

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - 30th March 2025
Joshua 5:9-13; Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3.11-32 (Year C, Saturday Vigil & Sunday 10:30am)
1Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (Year A, Sunday 8:30am)

Welcome / Intercessions	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am
	Violet Aita	Marvicle Auva'a	
Ministers of the Word	Barbriana Soo Choon Georgina Lautua	James Bingwor Lisa Gurney	St. Mary's Youth
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Yoland Macleod, Aran Silverio, Jane Castrillo, Jennifer Anacleto, John Franks, Apaula Lautua	Sahlee Cortez, Shyamalee Krone, Atelina Hunt Noue, James Obeng, Annette Bingwor, Fakalelu Paseka	
Altar Servers	Frankie Aita, Edith Aita Jaron Castrillo	Sheshan Krone, Jeevani Krone Adrianna Anthony	Pedan Tulaga, James Santos Daniel Kaloni
Sacred Vessel	Apaula Lautua Jane Castrillo	Fakalelu Paseka Atelina Hunt Noue	St. Mary's Youth
Projector	Georgina Lautua	Lusia Koloamatangi	St. Mary's Youth

PARISH SITE DEVELOPMENT
"Building A Vibrant Faith Community"



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 Please contact Parish office for receipts.

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

23rd - 29th 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, 'Ofa Soakai
 and Josephine Onario**

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death

**Norman Scharvi, Marie Janet Stretton, Kathleen Wannell,
 Sosefina Ah Kau, Arthur Ralph-Smith, Hilda Daphne Gobie**

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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Parish Priest: Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil
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Fr. Mathew: 021 2090210 (Preferably text messages)

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Principal: Peta Lindstrom
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St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College
Principal: Dean Wearmouth

23RD MARCH 2025 - THIRD WEEK OF LENT
 Exodus 3:1-8.13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12; John 13:1-9

Know our Parishioners

Our Faith Journey Story - Faith Across Borders

We are Eva (10 years old) and Elaina (9 years old), and we are excited to share our Faith journey with you. We are the students at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Papakura, New Zealand. We are also members of St. Mary's Parish. Our spiritual path has also been shaped by the many places we have called home. We believe that you will find it inspiring and encouraging.

Our parents have been our greatest inspiration, guiding us with unwavering Faith and love. They were born and raised in India and have a strong Christian background. Our grandfather, who is 88 years old, dedicated 35 years of his life to teaching Catechism in his parish.

Eva was born and baptised in the UK, where her Faith walk began. Growing up there, our home was situated next to the church, making it convenient for our family to attend daily Holy Mass, especially during our mother's maternity leave. Even as a baby, Eva was exposed to the rhythms of prayer and worship, and over time, we both developed a deep connection to our Faith. During that time, while pregnant with Elaina, we believed that attending daily Holy Mass would bring abundant blessings to both Eva and the baby in Mom's womb.

In Ireland, we learned more about Christianity through school and community life. In Irish schools, religious education is taught through the "Grow in Love" programme, which provides a comprehensive understanding of Christian Faith to students. We have visited the Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland, several times - a sacred site where, in 1879, fifteen villagers witnessed an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist.

However, it was in India that our Faith deepened - attending parish activities, catechism classes, and hearing stories of Faith from our grandparents, who shared their wisdom and experiences. When Elaina and our little sister Elga were baptised in India, we were surprised to learn that, in accordance with the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, the sacrament of Confirmation is administered simultaneously with Baptism. In South India, we are fortunate to have numerous renowned pilgrimage centres. Whenever we travel, we make it a point to visit these sacred sites, enriching our understanding and connection to our Faith.

Moving to New Zealand brought an even stronger foundation. Studying in a Christian school, Faith is now woven into our daily lives, not just in church but in every lesson and experience. We are currently preparing for our First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. We are impressed with how the classes are structured, offering separate sessions for each Sacrament, and providing opportunities for parents to learn alongside their children.

Each country has left a mark on our journey, but through it all, one thing remains constant - God's presence, guiding and strengthening us wherever they go. We believe that praying together as a family every evening strengthens our spiritual foundation. This practice fosters gratitude, enhances communication, and deepens our bond with each other and with God.

With love,
 Eva Grace Abin and Elaina Clare Abin

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, & Lentils.

If you require assistance with a food parcel, please phone our Mobile **021 02671430** for further details.

St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank received on Friday, 14th March of 20 cartons of assorted tin donated by Staff, Pupils and Parents of St. Ignatius College in Drury. This donation by the college is very much appreciated and will go a long way towards assisting families in need in our area.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

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

Please call parish office to book an appointment.

Announcements from Diocese

VACANCY NOTICE: St Thomas More Glenfield - Music Co-Ordinator

We are looking for someone to take over the Music Co-Ordinator position in our parish. It is largely an administrative role although some basic musical knowledge is required. Training will be provided. Approximately 6 hours per week. Please forward your cover letter and CV by Friday, 28 March 2025 via email to: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

"Jesus My Light Ministries invites you to a Lenten Inner Healing retreat **4th April 6.30-9pm, 5th April 9.30am - 5pm and 12th April 9.30am - 5pm** (all days inclusive) at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. A journey with Christ to release the effects of past hurts/wounds that go back to childhood which can affect us and be stumbling blocks in our journey towards God. Jesus our Healer can uncover and heal these wounds. Come and experience His healing love and be affirmed in your true identity as a beloved child of God. Contact Betsy/Reggis and team 0211653856 or 0274040129."

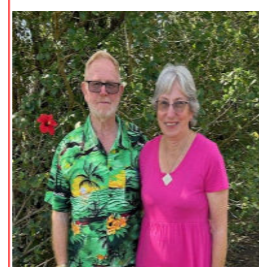
CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"

St Mary's Parish Women's Group

This week we discussed Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, was led to the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil. Jesus resisted all his temptations trusting completely in his father. Lent, a time to let Jesus lead us on a different journey, an inward journey of true repentance.

Congratulations Don & Jovita Parker!



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary! Your love, dedication, and service to St. Mary's Church over the years have been a true inspiration to us all. We are so blessed to have you both as long-time parishioners and volunteers. May God continue to bless your journey together with many more years of joy and love.

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action

Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed today at Mass. Every donation given will support Caritas' lifechanging humanitarian and development work around the world – and create change not just for today but for the future.

This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. To learn more or donate visit Caritas.org.nz.

Thank you for your generous support.

Parish News and updates

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

LENT 2025

We are seeking your help

- 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

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

Easter Obligation

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Holy Trinity Sunday. If you have family members or friends who are housebound and wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Anointing of the sick and receive holy Communion, kindly contact the parish office.

Catechists / volunteers are sought to join the RCIA/RCIC Team to prepare those seeking Catholic faith for the Sacraments of Initiation.

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



Collection Report 14th - 20th Mar

Pledge - \$ 3,590.10
 Build. Fund - \$ 2,500

Weekday Readings, 24th - 28th March

Monday	2Kings 5:1-15; Ps.42; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps.40; Hebrews 10:14-10; Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9; Ps.147B; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Ps.95; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Hosea 14:2-10; Ps. 81; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5:15-6:6; Ps.81; Luke 18:9-14

Dates for your Diary

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, 8 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	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.
Thu, 8 May	Change of date for Training for Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 7:00pm, Church. To register call parish office. Commissioning on the weekend, 17th May at all masses.

Shared homily on 4th Sundays

Would you like to make a 3 minutes sharing of your faith journey?

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Lenten Programme 2025

Praying for World Peace

An opportunity to pray for world peace on Friday during Lent, 6:15pm

Friday Station of the Cross 6.30pm

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

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.