

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

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Welcome /Intercessions</b>	Lumepa Soo Choon	Evan Maratas	Danae Anthony
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Georgina Lautua Normita Tolentino	Mavicle Auva'a Leni Erlano	Jane Fetu'u Siatua Gabriel
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion</b>	Peter Foster Jane Castrillo Jennifer Anacleto Aran Silverio Elizabeth Tugaga Evangeline Moverly	Shyamalee Krone Filimoni Feagaiga Annette Bingwor Falaniko Malaki Fakalelu Paseka Letisia Koloamatangi	Christopher / Geraldine Cuya Tea Sharp Teresa Tuala Ana Silva Bernadette Paulse Mary Jane Dumalaon Anna Cullen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Oliver Kiutau Martin Thomas Obinna Njoku	Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Edith Aita	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)

**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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

*We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death*  
 Galumalemana Fiti Kolai Tilo, Angeline Lucas, Phillip Talbot,  
 Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Hendrika ter Huurne, Robert Paepke,  
 John Coppins, Ngaire Catherine Stephens,  
 Hine Kapu Johnstone, Amelia Mary Broderick

*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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 Principal: Dean Wearmouth

**9TH FEBRUARY 2025 - FIFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

World Marriage Day (Marriage Encounter)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Church is a living, vibrant community, nourished by God's Word and the Holy Eucharist. As baptized Christians, we are all called to active participation in the life of the Church. One of the most beautiful ways to respond to this call is by serving as a **Minister of the Word** or an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**. These ministries are not simply tasks but sacred responsibilities rooted in the dignity of our baptism and faith.

**Minister of the Word**

A Minister of the Word is entrusted with proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures during Mass. This ministry goes beyond simply reading aloud; it involves bringing God's Word to life for the congregation. Through careful preparation and prayerful reflection, Ministers of the Word help the faithful hear, understand, and be inspired by the Word of God. It is a profound privilege to be the voice through which God speaks to God's people during the liturgy.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass and sometimes bring Communion to the sick and housebound. This ministry embodies Christ's call to serve others with love and compassion. It is a sacred privilege to share the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of Christian life, nourishing the faith and strengthening the bonds within the parish community.

**Inviting Families to Take Leadership Roles**

We warmly encourage families to come forward and take responsibility for coordinating one of the three weekend Masses. This role involves assisting in the preparation of the liturgy, ushering the faithful, ensuring the availability of and guiding the readers and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers, taking the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory procession, and ensuring a reverent and prayerful celebration of the Mass. By sharing this responsibility as a family, you witness to the beauty of service and deepen your spiritual journey together. Small families will certainly reach out to other families for help and thus we will have a parish that is always in dialogue with each other!

**Fostering Hospitality Through Refreshments**

Another way families can build our parish community is by offering refreshments after weekend Masses. Hospitality creates opportunities for connection, fosters new friendships, and strengthens the bonds of our faith community. Simple acts of service such as setting up tea, coffee, and biscuits after Mass show the welcoming face of our Church and encourage parishioners to linger, share, and grow together. Simple items as coffee, tea and biscuits make it possible also for poorer families to come forward to offer hospitality. Such a gesture will teach us to accept hospitality from the poor. All of us have something to share with the parish community!

Let us joyfully respond to God's invitation to serve Christ's Church and one another. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, loving, and faith-filled parish.

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  
10:00am - Mass  
10:30am - 12:00pm Adoration

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**

9:00 - 10:00am, Saturdays

**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm

**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: **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 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

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

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

### 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

### Want to become a Catholic?

We invite all those who want to know more about our Catholic faith and become Catholics to the RCIA programme.

**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**

## Parish News and Updates



### 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.

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

### 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.

### Weekday Readings, 10th - 15th February

Monday	Genesis 1:1-19; Ps.104; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	World Day of Prayer for the Sick Genesis 1:20-2:4; Ps.8; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2:4-9.15-17; Ps.104; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25; Ps.104; Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 3:1-8; Ps.32; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24; Ps.90; Mark 8:1-10

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Thu, 13 Feb</b>	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>Tue, 18 Feb</b>	Children's Liturgy Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Hall
<b>Thu, 20 Feb</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Rm.
<b>Fri, 21 Feb</b>	Last day of registration for Baptism over 7 - 12 yrs old.
<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
<b>Fri, 7 Mar</b>	Liturgy of the Word Ministers Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm. 7:00 pm

### 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.