petelo
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Martin Lautua Peter Foster Anna Soo Choon Rolando Reyes	Shyamalee Krone Polly & Vincent Ortiz James Obeng Fakalelu Paseka Atelina Hunt	Anna Cullen, Sei Kaloni, Falaniko Malaki, Filimoni Feagaiaga, Marietta Vaotuuu, Miriam Mantes, Jane Castrillo, Lucie de Jesus, Nigel de Jesus
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Frankie Aita Ethan Clarito Skyler Fonseca	Sheshan Krone Jeevan Krone Poching Natoealofa	Pedan Peter Tulaga Adrianna Anthony Luke Kiutau

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**St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College**  
**Principal: Dean Wearmouth**

**21ST APRIL - FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER**

**Days of Prayer for Vocations, National Vocations Awareness Week**

**Acts 4:8-12; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18**

**A Synodal Church in Mission - A Synthesis Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session held from 4 to 29 Oct 2023**

Synodality: experience and understanding of the synod members and points of convergences

The invitation is to recognize with new awareness the synodal dimension of the Church. Synodal practices are attested in the New Testament and in the early Church. Later they took particular historical forms in the different Christian Churches and traditions. The Second Vatican Council "updated" them and Pope Francis encourages the Church to renew them again. Through it, the Holy People of God have discovered that a synodal way of praying, listening and speaking, rooted in the Word of God and woven into moments of encounter in joy, and sometimes even fatigue, leads to a deeper awareness that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. An invaluable fruit is the heightened awareness of our identity as God's faithful People, a dignity derived from Baptism and called to co-responsibility for the common mission of evangelization.



This process has renewed our experience and desire for a Church that is God's home and family, for a Church that is closer to people. The very manner in which the Assembly was held, beginning with the arrangement of people seated in small groups around round tables in the Paul VI Hall, comparable to the biblical image of the wedding banquet (Rev. 19:9), is emblematic of a synodal Church and an image of the Eucharist, the source and summit of synodality, with the Word of God at its center.

There were sisters and brothers from peoples who were victims of war, martyrdom, persecution and hunger. The Assembly frequently spoke of hope, healing, reconciliation and restoration of trust among the many gifts the Spirit has poured out on the Church during this synod process. The openness to listen and accompany everyone, including those who have suffered abuse and hurt in the Church, has made visible many who have long felt invisible.

"Synodality" is a term unfamiliar to many members of the People of God, causing some people confusion and concern. Among the fears is that the teaching of the Church will be changed, moving away from the apostolic faith of our fathers and betraying the expectations of those who even today hunger and thirst for God; concern of some that the Synod may become a body of majority deliberation devoid of its ecclesial and spiritual character, jeopardizing the hierarchical nature of the Church. Some fear that they will be forced to change; others fear that nothing will change and that there will be too little courage to move in the rhythm of the living Tradition. Some perplexity and opposition also hide the fear of losing power and the privileges that come with it.

Synodality can be understood as the walk of Christians with Christ and toward the Kingdom, together with all humanity; mission-oriented, it involves coming together in assembly at the different levels of ecclesial life, listening to one another, dialogue, communal discernment, consensus-building as an expression of Christ's making himself present alive in the Spirit, and decision-making in differentiated co-responsibility. In summary, from the earliest days, the Assembly found itself shaped by two convictions: the first is that the experience we have shared over these years is authentically Christian and should be embraced in all its richness and depth; the second is that the terms "synodal" and "synodality" require more careful clarification of their levels of meaning in different cultures. Substantial agreement emerged that, with the necessary clarifications, the synodal perspective represents the future of the Church.

**Mass Times**

**Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm**  
**Sunday: 8:30am 10:30am**  
**Filipino Mass 1st Sunday 12:30pm**  
**Baptisms 2nd Sunday 10:30 am**  
**Samoaan 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**

**ANOINTING 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)

**RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS**

**30th April, Tuesday—10:30 am at**  
**Summerset Karaka**

*We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism April 2024*

Layzander Johan Polancos  
 Maria-Fatima Shekinah Maiava  
 Kai Andrei Calongcagon



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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 Senior Presidium:** Tuesdays 6:15pm, hall committee room.  
**Legion of Mary Junior Presidium:** Fridays 5-6pm, Ryder 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

### 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.  
 Sunday, 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, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm  
 \$25/session, incl. study material.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>  
 For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore  
 An invitation of all men to the next Joshua meeting.  
**Meeting date/time:** Wed 24 April 2024 7.15am start with cuppa/ fellowship followed by meeting at 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church, 336Wairau Road, Glenfield.  
**Guest speaker:** Dr David Legg, Lecturer in Philosophy & Theology at the Catholic Theological College, Auckland.  
**Topic:** Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition.  
 For more information contact: Russell 022 034 5678

**PROLIFE FACTS**  
 There has been a change in leadership for one of New Zealand's prominent pro-life Christian organisations. Dame Colleen Bayer, DSG, has served for thirty-two years as Family Life International (FLI) Chief Executive, and now her daughter Michelle Kaufman has been appointed as the new Chief Executive/National Director, taking on the role of leading this vital pro-life and pro-family apostolate into the future.  
 For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

## Announcements from Diocese

Today is **Vocations Sunday - Seminary Collection**. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Please continue to pray for our seminarians. Donate at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate).

**The Fifth Gospel Project** Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

**Relics Tour** From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches.

**St Anne's Manurewa - Friday 26, April 6.00pm, Maronite Divine Liturgy 7.00pm**  
**St. Patrick's Cathedral - Saturday 27 April 3.00pm, Mass 4.00pm**  
**St. Elias' Manurewa Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am, Melkite Divine Liturgy 11.00am**  
**Mother of Perpetual Help Glendowie, Sunday 28th April 2.30pm**  
**St. Addai's Papatoetoe Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm Chaldean Divine Liturgy Immaculate Conception Ellerslie Friday 3rd May, Syro-Malabar Divine Liturgy 7.00pm**  
 More details: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/).

**Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer Group** invites young adults (18 to 30 years) to: CALL OF DUTY - A Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults Join us for an unforgettable experience where you'll rekindle your faith, connect with like-minded seekers, and uncover the unique role you play in God's extraordinary plan.  
 The one-day event includes talks from great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations, and good food. When: Sat 27 Apr • 8:30am-4:30pm Where: St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion St., Takapuna Register for FREE at [bit.ly/-callofduty](http://bit.ly/-callofduty)

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is offering a lecture series called A Taste of Theology. Topic 2 is entitled "Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God", revisiting *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on Tuesday, 07 May 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology) to register.

**A Time for Every Season Series Pt 2** – AUTUMN Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 1pm \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 2 May [MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au) MOB 02109115260

**Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled** Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10 spaces.

**Let's Talk About Mary** 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**Ignatian Spirituality NZ** is offering three individually guided retreats in Auckland this year.  
 8-days 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July, \$950; 6-days 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August, \$720 and 6-days 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September \$720. All retreats will be given at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay and include full board and daily accompaniment by a director. Each retreat is limited to 8 spaces. For bookings email [info@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:info@ignatianspirituality.nz)

## Parish News and updates

### Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our parish is inviting parishioners who like to serve the parish as ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of holy Communion. Training will be done by the Auckland Diocese Liturgy Centre which will cover context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. You will need to attend only ONE of these workshops. You will receive a certificate at completion and you will be commissioned for our parish during our Sunday Masses. The course will be from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided) on 5th May - St Anne Manurewa, 19th May - St Joseph Takapuna. Register via the link below or contact the parish office: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

### Sacramental Programme for the month of May

Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
 12pm, inside Fr Ryder Centre

**EFTPOS Machines** - Available before and after each masses (parish office during weekday's, Church Foyer every weekend). 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](mailto:stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com) for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs\_. All are welcome. Next youth session is: TBC.

**St Mary's Parish Women's Group** - Meetings will resume on 3rd May. Enquiries phone Brigid 021.0234.5439 or Jackie 021.1796.602

**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.

**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.

**Rubbish around the church** - We have notice that a lot of rubbish is thrown around the church and on the grounds. We kindly ask all those who generate rubbish to take them away with them and contribute towards keeping our premises clean and neat.

**Parish Newsletter**  
 Please send notices and announcements **by WEDNESDAY** for the coming Sunday Newsletter at [office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Sun, 21 April</b>	1:00 pm - Filipino Community Leaders meeting, Ryder Rm 5:00 pm - Tongan Community, Ryder Rm. - All are welcome 7:00 pm - Samoan Community meeting, Ryder Rm - All are welcome.
<b>Tue, 23 April</b>	7:00 pm - RCIA Team meeting, Presbytery
<b>Wed, 24 April</b>	7:00 pm—Baptismal Preparation Course - Ryder Rm.
<b>Sun, 28 April</b>	12:00 noon - Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall
<b>Sun, 5 May</b>	11:30am - ALPHA Programme, Ryder Rm

Roleta, Parish Administrator, will be on holiday from 26th April to 17th May. All concerns, contact Benita at 09 2996056 or email [pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)  
 Fr. Mathew will be on holiday from 5th May to 7th June.  
 Fr. Mick O'Connor will be with us to help for a month while Fr. Mathew is away.

**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, Audrea Warner & Tony Starbuck

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
 We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 21st April—27th April:

Matthew Thomas Gilmour, Sydney James Alexander, Veronica Adlington, Margaret Banks, Maria Buxton

Please remember in prayer Fr Christopher Brady, a priest of Auckland diocese, who died early this week in Christchurch. He spent some weeks in Christchurch hospital, from where he was transferred to Nazareth House, for end of life care. May he rest in peace.

### Weekday Readings, 22nd- 27th April

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps.42; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps.87; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps.67; John 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Ps.89; Mark 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps.2; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps.98 ; John 14:7-14