

**FOURTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**  
**Hebrews 11:32-40; Gospel Mark 5:1-20**  
**2nd February 2025**

<b>Welcome / Intercessions</b>	Saturday 5:00 pm Georgina Lautua	Sunday 8:30 am Tevita Koloamatangi	Sunday 10:30 am Rowena Hernandez	Sun. 2:00 pm - Filipino Mass Arnel Mantes
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Rosaline Petelo Sela Kaloni	Danae Anthony James Bingwor	Ofu Schmidt Cyrila Asseervatham	Leni Erlano Editha Reyes
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Kumi Kaloni Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua Jovita Parker John Franks	Annette Bingwor James Obeng Atelina Hunt Fakalelu Paseka Letisia Koloamatangi	Marietta Vaotuaa Anna Cullen Filimoni Feagaiga Fuli Vaasili Ana Silva Telesia Tuala Tea Sharp	Jennifer Anacleto Geraldine Cuya Christopher Cuya Mary Jane Dumalaon Julie Pandora Jane Castrillo Miriam Mantes
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emerziana Lautua Albetus Lautua Obinna Njoku	Jeevani Krone Aja Vatau Luca Vatau	Lupea Kaloni Mele Kaloni Daniel Kaloni	Jaron Castrillo James Santos 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

**RECENT DEATHS**

*We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.*

Pauline Agnes McDonald, Philip Leonard Franklin, Marie Ann Ruston, Moelala Figota & Anna Patricia Helena Soo Choon

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

*We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death*

Arnaldo Rafer, John Smith, Ethan Paul Smith, Yolande Marguerite Payne, Tiofbin (Josephine)Balikan, Bernhard Johan Van Kan

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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**26TH JANUARY - THIRD WEEK ORDINARY TIME**  
 Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10; 1Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4:14-21  
 Word of God Sunday

**The Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

As we journey into the Jubilee Year 2025, let us embrace the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" with hearts full of faith and trust in God's promises. This holy year invites us to reflect on our shared pilgrimage as God's people, navigating life's challenges with the cross of Christ as our anchor of hope. Together, we are called to unity, solidarity, and renewal, embracing the grace of this Jubilee to deepen our relationship with God and one another. May this sacred time inspire us to be beacons of hope in a world longing for peace and love.

The official logo for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," is rich in symbolism that reflects the event's core messages of faith, hope, and unity. Designed by Giacomo Trevisani, a young graphic artist from Puglia, Italy, the logo was selected from nearly 300 submissions.



**Key Elements of the Logo**

**Four Stylized Figures:** These figures represent all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. Their embrace signifies the solidarity and fraternity that should unite all peoples.

**The Cross:** The leading figure holds onto a cross, symbolizing faith and hope. The cross is depicted dynamically, bending towards humanity to offer its presence and the security of hope.

**Rough Waves:** Beneath the figures are rough waves, representing the challenges and turbulent times faced during life's pilgrimage. This imagery emphasizes the need for greater hope amid life's difficulties.

**Anchor Shape:** The lower part of the cross extends into an anchor, a traditional symbol of hope. In maritime terms, the 'anchor of hope' refers to a reserve anchor used during storms to stabilize the ship, symbolizing security and salvation in tumultuous times.

**Motto:** At the bottom of the logo, the motto "Peregrinantes in Spem" ("Pilgrims in Hope") is inscribed in green letters, reinforcing the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025.

This thoughtfully crafted logo encapsulates the essence of the Jubilee 2025, inviting all to embark on a shared journey of faith and hope, united in solidarity and strengthened by the enduring symbol of the cross.

God bless

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  
 9th February, 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.

### Anna Soo Choon RIP

#### Friday, 31st January - Family Service

5:30pm - Rosary led by Legion of Mary

6:00pm - Eulogy

7:00pm - Mass

(cuppa after the mass, please bring a plate to share)

#### Saturday, 1st February - Requiem Mass

10:30 am - Eulogy

11:00 am - Mass

Our prayers for the repose of her soul.

Our prayers for the grieving children & for the Soo Choon Family.

## Parish News and Updates

Greetings from the St Marys Site Development Committee

This is the first progress report of the new year.

We are still in the due diligence phase. This involves meeting with architect and engineers, and town planners. The seismic status and general structural integrity of the existing building is the complicating factor which is slowing progress. As you will all be acutely aware while sitting at Mass the existing structure has serious deficiencies both in functionality and construction.

To ensure we make the best quality decisions we are in the process of getting second third and even fourth opinions of experienced structural engineers about what needs to be done to bring the building up to EQ code. As well as the best way to proceed.

At this juncture if we renovate and expand we will need to spend a considerable sum which will not be seen in the finished outcome. While the current building meets the legal seismic regulations and is safe, we will soon be required to spend a lot to upgrade and strengthen the brick facade. The minute we start to make structural changes, we will need to bring the whole building up to a much higher EQ rating. In view of the fact we need to expand seating capacity and push the east wall out 3 meters while removing the columns, the question then becomes should we cost a demo and rebuild and see how that compares against a renovation. There are pros and cons in both scenarios.

A typical conundrum we face is, in order to remove the very intrusive columns which everyone hates we would need to completely rebuild the roof with a steel truss and then install a complete set of complicated steel portal frames to take the lateral out of plane forces. Then we are still left with a very low stud height of 3 meters in the side annexes and still an old building underneath.

Suffice to say this is not an easy decision, but we are absolutely committed to getting you very deserving and patient people the best possible outcome.

Progress is being made however. Exciting times ahead to be sure.

Kindest regards

Chris Martin

Peace be with you

**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**

### Signing of School Preference form

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The parish is inviting parishioners who want to serve the parish as ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. You will be trained, issued a certificate and commissioned in April 2025. To register contact parish office or pastoral office.



**1st - 24th January 2025 Collection Report**

Pledge - \$ 9,834.80

Build. Fund - \$ 2,470

**Registration for RCIC/RCIA 2025-2026 is now open.**

**Please contact Parish Pastoral office.**

### Weekday Readings, 27th January – 1st February

Monday	Hebrews 9:15.24-28; Ps.98; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10:1-10; Ps.24; Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10:11-18; Ps.110; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10:19-25; Ps.24; Mark 4:21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10:32-39; Ps.37; Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19; Canticle Zechariah; Mark 4:35-41

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Thu, 30 Jan</b>	Baptism Preparation Course, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
<b>Thu, 6 Feb</b>	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Rm
<b>Thu, 13 Feb</b>	Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Rm.
<b>Sun, 16 Feb</b>	Sacramental Programme 2025, Orientation & First Session, 12:00-1:00 pm, Hall
<b>Thu, 20 Feb</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Rm.
<b>Sat, 22 Feb</b>	Social Night - 7:00 pm, Hall Tickets available after each masses. Funds goes to our parish building fund.
<b>Sun, 23 Feb</b>	Safeguarding workshop, after 10:30am mass, Church - Open to all wanting to volunteer within the parish
<b>Sat, 1 Mar</b>	Parish Picnic at Regional Park, after 8:30am Mass - Details to follow

### 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 homebound.
- ONE HOUR a week to manage our car parks for each mass on the weekend.
- 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.

### Catechists needed for the following:

- To lead the Liturgy of the Word for children during weekend masses
- To teach catechism for Students in State Schools every Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:00pm
- To teach and prepare children aged 7 - 12 yrs old for their Baptism. Their parents will be in attendance

We earnestly seek parishioners/parents to help the parish in Faith Formation. It is a ministry to proclaim the Word of God to children and teach them catechism. Those who come forward will be given help to get trained in this wonderful ministry. Kindly contact the parish office.