

**HOLY FAMILY**  
*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52*  
 29th December 2024

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Welcome /Intercessions</b>	Lumepa Soo Choon	Mavicle Auva	Leni Erlano
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Georgina Lautua Normita Tolentino	Jane Fetuu Jennifer Fyn	Mabelle Olivero Danae Anthony
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Peter Foster Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Aran Silverio Dennis Sanga Raquel Sanga	James Obeng Vincent Ortiz Polly Ortiz Atelina Hunt Fuli Vaasili	Miriam Mantes, Jane Castrillo Celerina Robertson Caron Marnewick Sahlee Cortez, Jennifer Ancleto Christian Sison, Marietta Vaotua Mary Jane Dumalaon Elizabeth Tugaga
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Frankie Aita Edith Aita James Soo Choon	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Adrianna Anthony	Patelesio Kiutau Skyler Fonseca Kiean Platon

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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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
 We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death  
 Josephine Eeson, Emily Alicia Baardman, Daphne McEntee,  
 John Bernard Costello, Anne Surgenor, Margaret Elsie Whitham,  
 Eric Kozanic, Helen Kidd, Anne Barron, Mary Benton, Vida Hareb,  
 Herman Joseph Kroef, Helen Martha O'Connor, Joseph Subritzky,  
 Colleen Foster, Terence Wilkins, Joseph Gormanly, Alan Barnaby,  
 Sosephina Silao, Terence Honiss, Moira Smith, John O'Brien,  
 Robert Archibald, Michael Bates, Elizabeth Oh, Sameloki Kefu-Abbott,  
 Catherine Waigh, Mark Edmonds, Joanne Pudifoot, Dylan Harwood,  
 Graig Lawrence, Anthony Lowe, Mose Sio, Frances Ormerod,  
 Gysberta Hesseling, Arnaldo Rafer, John Smith, Ethan Smith,  
 Yolande Payne, Tiotibin Balikan, Anthony Charman, Michael Bureta &  
 May Hill.

**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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 Principal: Dean Wearmouth

**22ND DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44  
 Anniversary death Cardinal Williams (2023)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, let our hearts be filled with wonder at the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. In the stillness of that holy night, God's immense love for humanity was revealed in the humble manger, bringing hope, peace, and salvation to all.

Christmas is a time to rejoice in the boundless blessings we receive through the gift of Emmanuel - God with us. The humble arrival of the Saviour in a Bethlehem manger speaks to every generation, offering peace to troubled hearts, strength in times of uncertainty, and joy that no hardship can overshadow.



As we usher the New Year 2025, it is also a time to reflect with gratitude on the journey we share as a parish family. I give thanks to the Lord for God's constant presence among us and for the ways God continues to guide, form and bless our parish community. I am profoundly grateful for each of you - your faith, your prayers, and your generosity inspire and strengthen our mission. A special acknowledgment goes to all the committees, volunteers and teams whose dedication and service throughout the year have helped bring our mission to life. Your hard work is a true reflection of the Christmas spirit. Your efforts ensure that our parish remains a place of welcome, growth, and shared faith.

As we celebrate this Christmas, may the joy of Christ's birth fill your homes and hearts. May His peace reign in your lives, and may His love guide us into the New Year with renewed hope and strength.

With every blessing for a joyful and holy Christmas,

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  
 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: **TBC**. 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 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, 1:00-2:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 02358939. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAKURA 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

When women gather they shine the light of Gods Grace to each other.  
 This year we reflected and discussed the previous Sunday Gospels and what it means for us living in the 21st Century.. Women representing a wide variety of viewpoints offered a no-holes-bared and lively discussion on living out their faith in a loving God in daily life. Key issues discussed- women's call to holiness, how women embody God? experiencing Gods love as his disciples and being a transforming light to others in our community and darkened world.  
 Women's group will recommence early February 2025.

Bible Diary 2025 - \$ 20.00  
 Available at the parish office.



## Christmas Break

Parish Office closed from  
**21st Dec - 12th Jan 2025**

For Parish Pastoral Care and or any spiritual need  
 please contact **Fr. Mathew**

### Announcements from Diocese

**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](http://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/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

**The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference** is seeking an **experienced journalist** to support its communications efforts in 2025 and beyond. This new position will assist the Church in sharing its stories and in keeping the Catholic and wider community informed about the life, mission and ministry of the Church. A background in religious journalism would be advantageous, as would experience in media monitoring. Please send expressions of interest to [communications@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:communications@nzcbc.org.nz) no later than January 12. The role could be filled sooner than January 12 for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

**Opening of the Year of Jubilee** Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

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](mailto:office@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)

### Signing of School Preference form

Next schedule will be on 22nd January 2025.  
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

## 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, 23rd – 28th December

Monday	Malachi 3:1-4.23-24; Ps.25; Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday	2Samuel 7:1-5.8-11.16; Ps.89; Luke 1:67-79
Wednesday	Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Ps.98; John 1:1-18
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-60; Ps.31; Matthew 10:17-22
Friday	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist 1John 1:1-4; Ps.97; John 20:2-8
Saturday	1John 1:5-2:2; Ps.124; Matthew 2:13-18

### Dates for your Diary

Mon, 23 Dec	Last day of Simbang Gabi, 7:00pm
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 26 January 2025.

No Baptismal Preparation Course this month. Next Preparation Schedule will be on January 2025

Parish Calendar for 2025 is on the website.

### 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
- 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 home-bound.
- You may have talents which you want make known to parish. Contact us.

### 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.