

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jeremiah 33:14-16; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36 1st December 2024			
Welcome /Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Barbrianna Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Mahonri Auva'a	Sunday 10:30 am Jane Fetu'u
Ministers of the Word	Sela Kaloni Georgina Lautua	Juvani Auva'a James Bingwor	Siatua Gabriel Philip Soo Choon
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Kumi Kaloni Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua	Polly Ortiz Vincent Ortiz Shyamalee Krone James Obeng Atelina Hunt	Telesia Tuala Tea Sharp Tea Venu Fuli Vaasili John Franks Marietta Vaotuaa Anna Cullen
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(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.
Nau Tuila

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
Morris Nash, Mary Patricia O'Sullivan, Barbara Margaret Spuur, Tunu Lemisio Lepou, Trevor Harold Orr, Luzminda Reyes-Grundy, Paea 'I La'ie Hafoka, Franciscus Kleinsman, Vitale Faleniko Lama, Alma Dawn Talbot

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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Principal: Dean Wearmouth

24TH NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING
Daniel 7:13-14; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, it was a response to the growing secularism, nationalism, and ideologies that sought to marginalize faith and undermine the moral authority of Christ and his Church. Nearly a century later, the challenges of our time - materialism, moral relativism, political divisions, and the erosion of ethical principles - make the message of this feast as urgent as ever.

Unlike worldly kings, Christ reigns not through domination but through humble service and self-giving love. His throne is the Cross, and his royal law is the commandment to love God and neighbour. For us today, his Kingship invites us to recognize Jesus as our ultimate ruler, whose Kingdom is not of this world but rooted in truth, love, and service.

The Preface of the Mass for Christ the King beautifully describes his reign:

- A Kingdom of Truth and Life:** Christ calls us to live in the light of truth, rejecting falsehood and embracing the Gospel.
- A Kingdom of Holiness and Grace:** Through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are nourished and transformed to reflect the holiness of God in our daily lives.
- A Kingdom of Justice, Love, and Peace:** As followers of Christ, we are called to promote justice and peace in our families, communities, and the wider world, addressing inequality and working for reconciliation.

The feast challenges us to actively participate in Christ's mission by promoting justice, defending the dignity of all people, and spreading God's love. It also reminds us of our destiny: to share in His eternal Kingdom. By celebrating this feast, we renew our commitment to live as faithful citizens of Heaven, even as we work for the transformation of the world around us.

The Feast of Christ the King is not just a liturgical celebration; it is a proclamation of our faith and a challenge to live as loyal subjects of the King of kings, allowing his reign of love and peace to shine through us in our time.

May his reign be established more fully in our hearts and in the world around us. God bless.

In Christ

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil

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

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

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
Somerset - 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: **13 December, 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 Power
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, 1:00-3:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 1796602. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAPURA



Food bank

Will be open on Thursday mornings by appointment for clients to pick up 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.

Christmas gifting tree

You are invited to take a tag and buy a gift for the child's age and gender on it. No clothing please or food please.

Please return you gift **UNWRAPPED** and with the tag attached on or before Sunday 24th November.

Thank you very much for your generous support of this St Vincent de Paul outreach for needy families in our local community.

Signing of School Preference form

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00pm
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

Parish News and Updates

Communications from Committee/s

Site Development Committee

Last Friday 15th November the SDC met for the first time. The members were very enthusiastic about the task ahead. Chris Martin was voted in as "Chair"
 Work began on the investigation phase which will determine the scale and scope of a design brief.
 Committee members along with an email address will be notified in the parish website in due course.

Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to share that our Senior Leadership Team has successfully arrived at a new vision statement for our parish. This significant milestone is a testament to the power of collective prayer, reflection, and the shared insights from our parish community over the past months/weeks.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering prayers and support throughout this journey. Your contributions have been instrumental in shaping a vision that truly reflects our community's faith, hopes, and aspirations.

We eagerly look forward to unveiling this vision to the entire parish in the near future. It embodies our commitment to living out the gospel values of love and service, and it will guide us as we continue to grow and strengthen our community.

Please stay tuned for further updates, and join us in celebrating this exciting new chapter for our parish.

With gratitude and blessings,
 The Senior Leadership Team

St Mary's Parish Women's Group

Mark 12:38-44

Jesus tells his disciples that he admires the widow woman, her love of God is clear; living honestly without pretense is the way to the heart of God. He Doesn't admire the Scribes - dress well, pray out loud drawing attention to themselves - all about externals, not about the heart. Living honestly without pretense is the way to the heart of God. We will be remembered for what we did honestly.

Free Clothing

St Mary's Women's Group will be offering second-hand clothing free of charge after 10.30am Mass on

Sunday 8th December
Please come and help yourself!
 Enquiries phone:
Brigid 021.0234.5439
 or
Jackie 021.1796.602

Weekday Readings, 25th – 30th November

Monday	Apocalypse 14:1-5; Ps.24; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Apocalypse 14:14-19; Ps.96; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Apocalypse 15:1-4; Ps.98; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9; Ps.100; Luke 21:20-28
Friday	Apocalypse 20:1-4;11-21:2; Ps.84; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	St Andrew, Apostle Romans 10:9-18; Ps.19A; Mathew 4:18-22

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.**

Baptism for children aged 7—12 yrs old

We are happy to invite Catholic parent(s) who have children not yet baptized, but open to baptism in the Catholic Church. We shall enter into a process of discernment and faith formation before baptizing them. Contact the parish office.

Catholics Returning Home

You may know someone in your circle of friends who left our worshipping community. As God is always searching and waiting for us patiently, we are happy to visit them and begin a process of dialogue with them. Contact the parish office.

Catechists needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word

We earnestly seek parishioners to help the Children with the Liturgy of the Word. It is a ministry to proclaim the Word of God to the children and help them understand the Word at their level. Those who come forward will be given all help to get trained in this wonderful ministry. Kindly contact the parish office.

Building Inspection

The Finance Committee is seeking a volunteer(s) to inspect all the parish buildings and to submit a report. The report will enable the Finance Committee to budget and prioritize maintenance of all buildings. Kindly contact the parish office.



Christmas Crib / Nativity

Parish is looking for families to volunteer to prepare the crib in the Church Foyer. Please contact parish office.

"St Mary's Talent Quest Fund Raiser"

Come perform, do a number or just have a dance and a drink. Let's get together and finish the year with a "Bang".
 Saturday, 14th Dec. 6pm at the parish Hall.



Details to follow.

Caretaker/Groundsperson Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Caretaker/Groundsperson position available. 25 hours a week. Work hours are negotiable.

Main responsibilities are maintenance and repair tasks, lawn and garden maintenance and property oversight. There may be an opportunity for further hours.

For further inquiries please contact our Office Administrator - Carmel Stewart 09 296 9039 or email your application to office@holyltrinity.school.nz.

Dates for your Diary

Wed, 27 Nov	Mass for the deceased priests of Auckland Diocese, St. Patrick's Panmure, 11am
Thu, 28 Nov	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Committee rm, 7pm
Thu, 28 Nov	Baptismal Preparation Course, Ryder rm, 7pm
Sat, 30 Nov	Working Bee - Please bring in your own tools spray bottles, rags and broom to help with the maintenance. To waterblast the Presbytery, 10am-2pm
Sat, 30 Nov	Counters Meeting/Training, Ryder rm, 2-3pm
Sat, 30 Nov	1st Holy Communion of Students of St. Ignatius of Loyola College, 5:00 pm Mass
Thu, 5 Dec	Parish Liturgy Meeting, Ryder rm, 7pm
Sun, 8 Dec	Ecumenical Advent Celebration, 7pm, St Marys Parish. Shared supper after the service in the hall.
Fri, 13 Dec	Advent Reconciliation Rite II, 7:00 pm, Church.
Sat / Sun 14 & 15 Dec	Interview of the children on Sacramental Programme, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
15-23 Dec	Simbang Gabi, 7:00pm except Dec.17 & 18 at 7:30pm. During the days of Christmas Novena, the parish mass timings remain the same especially on Tue 17 & Wed 18 at 6:30pm.

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 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.



11th - 17th Nov
Online Collections
 Pledge - \$ 2,476
 Build. Fund - \$ 145

Sat, 16th & Sun, 17th Nov.
Mass Collections
 Pledge - \$ 1,835.40



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



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.