

**TWENTY SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48  
 29th September 2024

Welcome /Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Barbrianna Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Ignatious Noue	Sunday 10:30 am Cyrilla Asseervatham
Ministers of the Word	Margrette Soo Choon Phillip Soo Choon	Lisa Gurney Evan Maratas	Jason Farley Ofu Schmidt
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Martin Lautua Apaula Lautua Aron Silverio Telesia Tuala Evangeline Moverley	Shyamalee Krone Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz Rolando Reyes Letisia Koloamatangi Falaniko Malaki	Tea Sharp, Tea Venu Marietta Vaotua Mary Jane Dumalaon Fuli Vaasili, Jane Castrillo Aurora Almario Bernadette Paulse Filimoni Feagaiga
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Enzo Collado Nitya Roshin	Sheshan Krone Poching Natealofa James Soo Choon	Patelesio Kiutau Oliver Kiutau Daniel Kaloni

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*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:*  
 Audrea Warner, Tony Starbuck, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Lisa Matt, Judge Carpio, Bryan Wannell, Brian O'Leary, Rosario Tamin, John Ram Krishna, Rodolfo Tolentino and Graham Reed

**RECENT DEATHS**  
*We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.*  
 Marna Starbuck and Angela Stewart

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
*We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death*  
 Annie Elizabeth Murphy, Michael John Sanders, Alphonsus O'Kane, Erina Louise Wilson, Judith Lawrence, Doreen Theresa Mulligan, Faialofa Siaoosi, Maree Patricia Pohio, Anna Maria Hulsbosch, Madeline Frances (Rose) Falgate, Johannes (John) Biggelaar, Patricia Anne Burke and Hone Taylor  
 May they rest in peace. Amen

**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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**22ND SEPTEMBER - TWENTY FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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

**Matters for Consideration**

The Internet is increasingly present in the lives of children and families. While it has great potential to improve people's lives, it can also cause harm and injury, such as through intimidation, disinformation, sexual exploitation, and addiction. There is an urgent need to consider how the Christian community can support families in ensuring that the online space is not only safe but also spiritually life-giving.

There are many valuable and useful Church-related online initiatives that provide excellent catechesis and faith formation. Unfortunately, there are also sites where faith-related issues are addressed in a superficial, polarized and even hate-filled manner. As a Church and as individual digital missionaries, we have a duty to ask ourselves how we can ensure that our online presence constitutes an experience of growth for those with whom we communicate.

Online apostolic initiatives have a reach and scope that extends beyond traditionally understood territorial boundaries. This raises important questions about how they can be regulated and which ecclesiastical authority should be responsible for supervision.

We must also consider the implications of the new digital missionary frontier for the renewal of existing parish and diocesan structures. In an increasingly digital world, how do we avoid being trapped within a mindset that seeks only to conserve what we are already doing and instead unleash new energies for new forms of mission?

The COVID-19 pandemic stimulated a range of creative online pastoral initiatives that reduced the effects of the experience of isolation and loneliness experienced particularly by elderly and vulnerable community members. Catholic educational institutions also used online platforms effectively to continue offering formation and catechesis during lockdowns. We need to assess what this experience has taught us and what the lasting benefits might be for the Church's mission in the digital environment.

While young people do seek beauty, many young people have abandoned the physical spaces of Church into which we continue to try to invite them, favouring instead online spaces. This has implications for how we try to engage them and seek to offer them formation and catechesis. This is something to consider from a pastoral perspective.

**Proposals**

We need to provide opportunities for recognising, forming, and accompanying those already working as digital missionaries, while also facilitating networking amongst them.

It is important to create collaborative networks of influencers that include people of other religions or indeed who may profess no faith, but who wish to collaborate on common causes to promote human dignity, justice, and care for our common home.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Sunday - 8:00am  
 Morning Prayer (LAUDS)

**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 - 12:00pm

**First Friday of month**

10:00am - Mass  
 10:30am - 12:00pm and  
 6:30 - 7:30pm - Adoration &  
 Benediction

We ask 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 to office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

## 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 027 2982327

**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: **27 September, 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 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

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

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



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPA KURA

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to convey our thanks and blessings to those in the Parish and Takanini PaknSave for medical and other supplies donated for the hospital appeal for Tonga.

#### 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.

#### Shop - Volunteer Needed

Looking to make a difference in our community? Join us at our Vinnies Shop in Papakura as volunteer. We need friendly faces to help with sorting donations, assisting costumers, and keeping the store organized. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or more, your time and energy will have a positive impact. Training is provided, and you'll meet a great team volunteers. Interested? Contact **Chris on 0274767644.** Together we can make difference.

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

THANKS A Latte



For those who participate in our Parish Communi-Tea



Host for next weekend: **29h September**

8:30 am—SMYFs

10:30 am - Miriam Mantes and Friends

To support please call parish office

#### ALTAR SERVER



We would like to invite young people to please join as Altar Servers in our Parish. We will be having a training for the existing members and new members on **Friday 11th October at 6:00pm.**

For further information and registration contact pastoral@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

#### LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 14-18 JANUARY 2025

St Mary's Papakura will once again be attending Lifeteen Summer Camp! For youth aged 13-17, Lifeteen is a fun opportunity to grow in our Catholic faith and make friendships with youth from all over NZ. Registrations are open NOW so express your interest by emailing [stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyoungfamily@gmail.com) or contact Hina on 020 4157 0323.

#### Announcements from Diocese

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations.

#### SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). **The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024**

#### Special Collection in the Auckland Diocese for 2024 Cathedral Appeal (Second Collection) on 21st/22nd September

The money is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church - The Cathedral of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph - A Precious Heritage entrusted to us.

#### 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.

## Parish News and Updates

#### THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

- ONE HOUR a week as Power point operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR a week as Eftpos operator for each mass
- ONE HOUR per week to count the mass collections
- TWO HOURS a month to be minute takers of the meeting for Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy Committee (choose only one)
- ONE HOUR OR TWO to clean the Church, Hall or Ryder room (choose only one)
- ONE HOUR a week to take Holy Communion to the homebound.
- You may have talents which you want make known to parish. Contact us.

#### Car Parking on East Street

We can see the continuous yellow line along the East Street of our parish Church. It is a clear indication that cars cannot be parked where yellow lines are drawn by an appropriate authority. The parish supports the Auckland Council and their agents in enforcing the correct parking requirements. We also notice that some drivers overlook this and park wrongly even while coming for Sunday worship. We request all drivers to park only on the designated parking spaces and avoid being towed away at their own expenses or being fined for illegal parking.

#### New Site Development Committee

The parish Finance Committee is seeking parishioners with sufficient knowledge and experience in building industry to give their expression on interest to join the Parish Site Development Committee. Contact the parish office.

#### Holy Communion

We are seeking Parishioners to take Holy Communion to the homebound and those in Rest-Homes. They will be trained and commissioned.

#### Hospitality Volunteers

The parish will be hosting the Deanery Meeting of South Auckland Priests on Tuesday, 1st October. We are looking for volunteers to help with morning tea and lunch.

**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.

**Sick members of our parish** - Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and please let us know of anyone who may need spiritual assistance.

#### Weekday Readings, 23rd - 28th September

Monday	Proverbs 3:27-34; Ps. 15; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday	Prov.21:1-6,10-13; Ps.119A; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday	Proverbs 30:5-9; Ps.119H; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Ps.90; Luke 9:7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ps.144; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Ps.90; Luke 9:43-45

#### Dates for your Diary

<b>Thu, 26 Sept</b>	Parish Formation Evening: Laudate Deum Season of Creation 2024, 7pm, Committee room
<b>Thu, 26 Sept</b>	Hospitality Volunteers for Deanery Priests meeting, 2pm, Ryder room
<b>Tue, 1 Oct</b>	Deanery Meeting, 9am - 2pm, Hall & Ryder room.
<b>Fri, 11 Oct.</b>	Altar Server Training for Old/New members, 6pm, Church

#### 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.

#### Teuteu Mali (Tongan Language)

Ko ha me'a faka'ofa'ofa ia ke mali.  
 Ko ha tāpuaki mo ha ngāue ia 'o e tui ke fakahoko e kātoanga'i 'o e Malí 'i he Siasí. Ko kinautolu 'oku palani ke mali 'i he Siasí, 'oku talitali lelei kinautolu ke talanoa mo Patele Mathew. Koe faka'amua ke kamata ha fepotalanoa'aki 'o 'oua na'a toe sí'i hifo he māhina 'e 6 kimu'a he mali.' Oku mau fiefia ke tokoni'i 'a e fa'ahinga na'a nau fai 'a e mali fakapule'angá ke fakapapau'i ' enau nofo mali ' e he Siasí Katoliká

#### Faaiopoga ma le Faamaoniaina o le (Samoan Language)

O se mea matagofie le faaiopoga. O se faamanuiga ma se faatinoga o le faatuatua le faia o le faamanatuga o le Faaiopoga i le Ekalesia.

O i latou o lo'o fuafua e fa'aipoipo i le Ekalesia, e fa'afeiloa'i lava e talanoa ma Fr. Mathew. E fautuaina e amata se talanoaga ia le ititi ifo i le 6 masina a o lei faaiopogo.

Matou te fiafia e fesoasoani ia i latou na fa'akonekarate fa'aipoipoga fa'aletulafono ina ia fa'amaonia a latou fa'aipoipoga e le Ekalesia Katoliko. Fa'amolemole fa'afeso'ota'i le ofisa o le aulotu.

#### Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey?  
 Contact Fr. Mathew

#### BOOKING OF PARISH FACILITIES

To all parish communities if you wish to use the parish facilities, please email parish office for your bookings on a first come, first serve basis. Booking may be cancelled in the event of any liturgical, parish activity or funerals and a 48-hour notice will be given to you.

#### 9th - 15th September Online Collections

Pledge - \$1,625  
 Build. Fund - \$215

**Sat & Sun Mass Collections (14th / 15th Sept.)**  
 Pledge - \$ 1,741.30  
 Build. Fund - \$5