

SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13.22-23; 1Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 23rd February 2025			
Welcome /Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Lumepa Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Philip Soo Choon	Sunday 10:30 am Jane Fetu'u
Ministers of the Word	Barbriana Soo Choon Georgina Lautua	Evan Maratas Audrey Kippen	Tevita Koloamatangi Rosaline Petelo
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Apaula Lautua Aran Silverio Jane Castrillo Jennifer Anacleto John Franks	Sahlee Cortez Shyamalee Krone Atelina Hunt James Obeng Annette Bingwor Fakalelu Paseka	Anna Cullen Letisia Koloamatangi Kumi Kaloni Christopher / Geraldine Cuya Tea Venu Tea Sharp Fuli Vaasili
Altar Servers	Emerziana Lautua Albertus Lautua Jaron Castrillo	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone James Soo Choon	Pedan Tulaga Mele Kaloni Kaveinga To'ofoho

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Please Note
(Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)

16th - 22nd February
SICK PARISHIONERS
We pray for those who are sick, especially;
Audrea Warner, 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.
James O'Sullivan

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
John Francis Pereira, Anthony Bruce Afoa, Maria van Lieshout,
Veronica Mary Bayliss, Cyril Edward Wilkie, Timothy Matthew Franks,
Eleanor Amelia Kallil, Kathleen Mary Coppins, Gertrude(Kay)
Chapman, Zorka Dancca Sumich, Ethel Gabrielle Butler

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

16TH FEBRUARY 2025 - SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1Corinthians 15:12.16-20; Luke 6:17.20-26

Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture – Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we journey through this Year of the Jubilee - *Pilgrims of Hope*, we take a moment to celebrate the **Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture** (15 - 18 February 2025). The Church has always recognized the role of artists, writers, musicians, and all cultural creators as co-workers with God in shaping beauty, truth, and goodness in our world. Their creativity reflects the divine spark that calls humanity to deeper reflection, joy, and hope.



Throughout history, the Church has been a great patron of the arts, recognizing their power to inspire faith, express divine beauty, and communicate the Gospel message across generations. Today, new possibilities, methods, and languages have emerged for sharing this rich heritage. Digital media, virtual museums, and online platforms allow sacred art, music, and literature to reach a global audience, making them more accessible than ever before. Social media enables artists, musicians, and writers to engage in meaningful dialogue and evangelization, offering reflections on faith through contemporary artistic expression.

At the same time, traditional forms of art - painting, sculpture, architecture, sacred music, and literature - continue to draw people into an encounter with the Transcendent. Restoring and preserving historical religious artworks and sacred spaces ensures that future generations can experience their profound beauty and spiritual depth.

Liturgical music and drama, including new compositions and creative performances of classical works, remain powerful tools for deepening prayer and worship. Iconography and sacred imagery, both in traditional forms and modern adaptations, provide windows into the mystery of God.

The Church encourages artists and cultural professionals to explore innovative ways of expressing faith while remaining rooted in the rich tradition that has inspired centuries of believers. In a world often marked by division and uncertainty, the language of beauty has a unique ability to heal, unify, and bring hope.

In this Jubilee, we invite all artists and cultural professionals to rediscover their vocation as instruments of harmony and dialogue in a fractured world. Art has the power to uplift souls, inspire conversion, and foster communion among people. Just as the Psalms sing of God's glory, and the great cathedrals stand as testimonies of faith, so too does every sincere artistic expression contribute to the human journey toward God.

May this Jubilee inspire us all to appreciate and support the artistic and cultural expressions of our faith, ensuring that they continue to illuminate hearts and minds for generations to come.

God bless.

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS
Saturday
8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

BAPTISM
Second Sunday of the month
during 10:30am mass

WEEKDAY MASS
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 6:30pm
Wednesday - 6:30pm
Thursday - 9:30am
Friday - 9:00am

First Friday of month
Mass - 10:00am
Adoration - 10:30am - 12:00pm

First Saturdays of the month
Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

ETHNIC MASSES
Filipino language 1st Sunday
2:00pm
Tongan Language 4th Sunday of
Mar, Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm
Samoan Language 3rd Sunday call
ofc to confirm the date. 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Evening Prayer (VESPERS)
Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm

Morning Prayer (LAUDS)
Sunday - 8:00am

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: **21st & 28th February**. 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, 1:00-2:30pm, Ryder room - Brigid 021 02345439 or Jackie 021 02358939. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

Parish Calendar for 2025 is on the website.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPA KURA 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.

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.

Signing of School Preference form

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Except First Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 From Sunday, 23rd February until Easter from 4:30 - 5:30pm. Strictly by appointment only.
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

Calling All Children's Liturgy Team Members!

Date: Tuesday, 18th Feb 2025 **Time:** After the 6:30 PM Mass
Location: Parish Hall

Hello Wonderful Team,

A HUGE thank you for your prayers and unwavering support! We're thrilled to announce that new volunteers have stepped forward to join our ministry, ensuring the joy of our liturgy is experienced by our parish's children in their own special space continues.

But guess what? We're still open to welcoming more helping hands! 🌸

Let's gather for a joyful and spirited meeting where we'll celebrate our progress, share ideas, and plan for the exciting times ahead. 🎉

Bring your bright smiles and child-like enthusiasm as we come together to make this ministry even more wonderful. Your presence and input are incredibly valuable to us.
 Can't wait to see you all there! 🌟

Blessings,
 Liturgy Committee



To host for our Parish Communi-Tea, please call parish office.

8th - 13th February 2025 Collection Report
 Pledge - \$ 4,195.90
 Build. Fund - \$ 2,540

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS – Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 February 2025
BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (bookings open 9.00am Tuesday 18 Feb)
Tour times: 9am and 10am each day
Book at www.baradene.school.nz – 2025 Open Day Tours
Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 24 Feb
Enrolments for Year 7, 2026 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 14 March, 2025.

Parish News and Updates

Exciting News for All Parish Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

Dear Ministers,

Thank you for your commitment and service for our parish. You are warmly invited to a special evening gathering dedicated to **renewal, synodality, and fellowship!**
 Join us as we come together to reflect, share, and grow as a community of faith.

Dates:
 Friday, 7th March 2025 at 7:00pm, Ryder room for the Readers
 Friday, 14th March 2025 at 7:00pm, Ryder room for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Agenda:**
- 7:00 PM: Input session /
 - 7:45 PM: Reflection on Synodality
 - 8:15 PM: Renewal and Sharing
 - 8:45 PM: Evening Meal and Fellowship

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to join us. Your presence is essential to our shared journey of faith and service. Should you be unavailable, kindly let us know in advance.
 We look forward to a night filled with meaningful connections and spiritual enrichment. Let's make this an evening to remember!
 We can't wait to see you there! Please respond to let us know if you can't make it.

Blessings,
 Liturgy Committee

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

The parish is inviting you to serve the parish as ministers of the Word or as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be on **Thursday, 3rd April at 7:00pm inside the church**. You will be commissioned on **Sunday, 5th April**. To register contact parish office or pastoral 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.

Weekday Readings, 17th - 22nd February

Monday	Genesis 4:1-15.25; Ps.50; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5.10; Ps.29; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8:6-13.20-22; Ps.116B; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9:1-13; Ps.102; Mark 8:27-33
Friday	Genesis 11:1-9; Ps.33; Mark 8:34-39:1
Saturday	1Peter 5:1-4; Ps.23; Mathew 16:13-19

Dates for your Diary

Sun, 16 Feb	Sacramental Programme 2025, Orientation & First Session, 12:00-1:00 pm, Hall
Tue, 18 Feb	Children's Liturgy Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Hall
Thu, 20 Feb	9:30am Mass will be at St Mary's School , 54 Clark Road to celebrate the Beginning of Year Mass with the school community. All are welcome to attend
Thu, 20 Feb	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Rm.
Fri, 21 Feb	Last day of registration for Baptism over 7 - 12 yrs old.
Sat, 22 Feb	Parish Social Night, 6:30pm, Hall
Sat, 22 Feb	Nominations to Parish Pastoral Council begins
Sun, 23 Feb	Safeguarding workshop, after 10:30am mass, Church - Open to all wanting to volunteer within the parish
Sat, 1 Mar	Parish Picnic at Regional Park, after 8:30am Mass - Details to follow
Ash Wednesday 5 Mar	Parish Mass and Ash Wednesday Celebrations at 7:00 am, St Mary's Church Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Celebrations in the Anglican Church, Papakura at 7:00 pm.
Fridays 7 & 14 Mar	Renewal, Synodality & Fellowship for all Parish Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers and Holy Communion, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm.
Fri, 28 & Sat, 29 March	Parish Spiritual Retreat (Friday 7:00 pm to Saturday 6:00 pm) Hall, Church & Com. Rm.

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.

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. Classes on **15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th April from 2 - 3pm, Ryder rm**. Contact the parish office

Want to become a Catholic?

Looking to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? Our Parish RCIA/RCIC program welcomes you on a journey of faith, learning, and community - come and discover the beauty of the Catholic life!

Registration for RCIC/RCIA 2025-2026 is now open. Please contact Parish Office or Pastoral office.

Enquiry dates:
Fridays, 9th & 16th May, 7:00pm
Saturdays, 24th & 31st May, 12:00pm