

**THIRD WEEK OF EASTER**  
 1. Acts 3:13-15 2. 1John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48  
 14th April 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Welcome / Intercessions</b>	Mavicle Auva'a	Lisa Gurney	Ofu Schmidt
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Oddy Resurrection Becca Resurrection	Violet Aita James Bingwor	Arnel Mantes Ana Silva
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Martin Lautua, Christian Sison, Anna Soo Choon, Dennis Sanga, Raquel Sanga	Polly Ortiz, Vincent Ortiz, James Obeng, Tea Venu, Shyamalee Krone	Miriam Mantes, Jane Castrillo, Bernadette Paulse, Kumi Sei Kaloni, Aurora Almario, Fakalelu Paseka, Gerhard Witbooi, John Franks, Marietta Vaotuu, Falaniko Malaki
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emerziana Lautua Ethan Clarito Albertus Lautua	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Poching Natoealofa	Oliver Kiutau Arabella Williams Adrianna Anthony

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Contact us :  
 Parish Associate: 0211549563  
 Email: alpha@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

or scan the QR code to register your interest:

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**New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please visit our website at [www.papakuracatholic.org.nz](http://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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**7TH APRIL - SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**

Liturgy of the Word (Year B)

1. Acts 4:32-35 2. 1John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

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

Our parish newsletter intends to publish weekly the document for us to be part of this process of becoming a synodal church.

**Synod 2021 2024**

For a synodal Church  
 communion | participation | mission

**Introduction:** "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor 12:13) is the experience, full of joy and gratitude, that the Synodal members had in the First Session of the Synodal Assembly held from 4 to 29 October 2023 on the theme "For a Synodal Church. Communion, Participation, Mission". Despite their diversity of backgrounds, languages and cultures, through the common grace of Baptism they have been able to live those days together with one heart and spirit. The Holy Spirit gifted them with an experience of the harmony that God alone can generate; it is a gift and a witness in a world that is torn and divided.

The Assembly took place while wars both old and new have raged in the world, with dramatic consequences that were impacting upon countless victims. The cry of those who are poor resounded among them, of those forced to migrate and of those suffering violence and the devastating consequences of climate change. They heard their cry through the media, through the voices of many present, who were personally involved in those tragic events whether through their families or their people. The Assembly took this cry into their hearts and prayers, wondering how our Churches can foster paths of reconciliation, hope, justice and peace.

The meeting took place in Rome, gathered around the successor of Peter, who confirmed them in their faith and encouraged them to be audacious in the mission. The Assembly began with an ecumenical vigil, which saw the leaders and representatives of the other Churches and Christian communities praying together with the Pope at the tomb of Peter. Unity ferments silently within the Holy Church of God. "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity" (Ps 133:1).

At the behest of the Holy Father, the Assembly saw other members of the People of God gathered together and around the bishops. The bishops, united among themselves and with the Bishop of Rome, made manifest the Church as a communion of Churches. Lay people, those in consecrated life, deacons and priests were, together with the bishops, witnesses of a process that intends to involve the whole Church and everyone in the Church. Their presence reminded the members that the Assembly was not an isolated event, but an integral part and a necessary step in the synodal process. The multiplicity of interventions and the plurality of positions voiced in the Assembly revealed a Church that is learning to embrace a synodal style and is seeking the most suitable ways to make this happen.

**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)

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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

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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  
**Parish Choir—**Wednesday at 7pm

### Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

**Lenses of Love** - From missionary to bride of Christ- Come, meet and listen to Nina Talau as she shares her story and experiences, answering God's call for her in consecrated life and as a missionary in the Middle East | Mon 22 Apr 7pm | Koha/ Donation | Light refreshments provided | RSVP [emily@sfrc.org.nz](mailto:emily@sfrc.org.nz) | Click here to print the poster.

**Gospel of Mark Retreat** - Join the Secular Franciscans for their Annual Retreat at St Francis Retreat Centre, directed by Fr Merv Duffy SM, focused on the Gospel of Mark | Sat 27 Apr 9am - Sun 28 Apr 3pm | \$225 per person includes all meals and accommodation | Contact Paul 0274 932 921, [paulhitchfield@gmail.com](mailto:paulhitchfield@gmail.com) | Click here to print poster.

**Time Out Days** - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May | Thu 27 Jun

**24Hr Quietude** - For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | May 17th/18th | July 12th/13th

**Counties Catholic Mens' Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday 10th April, at St Mary's Church in Papakura for mass at 6:30pm. New members welcome, come and join in our prayers for priests, for vocations, and for each other. Contact Michael 021 1258814, Richard 029 5335370, or Tim 027 2436211

**Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life** looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss in Christ. Dates: **Sat 13 and Sun 14 April**, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome.

For more information and to register please visit: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

### Parish Newsletter

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

## Announcements from Diocese

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 – Graduate Role- 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. This role will suit a recent graduate of a Bachelor's degree or relevant tertiary qualification (Accounting). To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 12 April 2024

**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/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

**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>

Building a Thriving Parish is part 2 of the Go Make Disciples series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive. This will be held at 7pm - 9PM Wednesday 24th April 2024 at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

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](http://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/>

### PROLIFE FACTS

Right to Life's Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 5th April 2024, at 7.30pm at Christ the King Parish Centre, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, Christchurch. The guest speaker will be Mr. Paulo Garcia, MP for Grey Lynn, who will be speaking on "Defending the right to life in 2024."  
**For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**

## Parish News and updates

*We welcome new members to our parish community through Rite of Initiation for Children and Adults during Easter Vigil 30th March 2024*

- Kendall Kreszentia Saisirita Yates
- Karlos Koby Yates
- Kael-Leon Johann Yates
- Casey Ann Gielink
- McCartney Rey Gielink
- Madden Wesley Gielink
- Dale Salle
- Riley Salle
- Gabriel Salle
- Krayven Salle
- Cohen Salle
- Kaufusitu'a Toutaiolepo Vaka
- Kate O'meara
- Ella O'meara
- Kylie Biddle
- Ella Biddle
- Rebecca Sutton
- Lily Sutton
- Emma Burt
- Sonja Schlebusch
- Tildamoa Seira Savea
- Trudypepe Leia Savea
- Jennifer Maddren
- Emmalyn Maddren
- Dale Benjamin Speedy
- Katherine Louise Tuck Speedy
- Samuel Ethan Speedy
- Adam Illston
- Amanda Illston
- Toby Illston
- Poppy Illston
- Reneze Chanlyn Scott
- Taylor Scott



**EFTPOS Machines**—Available before and after each masses. 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: 12 April, 7:00—9:00 pm.

**St Mary's Parish Women's Group**—meeting in the Fr Ryder Centre 1.00pm Friday 12th April then recess for the School Holidays. Meetings will resume again Friday 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.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Thu, 18 April</b>	7:00 pm - PPC Meeting, Ryder Rm
<b>Fri, 19 April</b>	7:00 pm - Training for Minister of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Eucharist, Ryder Rm
<b>Sat, 20 April</b>	11:00 am - Training for Minister of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Eucharist, Ryder Rm
<b>Sun, 21 April</b>	1:00 pm - Filipino Community Leaders meeting, Ryder Rm 7:00 pm - Samoan Community Leaders meeting, Ryder Rm
<b>Tue, 23 April</b>	7:00 pm - RCIA Team meeting, Presbytery
<b>Sun, 28 April</b>	12:00 noon - Parish Annual General Meeting, Church Hall
<b>Sun, 5 May</b>	11:30am - ALPHA Programme

**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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
 We pray for our dearly departed whose anniversaries of death are this week, 7th April—14th April:

Kevin John Cole, Helena Joan Glen, Vaeamuni Otukolo, Aubyn John Gunson, Ruth Van Veen, Akanese Pati, Valerie Norma Morine, John Berg, Beverley June Toki, Evangeline Buhagiar, Ethne Monica Ethne, Florentyna Monica Tautava Iosefo



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### Weekday Readings, 8th - 12th April

Monday	1. Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 2. Hebrews 10:4-10; Ps. 40; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps. 93; John 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps. 34; John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps. 34; John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Ps. 27; John 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps. 33; John 6:16-21