

TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
 1st September 2024

Welcome / Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Margrette Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Evan Maratas	Sunday 10:30 am Danae Anthony	Filipino Mass, Sunday 2:00 pm Jane Castrillo
Ministers of the Word	Lumepa Soo Choon Georgina Lautua	James Bingwor Leni Erlano	Jason Farley Sela Kaloni	Flordelis Tanyag Queenie Sebastian
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Martin Lautua Evangeline Moverley Telesia Tuala Elizabeth Tugaga	Jovita Parker James Obeng Shyamalee Krone Annette Bingwor Atelina Hunt	Tea Venu Tea Sharp Caron Marnewick Fuli Vaasili Bernadette Paulse Fakalelu Paseka Ana Silva	Rolando Reyes Aran Ferranti Carlos Silverio Geraldine Cuya Christopher Cuya Mary Jane Dumalaon
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Nitya Roshin Martin Thomas	Sheshan Krone Aja Vatau Luca Vatau	Patelesio Kiutau Luke Kiutau Adrianna Anthony	Kiean Lyssa

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Weekday Readings, 26th - 31st Aug

Monday	2Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12; Ps.96; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	2Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Ps.96; Mathew 23::23-26
Wednesday	2Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Ps.128; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	Jeremiah 1:17-19; Ps. 71; Mark 6:17-29
Friday	1Corinthians 1:17-25; Ps .33; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1Corinthians 1:26-31; Ps.33; Matthew 25:14-30

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

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25TH AUGUST - TWENTY FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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

Ecclesial Discernment and Open Questions

Convergences

Conversation in the Spirit was a valuable experience for all participants, allowing for open communication and listening to each other's perspectives.

This approach allows for careful consideration of controversial matters within the Church, such as the effects of digital technologies, non-violence, ministry, and sexuality.

To develop authentic ecclesial discernment, it is essential to approach these questions in the light of the Word of God and Church teaching, involving dialogue involving human and social sciences, philosophy, and theological reflection.

The relationship between love and truth is central to these controversial matters, as it is revealed in Christ's teachings. Jesus, in his uniqueness, listens to the cry for help and engages in gestures that communicate love and restore confidence.

We can only support others if we ourselves are undergoing conversion, both personal and communal. The difficulty we encounter in translating Jesus' clear evangelical vision into pastoral choices is a sign of our struggle to live up to the Gospel. If we use doctrine harshly and with a judgmental attitude, we betray the Gospel; if we practise mercy 'on the cheap', we do not convey God's love. The unity of truth and love implies bearing the difficulties of others, even making them our own, as happens between brothers and sisters. This unity can only be achieved, however, by patiently following the path of accompaniment.

Issues like identity, sexuality, the end of life, marital situations, and ethical issues related to artificial intelligence are controversial in society and the Church, requiring further study and reflection.

Matters for Consideration

It is necessary to continue ecclesial reflection on the original interweaving of love and truth flowing from Christological revelation, with a view to an ecclesial practice faithful to these origins.

We encourage experts in different fields to bring together their knowledge with their personal spirituality so that what they offer is a real ecclesial service. What synodality means in this context is a readiness to think together in the service of mission and in diverse settings, but with a shared sense of purpose.

We identified a need for reflection on the conditions that enable theological and cultural research that takes as its starting point the daily experience of God's Holy People and places itself at its service.

Proposals

We propose that initiatives enabling shared discernment on controversial doctrinal, pastoral and ethical issues should be developed, in the light of the Word of God, Church teaching, theological reflection and an appreciation of the synodal experience. This can be accomplished through in-depth discussions among experts with diverse skills and backgrounds, in an institutional setting that protects confidentiality and promotes frank discussion. When appropriate it should also involve people directly affected by the matters under consideration. Such initiatives should be set in motion before the next Session of the Assembly.

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass:

Saturday
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

Second Sunday of the month
 Baptism during 10:30am mass

Weekday Mass:

Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 6:30pm
Wednesday - 6:30pm
Thursday - 9:30am
Friday - 9:00am

First Fridays of month 10:00am

First Saturdays of the month
 Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

ETHNIC MASSES

Filipino language 1st Sunday
2:00pm
Tongan Language 2nd Sunday
2:00pm
Samoan Language 3rd Sunday
12:00pm
Maori Language 4th Sunday ?
TBC

RECONCILIATION

9:00 - 10:00am, Saturdays

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm
Evening Prayer (VESPERS)

Sunday - 8:00am
Morning Prayer (LAUDES)

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

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, stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_. Next youth session is: 30 Aug., 7-9pm Hall. All welcome

Legion of Mary Senior Presidium: Mondays 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 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

Parish Choir - Singing and music practice for our Sunday Masses - Wednesday at 7:15pm. All welcome.

St. Mary's Women's Group - Fri, 1:00-3:00pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 1796602. All welcome

St Mary's Parish Women's Group - "The story of Deborah" (Book of Judges) followed by "The curing of the Canaanite woman Mathew 15:21-8" were discussed at last weeks meeting of Women in the Bible. We enjoy and gain much from our discussions.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthies

A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today. Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Signing of School Preference form

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

Announcements from Diocese

Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits!

Throughout the evening, be enchanted by the melodies of our live band, whose music will set the tone for a night of dancing and revelry. Indulge in canapes fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Capture memories that will last a lifetime with our professional photographer, who will be on hand to snap photos of you and your friends against the backdrop of this magical event. Don't be late for this very important date! - secure your tickets now: tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out).*This is an 18+ event. **Tickets:** https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6-8 September. **The Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaola Samoan Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

Ever wanted to know something about the Holy Land? Let us be ecumenical (unite in our various Christian faith) by joining in with our friends of the Armenian Church to an interesting online ZOOM lecture about the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem | Wednesday 28 August 2024 at 9:00pm. Prof Roberta Ervine, from New York, will give us a virtual tour/talk of the Church and it is free to register. Email Deacon Nishan on nishanbasmajian@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on Tuesday, 03 September 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

The Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity. Join us at this annual Prayer Service 5:00 PM Sunday 25th August 2024 at St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens Manurewa. Light Refreshments provided.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - NORTH SHORE

Meeting date: **Wed 28 Aug 24 Time: 7:00 pm Fellowship - Meeting 7:30 pm**

Venue: St Thomas More, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

Guest speaker: Jim Gribble

Topic: **Chaplaincy a Vital Ministry in the Church**

All men welcome to join others for a time of learning, praying, fellowship.

Look forward to seeing you there.

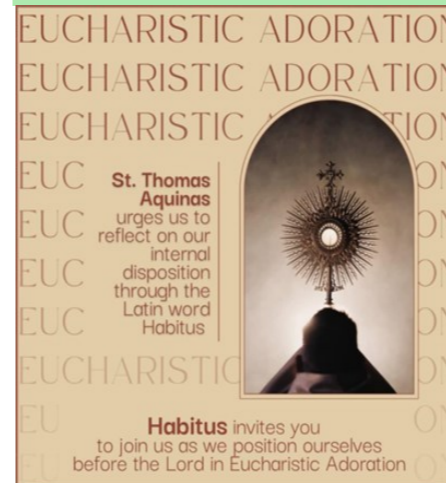
Parish News and updates

Exploring a Catholic response to the needs of Our Common Home

Considering the environmental crisis, Pope Francis addressed *LaudatoSi*, 2014, and *Laudate Deum* 2023 to all people of good will. What do these documents say? What do they ask of us?

During this Season of Creation, you are invited to discuss and take a deeper look at these documents.

Where: St Mary's Front Committee Room
When: Thursday 7pm
August 29th, September: 12th, & 26th
Host: Judith Courtney



Every First Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Marriage and Convalidation of Marriage

It is a beautiful thing to get married. It is a blessing and an act of faith to have the Marriage celebration in Church.

Those who are planning to get married in Church, are most welcome to speak with Fr. Mathew. It is encouraged to begin a discussion at least 6 months prior to marriage.

We are happy to help those contracted civil marriage to have their marriage validated by the Catholic Church. Kindly contact the parish office.

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. Please email it with a passport size photograph at office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

St. Vincent de Paul Society Papakura Food Bank

Will be open on Thursday mornings for clients to collect their pre-booked parcels.

To request food assistance please phone **021 02671430** to give your details and you will be given an appointment time for collecting a food parcel.

Dates for your Diary

Thu, 29 Aug	Baptism Preparation Course, 7pm, Ryder room
Thu, 29 Aug 12 & 26 Sept	Parish Formation Evening: <i>Laudate Deum</i> Season of Creation 2024, 7pm, Committee room
Thu, 5 Sept	Parish Liturgy Meeting, 7pm, Ryder Room
Sat, 7 Sept	Introductory Course for late registration for RCIA/ RCIC, 1-3pm, Church (deadline for registration before 7th Sept)
Thu, 12 Sept	Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 7pm, Ryder Room
Thu, 19 Sept	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Ryder Room

Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey?



12th July - 18th Aug. 2024

Online Collections

Pledge - \$ 1,970 / Build. Fund - \$40

Sat & Sun Mass Collections

Pledge - \$ 1,865.90 / Build. Fund - \$5

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, Audrea Warner, Tony Starbuck, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Lisa Matt, Judge Carpio, Bryan Wannell, Brian O'Leary and Rosario Tamin

RECENT DEATHS

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

Andrew Bruce Robertson

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death

Julie Carol Ashton, Maria (Kirita) Pune, Eileen Patricia Ashton, Elizabeth (Lies) Van Tiel, Irene Frances Gudsell, Ted and Jule Husband



You are all invited to our **PARISH COMMUNI-TEA** from first week of August, after the 5:00pm, 8:30am and 10:30am Mass that you will be attending.

To make this project successful, we would like to encourage individuals or families to sign up on the date and mass time you are happy to host.

To be a host, we would like you to bring coffee, tea, milk and baked goodies eg. muffins, cakes, sandwiches, savouries, or even as simple as biscuits. Please start talking with your friends now to choose a date, time and month.

To book, please get in touch to parish office so organizers would know which other slot to fill up.

Host for next weekend: 1st September

8:30 am -
10:30 am -