

THIRTY FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34
3rd November 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome /Intercessions	Philip Soo Choon	Tevita Koloamatangi	Jane Fetu'u
Ministers of the Word	Barbrianna Soo Choon Sela Kaloni	James Bingwor Violet Aita	Ofu Schmidt Siatua Gabriel
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Jovita Parker Peter Foster Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Kumi Kaloni	Shyamalee Krone James Obeng Letisia Koloamatangi Celerina Robertson Atelina Hunt Falaniko Malaki	Tea Venu, Tea Sharp Caron Marnewick Fuli Vaasili Telesia Tuala Fakalelu Paseka Ana Silva, Anna Callen Marietta Vaotuaa
Altar Servers	Frankie Aita Martin Thomas Edith Aita	Jeevani Krone Aja Vatau Luca Vatau	Patelesio Kiutau Luke Kiutau Adrianna Anthony

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Please contact Parish office for receipts.

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.
 Arnolda Braks and John Pio Pusung

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 Angela Thompson, Margaret Elizabeth Cormack, Douglas Edward Scott, James Gregory Markham, Louisa Potter, James Neville Keown, Gerard Paul Kroef and Mary Bell

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 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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27TH OCTOBER - THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer allows the Spirit to change our hearts

By Pope Francis

I learned to pray from my grandmother. She is the one who taught me to pray and instilled in me a devotion to Saint Joseph. Then, the spiritual fathers I had, both in the seminary and in the Society of Jesus, helped me grow in my experience of prayer.

Among them, I would like to mention Father Miguel Angel Fiorito, an Argentine Jesuit, a philosophy professor, but also an enthusiast of spirituality. His works have now been published in Italy as well: a great spiritual master who taught me to grow in my way of praying. He offered many courses on spirituality. He taught me to pray as a son and not to seek the "candies" of consolation: How does prayer happen? How do we get used to praying? What should we do when there is consolation or even desolation, when we don't feel like praying? He was a teacher of spiritual life for me. Over time, my formation in prayer has remained the same.

Even as Pope, nothing has changed: I pray as I always have, with the same rhythm. Sometimes I say vocal prayers, sometimes before the Blessed Sacrament, I endure moments of dryness. My prayer continues through beautiful things and not-so-beautiful things. Sometimes I think I need to pray more, that's true. There's no time, but I need to pray more. I always stick to the Liturgy of the Hours; I never abandon it: in the afternoon, Vespers; later, the Office of Readings; in the morning, Lauds; and then Mass. And then there's mental prayer, the prayer of meditation; when I have a little time, I try to have a conversation and ask the Lord something, but I fear He might respond...

And then there's the Our Father, the prayer of Jesus. It has everything! When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, He didn't call a catechist to instruct them on some methodology of prayer or a specialist in the art of oration. He said: "Say this: Our Father" (cf. Luke 11:2). The Our Father is the universal prayer, the prayer of children, the prayer of trust, the prayer of courage, and also the prayer of resignation. It is the great prayer.

And there are prayers to Mary: I also have great trust in the Madonna; I always pray the Rosary. I like to feel her close because she is a Mother and she guides us. There's a very beautiful story, which is of course a legend, that tells us how Our Lady saves everyone! It's the story of Our Lady of Thieves, protector of robbers. They steal, but because they pray to her, when one of them dies, Our Lady, who is at the window of heaven, gestures for him to hide. She tells him not to go to Peter, who won't let him in. But in the evening, she opens the window of Paradise and lets him in from there. I like this: Our Lady is the one who lets you in through the window. It's almost like smuggling. Just like at Cana. The Lord did not have the freedom to say no. She's like this with her Son. It's like this: pleading omnipotence.

It is also because of this trust that, at the end of my public addresses, I always ask people to pray for me. I need the community to support me in this service to the Church. If the Church doesn't support you with prayer, you're done. The community must support its bishop, and the bishop must pray for the community.

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 - 8:00pm - Adoration &
 Benediction

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Sunday - 8:00am
Morning Prayer (LAUDS)

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 11:00am
Summerset - 3rd Tuesday, 10:30am

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, smarysyoungfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_.
 Next youth session is: **22 November, 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
Music Ministry Team - 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. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAPURA



Our annual Christmas gifts and hamper planning has just started and we would be grateful for donations of Christmas wrapping paper. Also any old (used) Christmas cards, which are useful for making the gift tags that go on the tree. The tree and tags with age and gender of children will be in the Church at the beginning of November. Thank you.

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.

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.

Signing of School Preference form

Wednesday, 30th October between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 4:00pm
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.
 Note: On the **20th November**, the priest is not available. Please plan ahead before this day.

Sacramental Programme 2025

Registration form is available on our website. Parents are requested to submit the forms with Baptismal Certificate not later than **17 January 2025**.

Note: For those who applied earlier needs to fill up the new registration form and submit or email it to parish office. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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 or contact Hina on 020 4157 0323.

BOOKING OF PARISH FACILITIES

To all parish communities, if you wish to use the parish facilities, please email parish office for your bookings. It will be confirmed on a first-come, first-serve basis. No same day booking, at least one week before the event. Booking may be cancelled in the event of any liturgical, parish activity or funerals and a 48-hour notice will be given to you.



Columban Calendar 2025 now available at the parish office \$13 each

Parish Communi-Tea

Host for next weekend: **2nd/3rd November**
 5:00pm - ?
 8:30am - ? / 10:30am - ?
 To support please call parish office

Immigration Advice

Rebecca Burges is offering an initial immigration advice free for 30 minutes on matters related to application, eligibility and problem solving around immigration matters. Contact her on 021 146 9842. Visit www.visadirectnz.co.nz

Counties Catholic Mens' Fellowship

will meet on Wednesday 30th October, at St Anthony's Church in Waiuku, starting with mass at 7pm and then a meeting afterwards. New members welcome, come and join in our prayers for priests, for vocations, and for each other. Contact Richard 029 5335370, Michael 021 1258814 or Tim 027 2436211

Parish News and Updates

Communication to the Parish from Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parishioners,

On October 19, 2024, our Senior Leadership Team gathered to delve into the various vision statements submitted by both the team and parishioners over the past three weeks. During this meeting, we earnestly sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct our discussions and decisions.

We are deeply inspired by the collective wisdom and spiritual insights that have emerged from these vision statements. Your contributions have been invaluable, offering a rich tapestry of perspectives and hopes for the future of our parish. Together, we are charting a path that reflects our shared faith and commitment to our community.

To continue this collaborative process, we invite all parishioners to read the copy of the vision statements working document. This document is a living testament to our unified effort and the prayerful consideration we are giving to each vision put forward in the process of prayerfully finalising our Parish Vision.

The parish office will email the document if you are on our mailing list. Get your copy and join us in this journey of faith and discernment. Let us remain united in prayer as we seek to fulfill the mission that God has placed in our hearts.

With blessings and gratitude,

Senior Leadership Team

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 per group or family)
- ONE HOUR a week to take Holy Communion to the homebound.
- You may have talents which you want make known to parish. Contact us.

Funeral Service for

Arnolda Braks

Tuesday, 29th October, 11:00am

John Pio Pusung

Wednesday, 30th October, 1:00pm



14th - 20th September

Online Collections

Pledge - \$ 1,796.01
 Build. Fund - \$ 164.99

Sat & Sun Mass Collections

19th / 20th September
 Pledge - \$ 1,820.80

Parish Car park

Since we have very limited availability for parking, we encourage all parishioners to leave the car park for the elderly, the sick and the mobility card holders. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for your Diary

Tue, 29 Oct	Meeting for those who are taking communion to the sick and housebound, Ryder rm, 7pm
Thu, 31 Oct	Baptismal Preparation Course, Ryder room, 7pm
Fri, 1 Nov	All Saints Day – Mass and Celebration, 6:30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in their favourite saint attire to follow with games, activities and shared meal.
Sat, 2 Nov	All Souls Day – Mass of all Souls at 10am. No mass at 8:30am. Reconciliation at 9am.
Sun, 3 Nov	Visiting Papakura South Cemetery, 12:30pm and Gatland Road Cemetery, 1:30pm. Upon request by family the priest will bless the grave of departed loved ones. May they rest in peace Amen.
Fri, 8 Nov	Altar Server Meeting with shared meal, Church/ Ryder rm, 6pm
Wed, 27 Nov	Mass for the deceased priests of Auckland Diocese, St. Patrick's Panmure, 11am
Sat, 30 Nov	Working Bee - Please bring in your own tools spray bottles, rags and broom to help with the maintenance. 10am-2pm
Sun, 8 Dec	Ecumenical Advent Celebration, 7pm, St Marys Parish

Parking along the yellow dotted line on East Street

Good afternoon

I have contacted AT re the illegal parking on the east side of East Street that is clearly marked with broken yellow lines. They are looking into adding a No Parking sign in addition to the yellow lines.

By parking on these lines, the people going to your church are creating a dangerous situation for traffic trying to cross Wood St. I have photos of vehicles parked there and videos that show these people have come from your church. There are upto 6 cars parked there every Sunday.

Could you please speak to your Sunday parishioners and point out to them not to park on the yellow lines.

Thank you

Warm regards

A Concerned member of the Public



Parish Needs You - Car Park Attendant

The parish is looking for volunteers to help out in managing our car parks for each Mass on the weekends. You will be delighted to see many smiling faces and greet and receive them as they drive to church. Please contact the parish office for details.