

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Anniversary death Cardinal Williams(2023)
 Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44
 22nd December 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Welcome /Intercessions	Lumepa Soo Choon	Violet Aita	Tevita Koloamatangi
Ministers of the Word	Margrette Soo Choon Barbrianna Soo Choon	Evan Maratas Juvina Auvaa	Jane Fetu'u Sela Kaloni
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Jane Castrillo Jennifer Ancelato Peter Foster Raquel Sanga Dennis Sanga	Celerina Roberston Falaniko Malaki Shyamalee Krone Filimoni Feagaiaga Polly Ortiz	Letisia Koloamatangi Aurora Almario Ana Silva Bernadette Paulse Sahlee Cortez Miriam Mantes Arnel Mantes
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Luke Kiutau Albertus Lautua	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Adrianna Anthony	Patelesio Kiutau Skyler Fonseca Kiean Platon

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT

"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



Online Donations:

PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-004

REF: Build Fund

For automatic pledge giving:

PAPAKURA PARISH ACCOUNT 02-0108-0707147-000

REF: Pledge Number or Name

Your support is most appreciated!

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death

Megan Jefferies, Angela Alcano Adsett, Charles Alfred Sims,
 Kevin Ross, John Blinkhorn, John Kevin O'Reilly, Ann Simms,
 Florence Loomans, Ngaire Elizabeth Ross, Nora Gertrude Prince,
 Maria Johanna Hall, Harold Thomas Downs, Willebrordus Borsboom,
 Lauvale Eneliko Lui Paulo, David Ian Paton, Teresa Hawkins,
 Josephine Eeson, Emily Alicia Baardman, Daphne McEntee,
 John Bernard Costello, Anne Surgenor, Margaret Elsie Whitham,
 Eric Andrew Kozanic, Helen Rosemay Kidd, Anne Barron,
 Mary Benton, Vida Joan Hareb, Herman Joseph Kroef,
 Helen Martha O'Connor, Joseph Subritzky & Colleen Foster

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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Kelly, Darren and their family have been part of our parish and the school for over 20 years.

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15TH DECEMBER - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Mary's Parish,

Happy Advent! We hope this message finds you well during this season of preparation. As a valued member of our church family, we sincerely appreciate your support over the years.

Our parish congregation is growing, and like any family, more members mean we need additional space. We are excited to invite you to take part in this process!

At St. Mary's Catholic Church in Papakura, we have been working to raise funds for the last six years. Unfortunately, we have not yet managed to raise enough money to begin the necessary work. In response to this, we have established a New Site Development Committee to explore options. The focus will be on renovating and enlarging our current church building, specifically to expand our seating capacity and create suitable spaces for parish activities, gatherings, and celebrations. We are truly blessed to have so many supportive members like you, who we can rely on to help with this important initiative.

To help with this process, we have established a Fundraising Committee that will be introduced to the parish in the coming weeks. They will share the fundraising initiatives for the upcoming year and engage with you to connect with local communities and potential external benefactors.

We continue to accept donations to help make this exciting project possible. During this Advent season, we kindly ask you to consider contributing to support our efforts.

Your donation, no matter the size, will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. We invite you to be part of this new chapter in our church's history and help us create a space where we can come together to worship, learn, and grow.

In the meantime, if you would like to contribute directly to our Building Fund, here's the account details; **PAPAKURA CAPITAL PRO 02-0108-0707147-004**. Kindly put your name as a reference.

Feel free to reach out to the Fundraising Committee members through the church office if you have any questions about our fundraising initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Jane Hafoka (Chairperson), Bev Woelk, Fong Lin, John Franks, Kelly Brent, Telesia Tuala, Will Erlano and Rowena Hernandez.

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 (VESPER)

Sunday - 8:00am
 Morning Prayer (LAUDS)

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 11:00am
 Summerset - 3rd Tue, 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, 2:30-3:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 02358939. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAOKURA

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.

St Mary's Parish Women's Group

Luke 21:25-36
 Looks like Jesus is predicting the end of the world, but is it the end of our world he is speaking of?
 Great darkness in our modern world, ongoing grinding wars in this century. Jesus is the light of the world he assures us the darkness will turn, and we must roll back the darkness by doing simple things, a kind act, a soft word spoken, a smile, a reach outward, stand for justice - be a light bearer for Christ trust in him.

Signing of School Preference form

On 18th December, Wednesday will be the last schedule for this year between 1:00 - 4:00pm. Next schedule will be on 22nd January 2025.

Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism



Albie Gray Person
 Aleis-Pagne McNeil-Power
 Huslin Whaikara Nelson McNeil-Power
 Mahalia Eva Hanna-Rose McNeil-Power
 Elijah Rico
 Isabella Paetyn Say
 Harper Te Awa Akuhata-Goldfinch
 Miya-Jaine Wairere Akuhata-Goldfinch



Announcements from Diocese

Christmas Mass on Shine TV this year Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3pm. Please let interested people know especially the housebound know.

Christmas Mass Times the diocese has collected the times of Christmas Masses throughout the diocese which can be accessed from the front page of the website or directly <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2024/>

See the Need. Be the Hope! Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers.
 Your donation will have **double the impact!** Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference. www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

Local Youth Ministers Wanted! The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. *Explore and return regularly to* <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

You are also invited to read Jubilee Jottings a diocesan newsletter about what is happening that includes ideas of celebrating Jubilee as Church local and domestic <https://cdaportal.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>

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

Parish News and Updates



Christmas & New year Masses

Tuesday, 24th December

6:30 pm - Christmas Carols
 7:00 pm - Vigil Mass
 10:00 pm - Christmas Carols
 11:00 pm - Christmas Mass at Night

Wednesday, 25th December

9:00 am - Christmas Mass
 No Evening Mass

Tuesday, 31st December

6:30 pm - New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, 1st January 2025

9:00am - Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 No evening Mass at 6:30pm

Presentation of Gifts during Masses

We encourage families to volunteer to take the gifts of bread and wine to the priest at the offertory.
 Please contact parish office to book your time.

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. 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 help to get trained in this wonderful ministry. Kindly contact the parish office.

Weekday Readings, 16th – 21st December

Monday	Numbers 24:2-7.15-17; Ps.25; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49:2.8-10; Ps.72; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Ps.72; Matthew 1:18-24
Thursday	Judges 13:2-7.24-25; Ps.71; Luke 1:5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps.24; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	Songs 2:8-14; Ps.33; Luke 1:39-45

Dates for your Diary	
Sun, 15 Dec	Interview of the children on Sacramental Programme, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Thu, 19 Dec	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder room, Hall
	No Baptismal Preparation Course this month. Next Preparation Schedule will be on January 2025
Tue, 31 Dec	Mass at the Cathedral—Opening of the Jubilee Year, 11:00 pm
11 & 12 Jan'25	National Pilgrimage & Mass at Totara Point, Hokianga
Fri, 17 Jan'25	Last day of submission of Registration form for Sacramental Programme 2025.
Sat/Sun 18 & 19 Jan '25	Interview of the children on Sacramental Programme, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Hall
	Next issue of Parish Newsletter will be on 19 January 2025.



Christmas Break

Office closed from
 21st Dec - 12th Jan 2025

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.

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.

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.



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.