

THIRD WEEK OF LENT Exodus 3:1-8.13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12; John 13:1-9 23rd March 2025			
Welcome / Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm Barbrianna Soo Choon	Sunday 8:30 am Juvina Auva'a	Sunday 10:30 am Mabelle Olivero
Ministers of the Word	Violet Aita Georgina Lautua	Audrey Kippen Evan Maratas	Odelon & Rebecca Resurreccion
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Martin & Apaula Lautua, Aran Silverio, Jane Castrillo, Jennifer Anacleto, John Franks	Sahlee Cortez, Shyamalee Krone, Atelina Hunt Noue, James Obeng, Annette Bingwor, Elizabeth Tugaga	Christopher & Geraldine Cuya, Tea Venu, Tea Sharp, Fuli Vaasili, Telesia Tuala, Anna Cullen, Mary Dumalaon, Caron Marnewick
Altar Servers	Albertus Lautua, Ethan Clarito, Jaron Castrillo	Frankie Aita, Edith Aita, James Soo Choon	Pedan Tulaga, John Paul Feagaiga, Matt Marcasote
Sacred Vessel	John Franks Jennifer Anacleto	James Obeng Shyamalee Krone	Telesia Tuala Mary Jane Dumalaon
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Please Note
(Email or call parish office to include the names for the item below)

17th - 22nd March

SICK PARISHIONERS
We pray for those who are sick, especially:
Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell,
Brian O'Leary, Rosario Tamin, John Ram Krishna,
Rodolfo Tolentino, Graham Reed, Anne Wallbank,
Margaret Fairweather, Morris Pele, Brian Goldfinch and
'Ofa Soakai

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
Dora Alice Hayes, Kenneth Kalill, Joan Frances Williams,
Regan Tait Stanners, Anthony Gilder, Leupepetele Siasoi,
Samir Josif Dawoud Yassi, Aleksander Goryl, Filipo Vitolio,
Veronica Joan Davies, Ailao Maria Paulo, Nina Monica Wilkins

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 MARCH 2025 - SECOND WEEK OF LENT
Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Baptism: Dying to Sin, Rising to New Life in Christ

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, we are reminded that this is a favourable time of grace - a sacred season inviting us to deeper conversion and renewal. Lent is not only a call to repentance but also a journey back to the source of our Christian life: our Baptism.

Through Baptism, we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection, becoming new creations and members of God's family. Lent calls us to remember this profound grace, to renew our baptismal promises, and to deepen our commitment to live as faithful disciples. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek to strip away the old self and be renewed in spirit, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

This season is also a time of joyful anticipation for those enrolled in the Catechumenate, preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Their longing for new life in Christ inspires us all to reflect on the gift of our own Baptism. As they journey towards the waters of rebirth, we accompany them with our prayers and encouragement. For those of us already baptized, Lent offers an opportunity to renew our baptismal promises, to rekindle the grace we received, and to commit anew to walking in the light of Christ.

The effects of Baptism are profound. First, it washes away original sin and any personal sin, making us pure and holy in God's sight. It grants us new birth in the Holy Spirit, enabling us to share in God's own divine life. Baptism also incorporates us into the Church, uniting us as brothers and sisters in one body. Finally, it marks us with an indelible spiritual seal, signifying our eternal belonging to Christ.

Yet, Baptism is more than a cleansing of sin; it is a dying and rising with Christ. When we are immersed in the waters of Baptism, we symbolically die to sin, leaving behind the old way of life. Emerging from the water, we rise with Christ to a new life of grace and holiness. As St. Paul teaches, "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). This new life calls us to reflect Christ's love, truth, and mercy in the world.

However, Baptism is not a one-time event; it is a lifelong call to holiness and mission. Each of us is called to live out our baptismal identity by growing in faith, resisting sin, and striving to be faithful disciples. Every time we bless ourselves with holy water or renew our baptismal promises - especially at Easter - we are reminded of our commitment to reject sin and live as children of God.

May this Lenten season be a time of grace for each of us - a time to grow closer to Christ, deepen our faith, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Let us walk together in hope, leaving no one behind, trusting in the Lord's infinite mercy and love.

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 THE 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
Samoan Language 3rd Sunday
12:00pm (dates to be confirmed)
Tongan Language 4th Sunday of
Mar, Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm

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: **Fridays of March 7-9pm.** 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: Every other Thursday starting 13th March, Com. Rm after 9:30 am mass. Joseph 298 2297
Meditation Groups: Tuesdays 9.30am 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA FOOD BANK



Our current requirements are

Tins of Creamed Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Chickpeas, Mixed Beans, & Lentil

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. Vincent de Paul Foodbank has been given additional space to store various products however we do not have any shelving.

If any one has any surplus shelving to donate to us would be appreciated. Please contact Bryan Wannell on 027 2436216

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORM

Every Wednesday between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
 First Wednesday of the month, between 8:00 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 Please call parish office to book an appointment or walk in are all welcome.

Note: On 26th March, Fr. Mathew is not available for signing of school preference form.

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism



Lucas Felics Bisio
 Elijah Mayson Cristobal
 Fritz Martin Koskie Gabriel
 Mavik Menon

New Commissioned Altar Servers

Obinna Njoku,
 Daniel, Lupea & Mele Kaloni
 Jaron Castrillo, Liam Clarito
 Poching Natoealofa
 Katherine Farley
 Kaveinga To'ofoho
 Kayla Platon, Matt Marcasote
 Edith Aita



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please support the bishop's Lenten programme. Caritas NZ is the world second largest humanitarian Aid who provides assistance internationally.

Lent is a time of sacrifice, giving, and action. Your support in this Lenten season will ensure that more families continue to receive the assistance they urgently need.

Envelopes for each Sunday will be available at the church foyer for pick up.

May God bless you and your families in this Lenten season

Deacon Sanele Poluleuligaga

All mothers and their children under the age of 5 are invited to "St Gianna's Mothers and Children Group". The morning starts with an element of formation and group discussions while your children enjoy a safe area to play, followed by Mass and lunch (provided). Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10am - 1pm. This group is run by Family Life International at their 'St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies' in Pokeno Auckland. *First session will be on Tuesday 29th of April.*

Contact Amie for the address:

027 350 8227

werthenextgen@gmail.com

Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion.

Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

Parish News and Updates

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

LENT 2025

We are seeking your help

- To collect the Holy Oils from the Cathedral during the Chrism Mass, 15 April 2025, at 7:00 pm
- To supply palms for the Palm Sunday
- To organize sound system for Good Friday Stations of the Cross, for Palm blessing ceremony in the garden on Psalm Sunday, and for the Solemn Beginning of the Easter Vigil

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 in the church.** You will be commissioned on **Sunday, 5th April**. To register contact parish office or pastoral 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

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



Collection Report 7th - 13th Mar

Pledge - \$ 4,968.10
 Build. Fund - \$ 495.50

Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey? Contact Fr. Mathew

Weekday Readings, 17th - 22nd March

Monday	Jeremiah 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Ps.106; Luke 10:1-2.17-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Ps.50; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	2Samuel 7:4-5.12-14.16; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Ps.89; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps.1; Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4.12-13.17-18; Ps. 105; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Ps.103; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Dates for your Diary

Thu, 20 Mar	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
Fri, 21 Mar	First Reconciliation of children on Sacramental Programme, 7:00pm
Thu, 27 Mar	Baptismal Preparation Course, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
Fri, 28 & Sat, 29 March	Parish Spiritual Retreat. Begins with Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm on Friday, 28th March and concludes on Saturday 29th March, 5:00 pm with Vigil Mass
Thu, 3 Apr	Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder rm
Sun, 6 Apr	Last date to submit nominations to Parish Pastoral Council.
Tue, 8 Apr	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II, 7:00 pm
Thu, 10 Apr	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, No Mass
Thu, 10 Apr	Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ryder rm
Sat, 12 Apr	Baptism Celebration. We move to 12 April, 11:00am, as Palm Sunday falls on April 13th this year.
Sat, 3 May	Parish Walkathon Fundraising, Totara Park, 9:00 am. All proceeds goes to church building project.

Praying for World Peace

An opportunity to pray for world peace on Fridays during Lent, 6:15 - 6:27pm

ST. MARY'S PARISH Lenten Programme 2025

Friday Station of the Cross 6.30pm

First Reconciliation of children on Sacramental Programme

Friday 21st March, 7pm

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Rite II

Tuesday 8th April, 7pm

Parish Retreat Annual Retreat

Begin with Stations of the Cross 6.30pm on Friday 28th March

And conclude Saturday 29th March 5pm with Vigil Mass